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Worship Leaders & Teachers

- Mar 3**—Worship leader, Doug; teaching by Jerry; Communion; potluck
- Mar 10**—Worship leader, Do-reene; teaching by Pat
- Mar 17**—Worship leader, Bret; teaching by Jerry
- Mar 24**—Worship leader/ Teaching (Stations of the Cross: Vangie & Jerry



Mission Focus

The FOCUS on Mission in March is Christian Peacemaker Teams. Each Sunday, we will present the work of CPT in one of its locations: Iraq, Colombia, Palestine, and North America. CPT is one of our church's outreach items in our annual budget.

Jan/Feb Giving

- Jan 6—\$6315.00
 - Jan 13—\$116.00
 - Jan 20—\$1393.00
 - Jan 27—\$505.00
 - Feb 3—\$253.00
 - Feb 10—\$113.00
 - Feb 17—\$710.00
- Thank You!

Feb Attendance

Jan 27	20
Feb 3	24
Feb 10	21
Feb 13	14
Feb 17	14

Our New Church: 2401 N Woodland

Yes, we are moving! Our offer of \$130,000.00 was accepted and the closing date is on, or before, April 9! We are asking for donations for the down payment with a goal of raising \$50,000.00 by March 29. At the church life meeting Feb 10, over \$15,000.00 was pledged.

So change, new possibilities, dreams, and new ministries are in our future. A time of hope, excitement, expectation. Let us pray that we will meet our goal of \$50,000.00 for the down payment, that we will honor God in the way we relate to our new neighbors, that our presence will bless the neighborhood!

Please send contributions to Jeanette Stucky, CPA, 807 N Waco, Ste 12, Wichita 67203. Thank You!

IMMIGRATION CONFERENCE

Citizens of God's Kingdom: Immigration and Christian Faith is the theme for the Western District Conference (WDC) Reference Council to be hosted at Hope Mennonite Church, 868 N. Maize Road, Wichita, Kansas, **March 1-2, 2013**. Hosts for the event include all four WDC churches in Wichita and the WDC Immigration Task Force.

Presenters include Jason Boone, Coordinating Minister for the Peace and Justice Support Network of Mennonite Church USA, Saulo Padilla, Immigration Education Coordinator with MCC US, and Tammy Alexander, Legislative Associate for Domestic affairs for MCC US in Washington D. C.

Schedule

Friday, March 1

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Biblical Stories and our Stories of Immigration

Saturday, March 2

9:00 AM – Root Causes of Migration and the Church's Engagement

12:00 PM – Lunch – (free will offering will be received)

1:00 PM – Understanding Immigration History and Law

3:30 PM – Problems and Profits in Immigration Enforcement

5:30 PM – Christian Advocacy and Networking

Please RSVP by emailing (wdc@mennowdc.org) or calling ([316-283-6300](tel:316-283-6300)) with the following information by Friday, February 22.

- **Name**
- **Address**
- **Email address and phone number**
- **Church**
- **Lodging needed**
- **Interpreter needed**

Official deadline is passed but you may still apply!

Living Room Theater

Global Faith in Action is hosting Two Living Room Theaters events. The video, *Acting on Faith* will be shown in two homes – one on the east side (February 28, 7:00 p.m.) and one on the west (March 3, 4:00 p.m.)

Acting on Faith: Women's New Religious Activism in America, explores how women around the world are putting activism into action. This documentary offers an intimate look at the lives and work of three American women: one Buddhist, one Hindu, and one Muslim, for whom faith, activism, and identity are deeply intertwined. Their stories will help us to consider the compatibility of feminism and religion, and the tension of being a voice of critique without alienating one's community or inviting outside prejudice. The film showing will be followed by discussion.

Pat Cameron (262 2644)

Pilgrimages

Each year during Lent, we engage in a time of personal reflection and self-examination. The reflection and examination is for the purpose of experiencing God's renewing power in our individual and community life. This helps us practice mutual accountability and can encourage us in a deeper walk with Christ.

This year we encourage each member, and any person who desires to covenant with us, to share their spiritual pilgrimage in their servant groups or after church, Mar 10 or 24 with one of the Shepherds.

Everence Update

I serve as the Everence advocate to our congregation. This report summarizes the amount of Everence Sharing Funds used by our congregation in 2012 and the amount available to us in 2013. The amount is based on the percentage of members in the congregation who own Everence Financial or Everence Federal Credit Union products or services as well as my activity in 2012. Last year we received 7 Sharing Fund Grants totaling \$593.08 from Everence. We only scratched the surface. Some members needs probably weren't turned in as grant requests. In 2013 we will be eligible for \$3,000.00. This is comforting to know in case one of us has high uninsured medical expenses or experiences loss of home or job or can't make house payments or rent.

It takes effort on our part to raise the money for our sharing fund so that we have something to match. According to Everence records, we have 22 church members. Twelve of us are Everence members. Everence members are those of us who own or participate in products and services from Everence Financial or Everence Federal Credit Union. That's 55% participation. Purchase of Everence products will help our Sharing Fund. I'm not sure if we are a level three church again this year. We may have slipped because some reports apparently got lost in my move or in the mail. Whatever happened, it was my fault and I tried to fix it. We'll find out at the Advocate meeting coming up in late March.

Would any of you like to go with me to represent our church? We need your assistance. In the past Belinda, Fred, Pat, Geneva, Cindy and John have attended some of the meetings. Maybe someone else would like to learn more about Everence and have themselves counted for MCS. Church leaders who attend these meetings count towards the level of participation. And in our church we're all leaders. Please ask me if you have any questions.

Sally Huber

HEALTH CARE REFORM SEMINAR

The central Kansas office of Everence Financial will present an informative seminar at First Mennonite Church in Newton (429 E First St. in Newton) at 7pm on Thursday, March 21. "Navigating the New: Health Care Reform and You" will help us understand how health care reform will affect individuals and businesses, how we get health care coverage in the future and how reform has affected Everence health plans.

The presentation will be delivered by David Gautsche, Senior vice President of Products and Services for Everence. This seminar will be in conjunction with the annual meeting of our Kansas Everence Chapter. Those interested in attending should reserve a spot by March 14 by contacting the Everence office in Hesston: (620) 327-4043, or toll free (877) 467-7294 or darene.buller@everence.com.

Sally Huber

Prayer Requests

1. Please pray for our church as we discern our future, particularly as we plan on relocating.
2. Please continue to pray for Jerry and Lori Acosta and their family and ministry. Pray for wisdom and discernment. Pray that their Sunday morning services will be well attended. Pray that those that attend will grow in faith.
3. Continue to pray for healing for Belinda.
4. Continue to pray for spiritual healing of the neighborhood of the church.
5. Continued prayers for Erna.
6. Pray for those needing work in our congregation.
7. Continued prayers for the youth of our congregation.

My people will live in peaceful
country, in secure dwellings and
quiet resting places.

Isaiah 32:18

In the Silence of the Soul

Quiet my thoughts, Lord,
And make me aware
Of Your loving presence-
It always is there.

It times overwhelming
When I have no choice,
Quiet my Soul, Lord,
To hear Your sweet voice.

Your infinite wisdom
You'll reveal to me,
If only, through patience,
My eyes will then see.

Attuned to Your guidance
With Your love I'm whole.
You're there in the silence
Right here in my soul.

By Ruthmarie Brooks Silver
Submitted by Jenny

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)
- Men's Contemplative Spirituality: Jerry (263 0204)

Mothers 4 Mothers

Nine families attended our Valentine Celebration. Our newest member, 6 week old Alavia Simone, was introduced to everyone. Everyone received roses to represent a person who they love or someone whose love has influenced them. Then we went around the circle telling about the people who our roses represented and arranging them in a beautiful bouquet. The most touching stories were from the children. Five year old Cherish said "I love my Mommy and my big brother", then put her rose in the bouquet. She was so sweet. A sixteen year old boy, whose family has had some rough times this last year, assigned a petal on his rose to each of his family members. Then he said "this whole rose, including all the petals, represents God. Because if it wasn't for Gods love, I don't know where we would be today". Then he put his rose in the bouquet. Mary dedicated her rose to Belinda, because Belinda's prayers have been a great influence on all the mothers even if she can't always attend the meetings.

Many of our families enjoyed the Shriner Circus. They are very generous with tickets every year. Many couldn't use their tickets because of lack of transportation. Others were at work or school during the free performance.

The next meeting will be on March 8 at our church. You're all welcome to join us for this meeting. We've been working with 3 other churches who may want to adopt us. But we have no definite plans for where we'll be meeting in April. Please pray for us to find a 'home' to meet in regularly.

Sally Huber

Verse of the Month: Isaiah 40: 28-31

Song of the month: The River

MCS March 2013

www.mcswichita.net/calendar.htm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Worship 11:45 am: Potluck	4	5	6 7:30 pm: Worship Committee Meeting	7	8 11:00 am: Shepherd's Meeting	9
10 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Worship 11:40 am: Spiritual Pilgrimages	11	12	13 7:00 pm: Joint Task Force	14	15	16
17 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Worship 11:40 am: Church Life	18	19 7:00 pm: Taize Service	20 <i>Happy Birthday, Isabelle Thanmithak</i>	21	22 <i>Happy Birthday, Cindy Snider</i> <i>Happy Birthday, Sally Huber</i>	23 Spirit Life, Great Bend
24 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Worship 11:40 am: Spiritual Pilgrimages	25	26 <i>Happy Birthday, Lori Acosta</i>	27 6:30 pm: Covenant Meal/Service	28	29 <i>Happy Birthday, Karis Rozof</i>	30
31 9:30 am: Prayer 10:00 am: Worship						





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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