



Mennonite Church

Of the Servant

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Peace lamp, see story pg 3

## Worship in July

### Worship Theme

In July, we will be focusing on our 3rd identity statement: "seeking Christ's peace within and in the world." July 1, Jerry will teach on seeking peace through respect. July 8, Pat will teach on seeking peace as a lifestyle and on July 22, John will teach on seeking peace by promoting justice. We begin a new series July 29 with a focus on ministry.

### Prayer Requests

1. Please pray for our church as we discern our future.
2. Please continue to pray for Jerry and Lori Acosta and their family and ministry. Pray that their Sunday morning services will be well attended. Pray that those that attend the Wed and Sun services will grow in faith.
3. Continue to pray for healing for Belinda.
4. Pray for spiritual healing of the neighborhood of the church.
5. Pray for Jeffree to recover from surgery.
6. Pray for those traveling, for their safety and enjoyment.

### Worship Leaders & Teachers

- July 1**—Worship leader, Vangie; teaching by Jerry T; Communion; potluck
- July 8**—Worship leader, Doug; teaching by Pat
- July 15**—Worship with Manos de Cristo, 3330 W Douglas
- July 22**—Worship leader, Cindy; teaching by John S
- July 29** — Worship leader, Doug; teaching by Jerry T; healing prayer

### Mission Focus: WDC

- July 1**—WDC overview (by Jeanette)
- July 8**—Manos de Cristo update (by Vangie)
- July 22**—Immigration Task Force (by Nita)
- July 29**—Conference Report (by Lois)

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## MCC School Kits

My goal was to make 12 school kits (one each month) for MCC. Last Sunday John took 24 school kits to MCC in Newton.

Now we'll wait until the school supplies get cheap again, just before school starts again. but it's good to have the bags sewed in advance. We completed 1 and 1/2 relief kits last month. The greatest needs are prayer, money, relief kits and blankets. Anyone who would like to get a group together to work on the blankets or kits, please call me.

"Not every humanitarian crisis makes headlines. In recent months, MCC has given aid to flood survivors in Nicaragua, Cambodia and El Salvador and provided emergency food assistance to Rwandan refugees in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In Cambodia, MCC provided \$30,000 for rice distribution, water filters, and school repairs."

*By Sally Huber*

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## Immigration Servant Group

The Immigration servant group usually meets every two weeks. We are currently reading and studying the book "Our God is Undocumented" by Ched Myers and Matthew Colwell. The book attempts to bring to light the biblical theme of welcoming the stranger and how this theme might apply to our own culture and undocumented immigrants in our country. It alternates between chapters of biblical reflections by Myers and profiles of "exemplary practitioners of immigrant justice" by Colwell. So far we have seen an interesting perspective on the story of the Tower of Babel and a moving story of Rev. Delle McCormick who has worked with such organizations as Borderlinks.

We also have aspirations of forming a workshop or forum with the other Mennonite churches in town to discuss the issue of immigration and our church might best represent the biblical ideals of hospitality and loving our neighbor.

*By Bret Preheim*

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## Wanted: Sunday School teachers and Childcare for Manos de Cristo

Wednesday evenings, 7-8 pm,  
at Manos de Cristo  
3330 W Douglas  
for more information  
contact Marcus Loganbill at:  
mcloganbill@sbcglobal.net or 721  
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## Servant Groups

Immigration Servant Group: Lois (264 3686)  
or Pat (262 2644)

Women's Discipleship Group: Cindy (832  
0050)

NT Greek Reading Group: Jerry (263 0204)

Ladies Reading Group: Vangie (263 0204)

Hospitality Group: Geneva (262 2644) or  
Doreene (265 3848)

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## Mothers 4 Mothers

We had a wonderful family picnic in Central Riverside Park. The kids could play in the fountains and the parents could relax and visit. Dana and Mary did the grilling; the rest was potluck. The turnout was great. We had 4 new families. Some that we hadn't seen since Christmas came.

One mother brought her new baby, Isabella. One mother of a seven year old asked for help with school clothes and supplies for her son. She and her husband are both laid off. Any of you that would like to sponsor her son, would be loved and appreciated.

Four years ago we participated in the Juneteenth parade in Northeast Wichita. The kids handed out little bags with candy and a M4M card in each one. A mother and her grandchild came to our picnic with one of those cards. She had been saving it until the time was right that she felt comfortable to come visit us. Since we had no follow up on the cards, I consider this to be Gods work. Connecting us with the right mothers at the right time. It also proves that all our recruiting over the years wasn't wasted.

I'm not sure about the July meeting because it would fall on July 14, the day before Fairview's big celebration. It may be too hot to meet in the park. Maybe we'll wait until later in the month.

*By Sally Huber*

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## Peace Lamps

An MCC delegation visited Iraq May 20–26, 2002. They presented hand-made oil lamps and letters from James Schrag and Dan Nighswander, leaders of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada, to leaders of the Evangelical Protestant, Syrian Orthodox, and Chaldean Catholic churches in Iraq.

In letters accompanying the lamps, Schrag and Nighswander wrote, "We are calling our leaders to pursue peace and not war." Their letters continue: "As a sign of the light of God that lightens the path between us, we offer this oil lamp, which

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## Manos de Cristo Update

I'd just like to impart with you a quick update on the progress with the Church. This past Saturday (June 16th) we had our Church Work Day and in that we were able to accomplish the painting of the temple area, wall repairs, and arranged the church library; pictures of this event will be sent to you soon.

Our next main focus is our upcoming Sunday Service on July 15, I ask for your prayers for this joyous occasion. We are excited and expectant for what God has in store for Manos de Cristo along with your support and help; which we so graciously appreciate that all things may work together for His glory.

I'd like to also thank all the churches Hope Mennonite, Church of the Servant, and Lorraine Avenue for all your cooperation and assistance this past Saturday we greatly appreciate your lended hand. I will be sending you another update soon and God's blessings to you all.

*By Jerry Acosta*

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## June Attendance

June 3	27
June 10	32
June 17	22
June 24	20

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bears the symbol of the Mennonite Church—the dove of God's spirit of peace. When you light it, know that your brothers and sisters in the United States and Canada are praying for you. We too will light candles and lamps for peace and healing." Iraqi church officials expressed appreciation for these symbols of solidarity and encouraged churches in North America to both pray and work for peace.

# MCS July 2012

**Verse of the Month:**  
 - Psalm 34:14  
**Song of the month:**  
 -Song of Shalom

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Worship 11:40 am: Potluck <i>Happy Birthday, Jerry Truex</i>	2	3	4	5	6  <i>Garage Sale, Nancy and Jennifer, 224 W 15th St, Weather Permitting</i>	7
8 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Worship	9 <i>Happy Birthday, Vangie Truex</i>	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Happy Birthday, Bridget Siedler</i>
15 11:00 am: Worship with Manos de Cristo, 3330 W Douglas	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Worship 11:40 am: Church Life	30 <i>Happy Birthday, Warren Cheaney</i>	31				

## Psalm 34:14

Depart from evil, and do good;  
 seek peace, and pursue it.



## 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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