



Worship in March

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The Practice of Prayer

Please join us to pray for our church, and neighborhood every Sunday at 9:30 am, in the large upstairs room, at the purple covered table.

Call Cindy Snider (832 0050) for more information

Worship Theme: Where do I sign?

“Signing” carries a variety of meanings. *Signing in* can mean something as simple as “I’m here” or something as meaning-laden as “I’m legitimate.” *Signing on* can indicate we’re willing to try something new or that we’ve committed to follow through in a project or idea. *Signing up* can mean we’d like to know more or that we can be counted on. And *signing* all by itself usually means “I promise”—that these statements are true.

In our relationship with God and the people of God, we have opportunities again and again to sign in, sign on, and sign up.

God’s love is lavish for those who sign up and stick with their promise.

From The Leader

Mission Focus

Mar 4—CPT - Colombia (Pat)

Mar 11—CPT - Canada (Sally)

Mar 18—CPT - Hebron (John)

Mar 25 —March Against Gang Violence (John)

Worship Leaders & Teachers

Mar 4—Worship leader, Doug; teaching by Lois (Covenant with Abraham); Communion; potluck

Mar 11—Worship leader, Bret; teaching by Jerry T (Covenant at Sinai)

Mar 18—Worship leader, Vangie; teaching by Jerry T (Serpent in Wilderness)

Mar 25 —Worship leader, Doug; teaching by Jerry A (Covenant of the Heart); healing prayer

Lenten Series

Alternate Wednesdays,
7—8:30 pm
Atonomics Room

Mar 14: *God, Self, and Ego: Who’s Who in the Spiritual Journey* by Jerry Truex

Mar 28: *Using Clearness Meetings To Help in Big Decisions* by Lois Barrett

Leading up to:
Covenanting Service April 4 at
6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

40 Ideas for Keeping a Holy Lent

- Day 1: Pray for your enemies
- Day 2: Walk, carpool, bike or bus it.
- Day 3: Don't turn on the car radio
- Day 4: Give \$20 to a nonprofit of your choosing
- Day 5: Take five minutes of silence at noon
- Day 6: Look out the window until you find something of beauty you had not noticed before
- Day 7: Give five items of clothing to a thrift store
- Day 8: No complaining day
- Day 9: Do someone else's chore
- Day 10: Buy a few \$5 fast food gift cards to give to homeless people you encounter
- Day 11: Call an old friend
- Day 12: Pray the newspaper (pray for people and situations in today's news)
- Day 13: Read Psalm 139
- Day 14: Pay a few sincere compliments
- Day 15: Bring your own mug
- Day 16: Educate yourself about human trafficking www.praxus.org
- Day 17: Forgive someone
- Day 18: Internet diet
- Day 19: Change one light in your house to a compact florescent
- Day 20: Check out morning and evening prayer at <http://dailyoffice.wordpress.com>
- Day 21: Ask for help
- Day 22: Tell someone what you are grateful for
- Day 23: Introduce yourself to a neighbor
- Day 24: Read Psalm 121
- Day 25: Bake a cake
- Day 26: No shopping day
- Day 27: Light a virtual candle http://rejesus.co.uk/spirituality/post_prayer/
- Day 28: Light an actual candle
- Day 29: Write a thank you note to your favorite teacher
- Day 30: Invest in canvas shopping bags
- Day 31: Use Freecycle www.freecycle.org
- Day 32: Donate art supplies to your local elementary school
- Day 33: Read John 8:1-11
- Day 34: Worship at a friend's mosque, synogogue or church and look for the beauty
- Day 35: Confess a secret
- Day 36: No sugar day – where else is there sweetness in your life?
- Day 37: Give \$20 to a local non-profit
- Day 38: Educate yourself about a saint or other spiritual giant of the past
- Day 39: Pray for peace
- Day 40: Pray for your enemies (you probably have new ones by now); then decide which of these exercises you'll keep for good

Submitted by Lois Barrett

From House of All Sinners and Saints (congregation in Denver)

Servant Groups



A servant group is an intentional face-to-face group of 3 to 12 people

who meet at a regular time (often twice a month) to grow in Christ and actualize God's reign. We have seven groups.

NT Greek Reading Group. This group focuses on reading and translating the Greek New Testament. Currently, we are working through Luke's Gospel. Each person reads a verse in Greek and then translates into English, using "whatever it takes," including computer programs (Bible Works and Logos), interlinear Bibles, and other helps. We meet on Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at LAMC. Contact Jerry (263-0204).

Psychosynthesis Study Group. Currently, we're reading *Psychosynthesis*, by Will Partfitt and *Natural Spirituality* by Joyce Hudson. We discuss the books and talk about the spiritual exercises we

practice. We meet on the 2nd the 4th Wednesday of each month. Contact Cindy (832-0050 or Jerry (263-0204).

Servant Group: We meet for worship, study, sharing, prayer, and focus on its "outward" mission as well as bringing a religious perspective to immigration issues. This group plans to meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, 7:30-9:00 p.m. They are currently studying the book: *Christians on the Border* by Daniel Carroll. For more information, contact Pat (371-8274).

Ladies Reading Group. This is a women's reading and discussion group that meets on alternate Saturday afternoons for about 90 minutes. Currently, we are studying *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. We invite women who want to nurture their faith through intentional, focused discussion on faith issues to join us. Contact Vangie (263-0204).

Women's Discipleship Group. This is a women's group focusing Bible Study, discussion, and prayer. We meet on the 4th Sunday of every month after church at Cindy's home. Contact Cindy (832-0050; cgswriter@aol.com).

Immigration Servant Group. This servant group, focusing on Christian responses to immigration, meets every other Thursday at 7:30 pm. Our next meeting in Thursday, Feb 9, at Lois Barrett's home. For more info, contact Lois at 264 3686 or Pat at 262 2644

Hospitality Group. Although we are not technically a servant group, our purpose is to serve people by making people feel at home at MCS. We are responsible for greeting people on Sunday morning, organizing "coffee time," inviting newcomers, organizing potlucks, and providing meals on special occasions. Contact Geneva (262-2544), Doreene (265-3848), or Vangie (263-0204).

Childcare for March

- Mar 4—Jenny/Sally
- Mar 11—Alex/Geneva
- Mar 18—Alex/Doreene
- Mar 25—Jenny/Sally



February Attendance

Feb 5	32
Feb 12	25
Feb 19	27
Feb 22	14
Feb 26	30

MCS March 2012

www.mcswichita.net/calendar.htm

Verse of the Month:
- Joshua 24:14-15

Song of the month:
-Sign me up

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
					<i>Spirit Life in Great Bend</i>	
4 9:00 am: Adult SS 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Worship 11:40 am: Potluck Spiritual Pilgrimages	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 9:00 am: Adult SS 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Worship Spiritual Pilgrimages	12	13	14 7:00 pm Lenten Seminar	15	16	17
18 9:00 am: Adult SS 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Worship 11:40 am: Church Life	19	20 <i>Happy Birthday, Isabelle Thanmitbak</i>	21	22 <i>Happy Birthday, Sally Huber Happy Birthday, Cindy Snider</i>	23	24
25 9:00 am: Adult SS 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Worship Spiritual Pilgrimages	26 <i>Happy Birthday, Lori Acosta</i>	27	28 7:00 pm Lenten Seminar	29	30	31

Joshua 24:14-15

Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.



Mennonite Church Of the Servant

Our mission is to welcome all people into a community covenanted to follow the way of Jesus Christ through

- Committing ourselves to radical and biblical spirituality
- Living in relational and accountable community
- Seeking Christ's peace within and in the world

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