



Focus on Mission

The emphasis for April is Mennonite Central Committee. A Focus on Mission on MCC will be presented every Sunday in April, except on Easter Sunday.

April 6—Overview of MCC (Pat)

April 13—MCC and Immigration (John)

April 27—MCC School Kits (Sally)

End of Life Seminar April 6

MCC members and friends are invited to an End of Life Seminar led by Everence and church members following the potluck on April 6. Topics include wills, advance directives, power of attorney, funeral planning, end-of-life inventories, and organizing important documents. The seminar will conclude by 2:00.

Alzheimer's and Its Imposters, April 13

Barrick Wilson will present a Power-Point presentation on "Alzheimer's and Its Imposters" after worship on April 13. Barrick is well-qualified on the topic from personal experience and research. The presentation will begin at 11:30 and conclude by 12:15.

Bible Study

Jerry leads a Bible Study on Thursday nights, 7:00 p.m. on the scripture for the day. For the schedule of scripture readings, see the calendar p. 4.

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Mennonite Church of the Servant

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Wichita, KS 67204

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Worship: Sundays, 10:00 a.m

Jerry Truex, Teaching Minister

April Worship

April 6—Text from the Lectionary; Worship leader—Doug; Teaching—Jerry; Communion; Potluck; End of Life Seminar

April 13—Palm Sunday: Stations of the Cross; Worship Leaders—Jerry and Vangie; Presentation on Alzheimer's

April 17, 6:30 p.m.- Maundy Thursday: Covenanting Service and Meal; Worship Leader—Lois

April 20: Easter Sunday - 9:00-9:30 Open House; 10:00 Worship—Lectionary Text; Worship Leader—Doug; Teaching—Byron Pellecer and Pat

April 27— Beginning of teaching series on "The Church: What it is and what it does"; Worship leader - Vangie; Teaching—Lois; Healing Prayer

Covenanting Service, April 17

Mennonite Church of the Servant's annual Covenanting Service provides an opportunity to express, for the coming year, a commitment to follow Christ through this community by signing the covenant (a copy of the covenant is on page 2). Bring finger food to share for the covenant meal.

Open House and Easter Worship, April 20

Mennonite Church of the Servant and the emerging Aposento Alto Iglesia Menonita (the Hispanic church plant) will host an Open House and Easter Egg Hunt at 9:00–9:30 a.m. at MCS. Coffee and pastries will be served and children will hunt for eggs outdoors (weather permitting). The Outreach Committee has made plans to invite our neighbors to share in the fun and fellowship, and in the worship service at 10:00. Byron Pellicer, pastor of Aposento Alto, will also be present for the pre-service activities and the worship service. Come prepared on Easter Sunday to greet our neighbors and to praise the Risen Christ.

The Covenant of Mennonite Church of the Servant

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ, through whom God has made friends with the world and in whom we continue the work of reconciliation.

We commit ourselves to each other, the church, to love our brothers and sisters in God's family, sharing our decisions, our talents, our time, and our possessions.

We commit ourselves to caring for the world, to bringing good news to the poor and setting free the oppressed, to proclaiming Jesus the Servant as Liberator and Lord.

We commit ourselves to the way of the cross, to a life of simplicity and prayer, in this is our joy, peace, and new life.

Church Life Meets April 27

The next Church Life meeting will be after the worship service on April 27. Remember to bring *four* scriptures (to make up for not having Church Life in March) for the 12 Scriptures Project.

Church Woman United Thank MCS

Belinda and I received many compliments on our church after hosting the March WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Service. The Board of CWU told us to thank the entire church for letting us use the facility and tell everyone what a beautiful church we have. We spent time praying for the situations younger women in our society face. The group is looking forward to returning next March. The April meeting will be the HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION at Interfaith ministries. All women are welcome to attend. -Sally

Immigration Prayer Service April 3

Supporters of immigration reform are invited to attend a prayer service on Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel of the Adorers of the Blood convent, 1165 Southwest Blvd. The service is co-sponsored by the Peace and Justice Committee of the Adorers, the Immigrant Family Support Network, and others. Preceding the service, Sunflower Community Action will host a fiesta in the Dugan Conference Center at Newman University.

Church Retreat May 10-11

The annual Mennonite Church of the Servant retreat will be held at Camp Mennoscah on May 10-11 from 9:00 Saturday through Sunday noon.



The focus of the retreat is the Twelve Scripture Project. From the scriptures we have proposed the past few months, we will choose twelve that best represent who we are and who we want to be as a con-

gregation. There will also be plenty of free time to enjoy the beauty of the prairie, a campfire Saturday evening, and Sunday morning worship at 9:00 a.m.

Costs for the retreat are \$65.00 per room (1-2 people) and \$15.00 per additional person. Food (4 meals plus snacks) is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.50 for children. Those not staying overnight pay a \$7.00 day fee (adults) or \$4.00 children. If you need help covering these costs, there is scholarship through the Sharing Fund.

To register for the retreat, contact one of the Shepherds.

MCS Well Represented at Everence Meeting

Four members of Mennonite Church of the Servant attended a recent meeting sponsored by Everence. At this meeting, Sally was recognized as a Three-Star Advocate for the work she does promoting Everence at our church.



Final Gathering to Close "Season of Nonviolence" April 5

Wichita's Season of Nonviolence is an extension of the global event which occurs between January 30, the anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's death, and April 4, the anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King, Jr. Come to the final gathering to share how to take the concepts and learning from this season forward to our communities throughout and around Wichita. This event will be held on Saturday, April 5, 9:00-12:00 at the Marcus Welcome Center on the WSU campus.

Filling the Gap

Filling the gap is free nutritious balanced lunches for kids ages 0 to 18, during the times that there is no lunch available at the schools—mainly Spring Break and the last two weeks of summer before school starts. Overall, the project served 4,513 lunches in Wichita between March 17 and 21. That's a lot of hungry kids. The closest location to our church is Evergreen Park, and more volunteers are needed this summer.

The Gift of Grace

We often feel we don't deserve
God's mercy, love and grace...
We feel we haven't "done enough"
To earn that higher praise.

Yet, that's the beauty of His love
And why He sent His Son...
To pay the price for who we are;
All sinners, one by one.

No, we can't earn the Father's love;
It's there if we just ask...
This gift is given from His heart—
How beautiful is that!

*Grace to you and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
(Phil. 1:2)*

- Jill Lemming-LeBlanc

Submitted by Jenny Hurd

Global Faith in Action
presents the
3rd Annual Universal Harmony Concert
A Joyful Dialogue of Sacred Christian, Muslim and Hindu Music Traditions



Sunday May 4, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
123 N. Andover Rd, Andover, KS 67002

Free concert. Free will offering.

Featuring:



Karnamrita Dasi
A rising-star singer trained in both classical and folk Indian tradition, Bhajans and Kirtans, Karnamrita is acclaimed as one of the most beautiful voices in the Vaishnava Hindu tradition and performs all over the world.



Jakub Jerzy Omsky
Wichita Symphony Orchestra principal cellist and hailed by Yo Yo Ma as an "extraordinarily talented and dedicated musician," Jakub is a Master of Western Classical Music and Christian Sacred Sound.



Ustad Ghulam Farid Nizami
17th generation Sufi Muslim, master vocalist and sitar player, Ustad is one of the foremost Pakistani performers and musical instructors in the world. Ustad's ancestor, Farid Nizami, designed the Sitar—the most revered musical instrument in North and South Indian classical training. He will be accompanied by his son Farad Nizami, a master tabla player.

A continuing Kansas tradition, Universal Harmony Concert is an artistic example of the way the world can live together in harmony. We hope you will be inspired by this truly special evening of unity in diversity.



Contact Jonathan Flesher 316.269.0635 or Email: jonathan@globalfaithinaction.org
Visit www.globalfaithinaction.org for more info.

Lord's Diner Food Truck

The Lords Diner Food Truck serves at Evergreen Park several nights a week from 4-6 PM. They served 417 meals on Thursday, March 27 and the numbers keep growing. 80% of those served were school-aged kids and their families. The Diner is expanding its days to include Fridays, beginning soon. Volunteers from MCS would provide a good outreach opportunity for our church.

Dillon's Food Coupons

The Shepherds encourage church members who can do so to add a Dillon's gift card to their shopping carts to help other church members who run low on food at the end of the month. (Before you consider buying a gift card, please consider whether this will effect your giving to the Sharing Fund or the church budget—if so, don't buy one!)

The gift cards will be distributed according to need and availability no earlier than the last 10 days of the month. If your food is running low, make your request to one of the Shepherds.

APRIL 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	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MARCH 29	30 Acts 15	1 Acts 16	2 1:30 NT Greek Acts 17	3 7:00 Bible Study Acts 18	4 Acts 19	5
6 9:00 Chld Sun Sch 10:00 Worship 11:45 Potluck 12:30-2:00 End of Life Seminar	7 Acts 20	8 Acts 21	9 1:30 NT Greek <i>Happy Birthday, Pat Cameron!</i> Acts 22	10 7:00 Bible Study Acts 23	11 Acts 24	12
13 9:00 Chld Sun Sch 10:00 Worship 11:30 Alzheimer's Prestn.	14 7:00 Wrshp Com Acts 25	15 Acts 26	16 1:30 NT Greek <i>Happy Birthday, Cody Esau- Rutherford!</i> Acts 27	17 6:30 Covenant- ing Service (No Bible Study) Acts 28	18 GOOD FRIDAY Hebrews 1	19
20 EASTER 9:00 Open House & Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 Worship	21 <i>Happy Birthday, Kierra Mont- gomery!</i> Hebrews 2	22 EARTH DAY Hebrews 3	23 8:30 a.m. Mis- sion & Service Comm. 1:30 NT Greek 7:00 Ch Council <i>Happy Birthday, Jeanette Stucky!</i> Hebrews 4	24 7:00 Bible Study Hebrews 5	25 Hebrews 6	26 <i>Happy Birthday, Alex Esau- Rutherford!</i>
27 9:00 Chld Sun Sch 10:00 Worship 11:30 Church Life <i>Happy Birthday, Warren Than- mithak!</i>	28 Hebrews 7	29 Hebrews 8	30 1:30 NT Greek Hebrews 9	MAY 1 7:00 Bible Study Hebrews 10	2 Hebrews 11	3

An April Morning

On a beautiful April morning
As I was walking down the street,
I could hear the bird singing,
Their melodies so sweet.

I could see the blue sky up above
And the good old earth beneath.
Was that God whispering to me
Or just the rustling of a leaf?

Then as it started to rain,
I began to wonder,
Was that God's voice I heard
Or just the rolling thunder?

At noon as I ate my lunch,
I thanked Him for my food,
And I had the feeling
That life was very good.

As the evening shadows lengthened,
I thought about my day;
It seemed that God was very close
All along the way.

*Lo, all this my eye has seen; my ear has heard
and perceived it. (Job 13:1)*

- Esther Edwards

Submitted by Jenny Hurd

MOVED: Doug Scarborough has moved. His new address is 704 S. Sheridan.