



Worship in April

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Worship Leaders & Teachers

April 1—Worship leader, Vangie & Jerry; Stations of the Cross; potluck

April 4—Covenanting Service, Lois

April 8—Worship leader, Doug; teaching by Jerry T (Easter)

April 15 — Worship leader, Pat; teaching by Jerry T

April 22—Worship leader, Doug; teaching by Jerry T; healing prayer

April 29—Worship leader, Vangie; teaching by Lois; healing prayer

Mission Focus

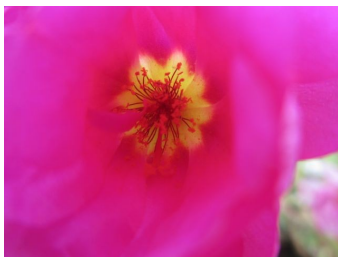
April 1—none (Palm Sunday)

April 8—none (Easter)

April 15 — **MCC: Relief**—Sally

April 22—MCC: Development — John

April 29—MCC: Peace and Justice—Pat



Vision of spring
By Jennifer Wynn-hurd

Consultation Day

"We should develop our ability to attract and retain people for whom our vision is good news." This was the decision of Mennonite Church of the Servant a few months ago. On Saturday, April 21, we will have an opportunity to work on how we will do this.

Dorothy Nickel Friesen, former Western District conference minister and a former pastor, will serve as consultant to help us develop a plan to attract and retain members. The day will begin with worship at 9:00 a.m. and end no later than 3:30 p.m. Lunch is included. Location: Heartland Friends meetinghouse, 14505 W. Sandwedge Circle (go out west Kellogg past Maize Road).

Please let Lois Barrett (barrettmierau@att.net) know by Sunday, April 15, whether you plan to attend so that we can purchase the right amount of food and have the right number of handouts.

Adult Sunday School

A new adult Sunday School is beginning this Sunday, Feb 5, in one of the *upper rooms* at 9:00 am. We begin with a study of *The Naked Anabaptist* by Stuart Murray, available through Amazon in both hard copy and e-reader. Call Pat (262 2644) or Doreene (262 3826) for more info.

By Pat Cameron



Prayer Requests

1. Please pray for our church as we discern our future.
2. Please pray for Belinda, for healing and perseverance,
3. Pray for Erna and Russell; for their health and their continued adjustment to their new living arrangement.
4. Continue to pray for the spiritual healing of the neighborhood.
5. Continue to pray for Jerry and Lori Acosta and family and their ministry. Thank God for the gift of building space as well as the people assisting them in their ministry.

Walk Against Gang Violence

The 2012 Third Annual Walk Against Gang Violence will be held April 11, beginning at the McAdams Park. This walk brings together communities for awareness, education and prevention, addressing issues that can cause violence against citizens and that diminish the quality of life in our neighborhoods. It's a cooperative effort of the Wichita Police Department, Ministerial League, and Safe Streets. Note that it's a walk against violence, not against gangs; gangs are family to some people and families aren't bad — but the violence that gangs perpetuate are bad. I encourage us to get involved and carry a banner, distribute peace literature, and invite people to our church. After all, we are a Peace Church!

By Sally Huber

March Attendance

Mar 4	29
Mar 11	21
Mar 18	19



Alex Esau-Rutherford running in the St Patrick's Day Run.
Way to go, Alex!

Manos de Cristo

Hands of Christ / Manos De Cristo Mennonite church have been in a time of *Pressing Forward* towards the future. We began with Monday Bible studies and gradually moved to adding Wednesday nights to the list. This was to better accommodate others and to make Bible study accessible to the community around us.

Taking on some "bumps and bruises," God opened doors and made it possible for the church to have a meeting place, located at 3330 W. Douglas. Here we continue to have Bible studies on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

The church right now is looking forward to some remodeling with the hope of coming together soon for our first Sunday service. Part of our vision is to create a meaningful church setting where we can all worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus. We invite opinions, advice and help to make this possible, especially in spreading the word about Manos de Cristo.

Blessings to everyone and May God Bless every one of us (Hope, Lorraine, Church of the Servant, and Manos de Cristo) richly.

Sincerely, Manos De Cristo

Childcare for April

Apr 1—Alex/Doreene

Apr 8—Jenny/Sally

Apr 15—Alex/Geneva

Apr 22—Jenny/Sally

Apr 29—Alex/Doreene

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 six groups.

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

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 and 4th Wednesday of each month. Contact Cindy (832-0050 or Jerry (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).

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).

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).

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).

Mothers 4 Mothers

Mothers and daughters from 6 families participated in the Delano St Patrick's Day Parade. It was a perfect day for a long walk. It helps with our community relations.

We plan to have a reelection meeting in early April. Then we can have an Easter celebration and jelly bean hunt for the little people.

We plan to participate in the Walk Against Gang Violence again this year. It's important that Mothers and families take a stand against violence. It affects all of our lives.

Our tradition in May is to have a Mothers Day tea.

Please remember to pray for us.

Submitted by Sally Huber

Everence

Pat, Geneva and I represented our church at the annual Everence Appreciation dinner. We learned more about "putting your finances where your faith is." We learned that the strategic plan and mission statement are the guiding stars for any organization. Contact the following for further information: John Sommer, financial advisor for our church, and Pete Fleming, our Church Relations officer.

Rod D. Diller, the Senior Vice President from the Goshen office was the speaker. I asked him "why Praxis has so much stock in Wells Fargo bank, and why they continue to keep it there? Wells Fargo is making a profit from operating private prisons that are abusive to immigrants and breaking up families." I was disappointed that no one seconded the question and that I wasn't given a chance to explain why we shouldn't be investing in Wells Fargo at this time. We were directed to talk to Mark Regier. I will try to follow up with him.

Submitted by Sally Huber

MCS April 2012

www.mcswichita.net/calendar.htm

Verse of the Month:

- John 1:9

Song of the month:

-No one will ever be the same

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am: Adult SS 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Worship 11:40 am: Potluck	2	3	4 <i>6:30 pm: Covenanting Service</i>	5 <i>Immigration Servant Group</i>	6	7 <i>Happy Anniversary, Jerry & Lori</i>
8 9:00 am: Adult SS 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Worship	9 <i>Happy Birthday, Pat Cameron</i> <i>Happy Birthday, MC McAdams</i>	10	11	12	13 <i>Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale</i>	14 <i>9 am: Walk Against Gang Violence</i>
15 9:00 am: Adult SS 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Worship 11:40 am: Church Life	16 <i>Happy Birthday, Cody Esau-Rutherford</i>	17	18	19 <i>Immigration Servant Group</i>	20	21 <i>Happy Birthday, Kierra Montgomery</i> <i>9 am—3:30 pm Consultation Day</i>
22 9:00 am: Adult SS 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Worship	23 <i>Happy Birthday, Jeanette Stucky</i>	24	25	26 <i>Happy Birthday, Alex Esau—Rutherford</i>	27 <i>Happy Birthday, Warren Thanmitbak</i>	28 <i>Spirit Life in Great Bend</i>
29 9:00 am: Adult SS 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Worship <i>No Elementary SS</i>	30					

John 1:9

The true light, which enlightens everyone,
was coming into the world.



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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