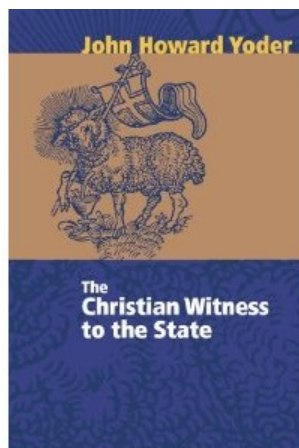




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Book for discussion, see pg 3

Worship in September

Worship Theme

In September, we will continue with Swartley's book, Covenant of Peace; the Missing Peace in New Testament Theology and Ethics, for several Sundays.

The Shepherds will also provide teaching on Gift Discernment Sept 9, in preparation for discerning gifts among our members in our small groups during the month of September.

Then, the final 2 Sundays in Sept., Jerry will address the issue of guns in America and the response of the faith community to the concerns of safety and security, an apt topic during election season.

Worship Leaders & Teachers

Sept 2—Worship leader, Doug; teaching by Lois; Communion; potluck

Sept 9—Worship leader, Doreene; teaching by Jerry T

Sept 16—Worship leader, Bret; teaching by Pat

Sept 23—Worship leader, Cindy; teaching by Jerry T

Sept 30—Worship leader, Vangie; teaching by Jerry; healing prayer

Call to Prayer

During the last two church life meetings, it was discerned that we are called to be more deliberate and intentional in praying for this church and it's members. Doreene will send prayer requests to several members daily, with each member receiving a reminder once a week. Feel free to send her prayer requests to pass on...and...if you are not on her list and would like to receive a reminder, contact her at doriesau@yahoo.com

Mission Focus

Sept 2—Worker Justice (Labor Day) - Pat

Sept 9—CROP Walk - Pat

Sept 16—Hunger overview- Jeanette

Sept 23—MCC hunger response - John

Sept 30—CROP Walk local hunger response - Pat

Dangerous Women Creed

Dear God, please make us dangerous women.
 May we be women who acknowledge our power to change, and grow,
 and be radically alive for God.
 May we be healers of wounds and righters of wrongs.
 May we weep with those who weep and speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.
 May we cherish children, embrace the elderly, and empower the poor.
 May we pray deeply and teach wisely.
 May we be strong and gentle leaders.
 May we sing songs of joy and talk down fear.
 May we never hesitate to let passion push us, conviction compel us,
 and righteous anger energize us.
 May we strike fear into all that is unjust and evil in the world.
 May we dismantle abusive systems and silence lies with truth.
 May we shine like stars in a darkened generation.
 May we overflow with goodness in the name of God and by the power of Jesus.
 And in that name and by that power, may we change the world.
 Dear God, please make us dangerous women.
 Amen.

This prayer was presented to the Ladies Reading Group during their meeting Saturday, August 19. We are considering changing our name to '*Dangerous Women.*'"

We have begun to study a new book: *The Luminous Web: Essays on Science and Religion* by Barbara Brown Taylor

Submitted by Vangie Truex

Offerings in August

Goal: \$768.00/month

Aug 5	\$558.00
Aug 12	\$111.00
Aug 19	\$1,973.00
Aug 22	

Thank you!

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)

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 those traveling, for their safety and enjoyment.
6. Continued prayers for Russell and Erna
7. Continued prayers for the youth of our congregation.



Photo by Bret Preheim, July 15, 2012

Update on Manos de Cristo

Since their opening service mid-July, Manos de Cristo has been meeting regularly Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. They are now averaging 12-15 attendees at each service.

The Acostas are hopeful about the future and what God is doing through this venture and are excited about new projects/happenings/endeavors; for example: youth education, youth sleep-over on Halloween, picnic in the park on Labor Day, and upcoming baptisms.

Please continue to pray for them and thank God for what is being done.

By Vangie Truex, member of the MdC support

Partners for Wichita 2nd Annual Hunger Forum

Plan to attend a time of sharing and empowerment on Saturday, October 6 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 925 N. Waco. This year the focus is on hunger advocacy, education, and empowerment.

Submitted by Pat Cameron

Book Discussion

All are invited to join in reading and discussing John Howard Yoder's booklet: *The Christina Witness to the State*, a critical read during this election season. We will meet from 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm at 1650 N Fairview

Schedule:

Aug 30: pgs 1-28

Sept 13: pgs 28 – 59

Sept 27: pgs 60 - 90

Peace Center 20th Anniversary Concert:

Emma's Revolution is a classic, globetrotting folk duo comprised of activist singer/songwriters Sandy O. and Pat Humphries. Their music is progressive, socially-conscious, confrontational and shot-through with intelligence and cutting humor; their songs have been sung for the Dalai Lama, covered by Holly Near and they count the great Pete Seeger among their admirers. Join us for the celebration.

Tickets are \$18 at the door and \$15 in advance, Friday, October 5, 7:30 pm, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 7202 E 21st Street

Submitted by Pat Cameron

August Attendance

Aug 5 20

Aug 12 20

Aug 19 26

Aug 25

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Verse of the Month:

- Phil. 4:6-7

Song of the month:

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Wor- ship 11:45 am: Potluck	3	4	5 7:30 pm: Wor- ship Committee	6	7	8 <i>Happy Birthday, Susanna Barrett- Mierau</i> 4 pm: Ladies Reading Group
9 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Wor- ship	10	11	12	13 7:00 pm: Yoder Discussion	14	15
16 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Wor- ship	17 <i>Happy Birthday, Eilysh Esau- Rutherford</i>	18 7 pm: Manos de Cristo Support Group Meeting	19	20	21	22 <i>Happy Birthday, Jonathan and Nicholes Acosta</i>
23 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Wor- ship 11:40 am: Church Life	24	25 <i>Happy Birthday, Russell Jeffries</i>	26 <i>Happy Birthday, Jeffree Coba</i>	27 7:00 pm: Yoder Discussion	28	29
30 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Wor- ship						

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



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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