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Worship in November

Worship Theme

Over the next few months, we will be studying Deuteronomy, the fifth book of the Law. To prepare, consider the following reading suggestion:

Week	Torah Text
Sept 23	Deut. 1:1—3:22
Sept 30	Deut. 3:23—7:11
Oct 7	Deut. 7:12—11:25
Oct 14	Deut. 11:26—16:17
Oct 21	Deut. 16:18—21:9
Oct 28	Deut. 21:10—25:19
Nov 4	Deut. 26:1—29:8
Nov 11	Deut. 29:9—30:20
Nov 18	Deut. 31:1-30
Nov 25	Deut. 32:1-52
Dec 2	Deut. 33:1—34:12

Worship Leaders & Teachers

Nov 4—Worship leader, Doug; teaching by Jerry; Communion; potluck

Nov 11—Worship leader, Doreene; teaching by Lois

Nov 18—Worship leader, Doug; teaching by Pat

Nov 25—Worship leader, Vangie; teaching by Jerry T

Mission Focus

Nov 4—Election Focus

Nov 11—Open Door Food Ministry

Nov 18—Other Ministries of Open Door

Nov 25—Hunger



Paying attention!

Oct Attendance

Oct 7	21
Oct 14	15
Oct 21	19
Oct 28	

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 Teresa and her health
 6. Continued prayers for Russell and Erna
 7. Pray for those needing work in our congregation.
 8. Continued prayers for the youth of our congregation.
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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)

Offerings in October

Goal: \$768.00/month

Sept 30	\$217.00
Oct 7	\$324.00
Oct 14	\$848.00
Oct 21	\$1872.00

Thank you!

News Release 23 October 2012

East African Mennonite churches form mission board

NAIROBI, Kenya – Mennonite bishops from Kenya and Tanzania formed a mission board during their annual meeting, held in August at the Mennonite Guest House. "We are no longer churches which just receive missionaries, but churches which send missionaries," the church leaders stated.

Eastern Mennonite Missions (EMM) has a 78-year history of working with churches in East Africa. "It is immensely satisfying to see this expression of the churches' maturity and passion for missions," said Aram DiGennaro, EMM's regional representative for East Africa.

The new mission board, named International Mennonite Mission of East Africa, or IMMEA, reflects the bishops' conviction that East Africans have what it takes to do missions on their continent.

Leaders agreed that their churches must become more overtly missional. Their first step will be to create a missions training program.

To stimulate passion for missions, the leaders are introducing the concept of a "Year of Service for Christ" into their churches, with a goal to train 100 people as disciple-makers by the end of 2013.

A committee of three – Bishop Philip Okeyo and Pastor Rebecca Osiro of Kenya Mennonite Church, and Bishop Christopher Ndege of Tanzania Mennonite Church – will take responsibility for the ongoing development of IMMEA. Both churches are members of Mennonite World Conference.

From EMM release by Debbi DiGennaro
Submitted by Jeanette Stucky

Update on Manos de Cristo

We are pleased that Ty and Lucy have volunteered to teach a youth class prior to the Sunday Service. Currently, 10-12 youth attend. Jerry took the youth to a football game and several other activities are planned.

Jerry's sister-in-law is developing a website for the church—to be posted soon.

Please continue to pray for Manos de Cristo.

Vangie

Peace Center Annual Meeting

Friday, December 7

The featured speaker is Tom Hayden. The event will be at Fairmount United Church of Christ, 1650 N Fairmount. The dinner & annual meeting will start at 6:30 pm, Tom Hayden will speak at 8 pm. The cost is \$20 for both the dinner and speaker or \$10 to hear Tom Hayden only. To RSVP for the annual event send an e-mail to director@wichtapeace.org stating if you will be attending the dinner and speaker, or the speaker only.

A Word from Everence

AVOIDING THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAST

According to the Chicago Tribune, almost 14 million Americans will enter the Christmas season carrying debt from last year's holiday spending. One way to avoid over-spending is using cash. Plan how much you will spend on gifts, holiday extras, and food and then place that much cash in an envelop. Leave the credit cards at home. This plan will help avoid spur of the moment temptations that can rack up debt for the new year.

Sally

Nature's Blessings

Oh, beautiful for distant hills
And trees that climb each slope,
For skies of azure overhead
And clouds that interlope.
Oh, beautiful for winds that move
The grasses and the leaves-
For changes that the seasons make
And the colors that they weave.
Oh, beautiful for roaring seas,
For eagles soaring high
For the sound when thunder cracks,
And when the forests sigh.
Oh, beautiful for all the things
That Nature bestows free-
The sights, the sounds, the images-
God's world in harmony.

By Joan Stephen

Submitted by Jenny Hurd



Photo by Jenny Hurd

War is Trauma

"War is Trauma," an art exhibit from Justseeds Collective, Iraq Veterans Against the War, and their allies will be on display through November at the Peace and Social Justice Center, 1407 N. Topeka. The prints address "Operation Recovery" and its goals, "supporting GI resistance and service members' and veterans' rights to heal, challenging the culture of militarism in the US, and ending the war in Afghanistan." For more information, call 263-5886 or director@wichtapeace.org.

OPERATION HOLIDAY

Our church has been invited to participate in Operation Holiday in one of several ways:

1. Youth groups, Sunday school classes or individuals can volunteer any time from now until it's over, December 15.

2..Sponsor a collection drive for new and gently used coats and new blankets, gloves, scarves, hats, nonperishable food, diapers and gifts for teen agers. That's what the big white box is for. My challenge to everyone is to bring the vegetables, tuna, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, cereal, etc, to create a meal for a family of 4. Another challenge is for our church to have at least 2 coats or 2 blankets and a gift for a teen ager in the box by the end of November.

A benefit of giving is the joy of sharing with 50,000 of your friends and neighbors. Another benefit is that for each donation you get a chance to guess what is in the bag by the mailboxes. The family who has the most guesses or guesses the closest to what is in the bag, will win a prize.

I have the information needed to qualify for assistance, how to apply and how to help if anyone needs it.

Sally

M2M update

We have a board meeting on November 4. We have a lot to discuss.

Remember to come check out the Alternative Gift Market on November 10, 9AM—4PM at Grace Presbyterian Church. Our tables will be selling pins by Lucinda (like we had other years) for our future operating funds. We also made pins to support a Health care Clinic for Moms and children in Haiti. Come enjoy the Christmas atmosphere.

Our Christmas Celebration will be on December 7 at 5PM at our church. This year, we won't be serving a dinner, just snacks and other surprises. We'll have help from the United Way again this year. You are all welcome to come join us.

We recruited three families at the Brookside United Methodist Fall Festival. Hopefully they'll become active members because our membership is getting smaller.

Sally

Sunday School
class



Update on Lisa

Lisa's Mom told me that Lisa is attending a Spanish speaking church with her second grade friends in North Carolina. Lisa thinks it's wonderful; almost as good as our church. Isn't it great to know that the seeds planted in our Sunday school and church are still growing? Hopefully the rest of the family will start attending also. I hope the seed continues to grow strong and sturdy before the teen age years, which always seem to challenge kids faith. She'll have some deep strong roots to help her though those years. And you helped give them to her. Congratulations. Our church does well with all of our kids. There's hope for all the kids.

Sally

Verse of the Month: Dt. 30:19b

Song of the month:

MCS November 2012

www.mcswichita.net/calendar.htm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Wor- ship 11:45 am: Potluck	5	6	7	8	9 <i>Happy Birthday, Lois Barrett</i>	10
11 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Wor- ship	12	13	14	15	16 <i>Happy Birthday, John Stoesz</i>	17 <i>Happy Birthday, Dyran Acosta</i>
18 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Wor- ship <i>Happy Birthday, Adam Cameron</i>	19	20	21 <i>Happy Birthday, Haven Rozof</i>	22	23	24
25 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Wor- ship	26	27	28	29	30	

Deuteronomy 30:19b

I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.
Choose life so that you and your descendants may live.



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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