



Mennonite Church  
Of the Servant

# Newsletter

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## Worship in May

### Worship Leaders & Teachers

**May 6**—Worship leader, Doug; teaching by Lois; communion; pot-luck

**May 13**—Worship and Teaching: Lois, Bridget, and Jerry T

**May 20**—Worship leader, Doreene; teaching by Jerry T

**May 27** — Worship leader, Doug; teaching by Jerry T; healing prayer

### Mission Focus

**May 6**—Everence & Immigration (Pat)

**May 13**—retreat

**May 20** — Disability Issues (Sally)

**May 27**—Mothers 4 Mothers (Sally)



### Heard at Spirit Life:

-Every morning, I look into the mirror and say, “Here is someone whom God delights in!”

-Prayer leads us to find God not just in community but in all things.

-Prayer unites us to the God who is actively engaged in our world to transform it into final union with the divine.

-We can be so intent on the action that we never allow ourselves to experience the communion.

-All things are created twice: once in the mind, and once physically.

-God is always here, now, loving.

-The present moment is the moment of God.

-Love is a choice about how we will engage the present moment.

-Holiness is to do the ordinary things well and with great love.

-Righteousness is God’s idea for the Good Life for everyone.

-Hunger for personal and social righteousness are satisfied together.

-Jesus comes to us as food and fountain.

-We have a right to each other’s goodness.

*Submitted by Vangie Truex*



Quiet,  
trees, flowers,  
river,  
games,  
friends,  
shared experiences,  
learn,  
live,  
fish, swim,  
canoe,  
puzzles,  
swings...

What more do you want!  
May 12-13

Please let Vangie know if you plan on attending: 263 0204

# Camp Mennoscah Annual Retreat

**Saturday May 12, 2012**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Check-in
9:00 – 9:15	Worship - Lois
9:15 – 10:15	First Session – Follow up on Church Consultation - Pat
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 11:45	Second Session – Our Identity Statements - Jerry
11:45 – 12:15	Break and lunch preparation
12:15 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 – 1:30	Clean-up and free time
1:30 – 5:00	Games: Outdoor organized and unorganized activities
3:30 – 3:45	Snack time
5:00 – 6:00	Free time
6:00 – 7:00	Supper
7:00 – 7:30	Clean up
7:30 – 9:00	Games: – Indoor organized and unorganized activities
9:00 – 10:00	Free time

**Sunday May 13, 2012**

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 – 9:00	Free time
9:00 – 11:00	Worship (Lois) & Teaching (Bridget and Jerry) – Sharing Faith
11:30 – 12:00	Clean up
12:00 noon	Check out and departure

## Childcare for May

**May 6**—Jenny/Doreene  
**May 13**—Retreat  
**May 20**—Jenny/Sally  
 May 27—Alex/Doreene



## Prayer Requests



1. Please pray for our church as we discern our future.
2. Pray for the upcoming retreat; that it would be a time of bonding and spiritual growth.
3. Pray for Belinda, for healing .
4. Pray for Erna and Russell.
5. Continue to pray for the spiritual healing of the neighborhood.
6. 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. Pray for discernment and wisdom in going forth in their ministry.

## April Attendance

Apr 1	24
Apr 4 (Covenanting Service)	14
Apr 8	20
Apr 15	22
Apr 22	25
Apr 29	31

# 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 on 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 on 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](mailto: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).

## Open House Come Celebrate Jenny Hurd's Graduation!

Saturday, May 19  
2:00—4:00 pm

At Geneva and Pat's home  
1337 Wellington Place

All are welcome!



# MCS May 2012

[www.mcswichita.net/calendar.htm](http://www.mcswichita.net/calendar.htm)

Verse of the Month:

- 1 Pet 2:9-10

Song of the month:

-Let us be a shining light to the nations

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 <i>Immigration Servant Group</i>	4	5
6 9:00 am: Adult SS <b>No Elementary SS</b> 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Worship 11:40 am: Potluck	7 <i>Happy Birthday, Jennifer Hurd</i>	8 <i>Happy Birthday, Latyianna Cheaney</i>	9	10	11	12 9:00 am: <i>Camp Menmoscab Retreat begins Dueling Allegiances</i>
13 <b>No Elementary SS</b> 9:00 am: Worship and Teaching <i>12:00 noon: Retreat ends</i>	14	15	16 7:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting	17	18	19 2-4pm: Jenny's Graduation Celebration at Pat and Geneva's place
20 9:00 am: Adult SS <b>Last Elementary SS till September</b> 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Worship 11:40 am: Church Life	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:00 am: Adult SS 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Worship	28	29	30	31		

## 1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,  
in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him  
who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



## 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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