



Newsletter

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Mennonite Church of the Servant

2401 N. Woodland

Wichita, KS 67204

www.mcswichita.net

Worship: Sundays, 10:00 a.m

Jerry Truex, Teaching Minister

Scripture of the Month: Psalm 118

Song of the Month:

“The Right Hand of God ”

Children’s Sunday School

The last Sunday School for elementary children before the summer break will be May 18. Sunday School will resume on Sept. 7.

Thursday 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. 3.

Peace Picnic May 26th

Enjoy an alternative to the usual Memorial Day commemorations by enjoying local musicians at Central Riverside Park, near the gazebo 12-3 p.m. Bring your own lunch. This annual event is sponsored by People of Faith for Peace.

May Worship

May 4—Worship Leader—Doug; Teaching—Jerry: The Church: what it is and what it does— Peoplehood Images; Communion: Potluck

May 11— Church Retreat—Worship at Camp Mennoscah; Leader—Vangie; Teaching—Jerry: The Twelve Scripture Project

May 18— Worship Leader—Doug; Teaching—Lois: The Church: what it is and what it does— New Order Images; Church Life

May 25—Worship Leader—Bret; Teaching—Jerry—The Church: what it is and what it does— Images of Transformation’ Healing Prayer



Church Retreat May 10-11

Members and friends of MCs are invited to attend the 2014 annual church retreat at Camp

Mennoscah. Check-in is from 8:00-9:00 a.m. on Saturday, and worship begins at 9:00. The retreat will conclude after Sunday morning worship and clean-up.

The theme of the retreat is on the **Twelve Scripture Project**. In morning and afternoon sessions, retreat participants will choose the twelve scripture passages, from the many that have been suggested, as the ones MCS will focus on during the coming year.

For a full schedule, costs, and directions, go to the MCS website (www.mcswichita.net) and select “2014 Retreat” or pick up a flier from the church. To register, contact one of the shepherds (Pat, Lois, Bridget or Jerry)

Don’t Be Late!!

Worship on Sunday morning, May 11, is at Camp Mennoscah at **9:00 a.m.**

Church Plant Report

Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto is working on building a close relationship with the three sister congregations in Wichita. In addition, we continue relating to Western District Conference and its congregations. We are also connecting with the Mennonite Church USA, its agencies and constituency groups.

In order to connect and build relationships, our missional approach and driving force has been "come and see, then go and tell" what God is doing (Matthew 28:1-10; John 1:43-51; 1 Corinthians 3:11). Such invitation demonstrates that the intent of church life and worship at Aposento Alto is to experience God with the intellect and with the emotional trends respectively. We believe that such approach will allow us to experience the Christian faith in a personal, communal and missional level; follow, believe and be transformed.

Our Tuesday Bible study (six adults and 8 children – ages ranging from 2 to 15 yrs old) is beginning to experience such invitation. We have engaged in conversations about inviting friends, acquaintances and neighbors to come, see and experience God's presence. In addition, we will implement witnessing and exposure through fellowship, potlucks and outdoor activities like games and informal conversations.

At this point, church life and corporate worship are being decentralized from a building setting to a more organic practice and exposure, namely small group/house church. Such practice encompasses communal hermeneutics, discipleship, worship, public witness and English classes more recently implemented.

In summary, we have come across with Hispanics dreaming and seeking opportunities to be productive and successful. However, many of them lack skills or higher education or are undocumented hindering such goals and dreams. In many instances and in spite of having the skills and education, structural systems will refrain such opportunities to be available to them.

The economical recession effects, the brutal winter and the tough and changing immigration laws, are the leading cause for Hispanic not being able to find steady jobs or not settling in one specific place. In spite of all, we are seeing God's hand at work and our ceaseless prayers are with them as well.

Please join us celebrating God's work amidst Aposento Alto and its ministry. We ask for your prayers as we continue reaching out to four new leads and the three current individuals with whom we are already relating to and hoping to see God's glory in their lives (John **11:40 NIV**).

Byron Pellecer
Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto
May 2014

MCC Thrift Store

Wichita may soon have its own MCC thrift store to raise funds for MCC and help a low-income neighborhood I-135 and Pawnee, an area with few other thrift stores. It would need 6 months to a year's capital in reserve, about \$7500, raised through donations and short-term, low-interest loans. For more information, contact Sally who is representing MCS in exploring this project.

MCC Work Day

The Mission and Service Committee is planning a work day at the MCC office in Newton. Stay tuned for more information.

Everence in 2013

In 2013 MCS received 6 grants from Everence, a total of \$532.50 for our Sharing Fund—about 50% of what we paid out to help each other. That makes us eligible for \$3,000.00 from Everence in 2014 if we need it. Thirty two percent of our church members receive services from Everence.



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

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.

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.



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

MDS

Mennonite Disaster Service helps neighborhoods clean up and rebuild after disasters, like tornadoes or fires. Right now help is needed in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Canada. Considering the wild Kansas weather, we may need their help sometime. If you'd like to participate on an MDS team this summer, contact Sally, MCS's MDS advocate.

MAY 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 1	FRIDAY 2	SATURDAY 3
				7:00 Bible Study <i>Hebrews 10</i>	<i>Hebrews 11</i>	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:00 Worship Communion/ Potluck	2:30 Shepherds (Pat's house) 7:30 Immigration Servant Group (Pat's house) <i>Hebrews 12</i>	 <i>Hebrews 13</i>	<i>Happy Birthday, Jennifer Hurd!</i> <i>Galatians 1</i>	<i>Happy Birthday, Letyvianna Cheaney!</i> 7:00 Bible Study <i>Galatians 2</i>	 <i>Galatians 3</i>	MCS Annual Retreat—Camp Mennoscah
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
MCS Annual Re- treat—Camp Men- noscah (Worship at 9:00)	7:30 Worship Committee <i>Galatians 4</i>	 <i>Galatians 5</i>	7:00 Church Council <i>Galatians 6</i>	7:00 Bible Study <i>James 1</i>	 <i>James 2</i>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:00 Worship Church Life	7:30 Immigration Servant Group (Lois' house) <i>James 3</i>	 <i>James 4</i>	 <i>James 5</i>	7:00 Bible Study <i>Matthew 1</i>	 <i>Matthew 2</i>	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
10:00 Worship Healing Prayer	12:00-3:00 Peace Picnic, Central Riverside Park <i>Matthew 3</i>	 <i>Matthew 4</i>	 <i>Matthew 5</i>	7:00 Bible Study <i>Matthew 6</i>	 <i>Matthew 7</i>	