



Newsletter

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Mennonite Church of the Servant

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Worship: Sundays, 10:00 a.m

Jerry Truex, Teaching Minister

Verse of the Month: 1 Peter 2:9-10

⁹But 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 marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Focus on Mission

March 2—CPT Iraq (Pat)

March 9—CPT Palestine (Sally)

March 23—CPT Aboriginal Justice (John)

March 30—Immigration (Raul)

Reading the NT in One Year, 2014-2015

Members and friends of MCS are encouraged to read the entire New Testament in one year. The schedule of readings through March are on the calendar (page 3).

Thursday Bible Study

Bible Study, led by Jerry, is every Thursday night from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The study will follow the Thursday schedule of Bible readings, as posted on the calendar.

March Worship

March 2—Text: Mt 17:1-9 (transfiguration); Worship Leader: Doug; Teaching: Jerry. Communion and Potluck

March 5, 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday. Text: Ps. 51; Worship Leader—Vangie

March 9—Lectionary Text; Worship Leader: Doreen; Teaching: Pat

March 16—Lectionary Text; Worship Leader: Doug; Teaching: Lois. Spiritual Pilgrimages

March 23—Lectionary Text; Worship Leader: Bret; Teaching: Jerry

March 30—Lectionary Text; Worship Leader: Vangie; Teaching: Lois

Spiritual Pilgrimages March 16

The Shepherds encourage you to share your spiritual pilgrimage with people who haven't yet heard it (or at least not lately) by staying after worship on March 16 to meet with 2 or 3 others. The worship service will be brief, with time for sharing pilgrimages from 11:00-12:30. Please plan to attend and participate.

Ash Wednesday Service March 5

A service of readings and ashes will be held on Ash Wednesday, March 5, to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. The service begins at 7:00 p.m.



Seasons of the Heart

Don't think it strange, this trial you bear,
This mood of darker hue,
For the joys you knew just yesterday
Will soon return to you.
Nature has her changing seasons,
So too, the heart of man,
The key to getting through it, though,
Lies right there in your hand...
Stretch forth that hand to someone else—
Yes, pass the key to them
For in helping someone else,
That's where your joy will stem.
And that one you've helped to find the sun
Now holds the precious key,
And someone else locked in darkness
Is soon to be set free!
- Denise A. DeWald
(Submitted by Jenny Hurd)

News from Everence

Stewardship Presentation: Mark Regier, Everence Director of Stewardship, will give a presentation on Tuesday, March 11, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson in Newton. A leader in faith based investing, Mark will talk about how investors can influence corporations for good, what scripture says about the use of money, and how you can get involved. For more information or to RSVP (by March 4), contact Darlene Buller at (877) 467-7294 or darlenebuller@everence.com

Fleming Retires: Pete Fleming, Church Relations Representative for 7 1/2 years, will retire at the end of February. Pete says, "I have thoroughly enjoyed my role..and I hope that my efforts were effective in fulfilling God's will in building up His kingdom through partnering with you in stewardship ministry." The Church Relations Team will now be headed by Robert Wall.

Fill in the Gap

Free lunches are provided for anyone under 18 during Spring Break, March 17-21, 2014, at 16 locations in Wichita. If you wish to help, please volunteer, or donate fruit or snacks. Sally needs help providing food at the Hilltop location.

MCS Committees

To more clearly define the roles of the following committees, each committee has provided a purpose statement, below

Public Relations Committee: to tell the public about the good things our church is doing, such as service projects, worship, and Bible studies (publicity), to provide factual information about our church to the public through radio, newspaper, and other media formats (information), and to develop demographics regarding the needs our community and how our church might respond to those needs (demographics).

Outreach Committee: to set strategies to reach new people and ways to implement our mission. We assume the mission of everyone in our church is to proclaim the gospel in word and deed and the specific task of the Outreach Committee is to set strategies for doing that.

Mission & Service Committee: to provide opportunities for MCS to become informed about and involved in short-term and long-term ministries of

End of Life Issues April 5

How can we prepare for the inevitable end of life all of us face? On April 5, MCS members and friends will have an opportunity for an overview of such issues as wills, advance directives, power of attorney, and funeral planning. This session will begin at 12:30 (as the potluck is winding down) and end by 2:00. For more information, contact one of the

A Holy Space

Did you ever feel that you were in a holy space, a space where you felt the presence of God, a space where everyone around you was communicating with God and with each other?

I experienced this holy space on Sunday morning, here in our church, during the discussion after the sermon, especially after the sermon on "turning the other cheek." The personal sharing and searching for understanding made it holy.

Please write a paragraph next month about your holy spaces
- Sally Huber



MARCH 2014 CALENDAR

All calendar items are at the MCS building unless otherwise indicated. To put an item on the calendar, contact Jerry Truex.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES- DAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FEB. 23 10:00 Worship	24 Mark 6	25 Mark 7	26 Mark 8	27 Mark 9 7:00 Bible Study	28 Mark 10	MAR. 1
2 10:00 Worship (Communion) Potluck	3 Mark 11 2:15 Shepherds (Lois')	4 Mark 12	5 Mark 13 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	6 Mark 14 7:00 Bible Study	7 Mark 15 12:00 Church Women United	8 10:30 Fun Crafts
9 10:00 Worship	10 Mark 16 7:00 Worship Committee	11 Acts 1	12 Acts 2 7:00 Church Council	13 Acts 3 7:00 Bible Study	14 Acts 4	15
16 10:00 Worship 11:00-12:30 Spiritual Pilgrimages	17 Acts 5	18 Acts 6	19 Acts 7 7:00 Outreach Committee	20 Acts 8 7:00 Bible Study <i>Happy Birthday, Isabelle Thanmithak</i>	21 Acts 9	22 <i>Happy Birthday, Cindy Snider & Sally Huber</i>
23 10:00 Worship	24 Acts 10	25 Acts 11	26 Acts 12	27 Acts 13 7:00 Bible Study	28 Acts 14	29
30 10:00 Worship (Anointing)						