



Newsletter

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"Peace Be With You" Summer Reading Program

MCS will host four Friday sessions focused on helping children retain their reading and writing skills over the summer months. With leadership from Church Women United volunteers, children who completed 1st grade at Cloud Elementary this past year will listen to readings from "Peace Be With You" and write their own responses. Making healthy snacks, art, and games are also parts of the program. For more information, contact Sally Huber.

Neighborhood Clean-Up Day June 28

The NOMAR community development project is sponsoring a neighborhood clean-up day on Saturday, June 28. NOMAR will place a dumpster on the church parking lot and we'll have refreshments to offer. This is another opportunity to show that we are friendly people and we want to be good neighbors.



See important news about our church's finances and what you can do to help, on p. 2

Mennonite Church of the Servant
2401 N. Woodland
Wichita, KS 67204
www.mcswichita.net
Worship: Sundays, 10:00 a.m
Jerry Truex, Teaching Minister

June Worship

June 1— Theme: Images of the Church: The Body of Christ; Worship Leader—Doug; Teaching—Lois; Communion; Potluck



June 8 - PENTECOST SUNDAY Theme: "I will pour out my Spirit;" Worship Leader—Cindy; Teaching—Lois

June 15—Twelve Scripture Text #1: Romans 12:1-2; Worship Leader—Vangie; Teaching—Jerry

June 22 —Twelve Scripture Text #2: Mark 12:29-31; Worship Leader—Doug; Teaching—Jerry

June 29—Twelve Scripture Text # 3: Matthew 5:1-16; Worship Leader—Bret; Teaching—Lois

Focus on Mission

June 1— Children's Reading Program (Sally)

June 8—Mennonite Mission Network (Susan Nisley)

June 15— Peace & Social Justice Center (Pat)

June 22— MCC Peace Work (John)

June 29— Immigration (Sally)

Church Plant Report June 2014

Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto is working on building relationships within and outside the Mennonite Church family. In addition, we are seeking to work together with some civic groups and health providers in Wichita and its vicinity. Our missional approach has been "come and see, then go and tell" what God is doing. The intent of church life and worship at Aposento Alto is to experience God in ways afresh.

On Tuesday May 6 we had our first outdoor Bible study at North Woodland Park. Such public demonstration of our Christian faith evoked curiosity and interaction with a couple of bystanders who witnessed our live worship. It has been conversed and planned to get out of "the building" and meet our neighbors, to have a fellowship meal, play and engage with anybody around us. We were seeking to celebrate God's presence in our midst.

Our first fruit was our very own friend José. It was his first time attending a "non Catholic religious gathering." His family, the Samaniego, attends regularly our Bible studies and worship. José enjoyed it so much that he got fully engaged as we worshiped God with songs, prayers and communal hermeneutic.

José has expressed his intention to attend church regularly; "Pastor Byron, we are in great need of the Word, come more often." These words spoken by Jose resemble a hungry heart and soul for Christ. We will continue gathering at the park at least once a month for public worship, witnessing and fellowship.

God continues leading us through His Holy Spirit as this outdoor public witnessing practice has also prompted us to gather for Bible Study in the front yard of the Valdivia house and not inside of the "house church;" which resulted in a teen mom and three more kids to join us for worship as well!

Please join us celebrating God's love and mercy amidst Aposento Alto. We ask for your prayers as we continue reaching out and hoping to see God's glory in their lives of those with whom we come across (John 11:40 NIV).

Byron Pellecer, Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto, June 2014

Belinda Has Good News!

Belinda Cheaney has bad news and good news to share after her surgical biopsy last month. The bad news is that since the surgery, she hasn't been able to talk. But the good far outweighs the bad: the growth was benign—no cancer! We rejoice with Belinda and give thanks to God.

A Touch of Loveliness

Add a touch of loveliness
To the things you say and do,
Give pleasure to more people
By a happy smile, won't you?
Be thoughtful of the people
Whom you meet in shop and store,
Then to God you will be dearer,
He will love you even more.
Aim higher, think kinder,
Be a better, nicer you.
Aim higher, think kinder,
For this world has need of you.

- Sr. Mary Gremina Brunke
(Submitted by Jenny Wynn-Hurd)

Church Budget Needs Your Help!

The budget for our church operations is not where we would like it to be. As outlined at the recent church life meeting, we have fallen behind by \$3,761 as of the end of April. We can still meet our current obligations but unless donations significantly increase during the next few months, we will have to look at some serious budget cuts.

The Church Council recommends that all MCS members and participants think about their giving plans for the rest of 2014 and either email or talk with Jeanette about your plans. Jeanette will keep this confidential but will share the overall donation pattern with the rest of church council. This will help us to make better plans for the future and to think about alternative strategies. Please carefully consider this request, discuss it with Jeanette and pray that our church finances improve. Thank you.

(Submitted by Tom Ewert)

Golden World Concert

A Golden Rule Themed Evening at Wichita Riverfest

June 2, 2014 6-9:30 p.m.

featuring...

- Dance Performances by:** Safira's World Dancers, Mid-America All-Indian Center
- Spoken Word By:** Kaci King, Dramey Hayden
- Musical Performances by:** Jenny Wood, Trevor Stewart & Earthlines, Jakub Omsky, Ustad Nizami & Taraz Nizami, Roger Jaeger

Bottled Water Drive for the Homeless!
Drop your cans of water at the entrance of Waterworks Pavilion Stage (across from the Bookstore)

a spectacular concert you won't want to miss!

Global faith in Action invites you to join us at Riverfest 2014

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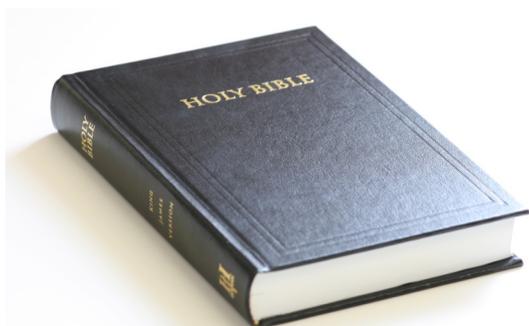
A World of Faith Living Together, Beyond Our Differences.

Fun Crafts Resumes June 14

Fun Crafts is a place for adults to have fun and be crafty. We will be paper "marbling". Racine Zakula from the public library will be showing us how to do this. Make cards, notebook, jewelry, whatever you can think of. The time is 10:30-12:00.

Bible Study

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



EVERENCE/LSS PARTNERSHIP HELPS PEOPLE GET OUT OF DEBT

Lutheran Social Service's Financial Counseling has had a growing partnership with Everence since January 2008. Through this partnership, LSS Financial Counseling has worked with hundreds of Everence members to achieve their personal finance goals. In addition, its Debt Management Plans have helped Everence members tackle more than **\$1,024,638** in debt payments. Every dollar is bringing those members closer to a life free of debt, and full of possibilities.

The *Debt Management Plan (DMP)* consolidates your monthly bills into one simple payment – often with a lower interest rate – so you can start paying off those debts and return to financial health faster. With a DMP, you pay your creditors through one monthly payment to LSS Financial Counseling. Because they are more likely to be paid in full, most creditors will stop any late fees and reduce interest rates. And free, ongoing financial counseling will help you build financial success.

For more information, contact LSS Financial Counseling, sponsored by Everence, at (877) 809-0039. Make an appointment or ask a question – a counselor is on call Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. (CST).

Shepherds on Call

June 1-7— Sally
 June 8-14—Bridget
 June 15-23—Lois
 June 24-28— Pat
 June 29-July 5—Jerry

JUNE 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
June 1 10:00 Worship/ Communion/ Potluck Matthew 8	2 Matthew 8	3 Matthew 9	4 Matthew 10	5 7:00 Bible Study Matthew 11	6 Matthew 12	7
8 10:00 Worship <i>Happy Birth- day, Tom Mierau!</i>	9 7:30 Worship Committee Matthew 13	10 Matthew 14	11 7:00 Church Council Matthew 15	12 7:00 Bible Study Matthew 16	13 1:00-3:30 "Peace Be With You" Children's Read- ing Program Matthew 17	14 10:30-12:00 Fun Crafts: Paper Marbling
15 10:00 Worship/ Church Life	16 1:30 Shepherds (Lois' home) 7:30 Immigration Servant Group (Pat's home) Matthew 18	17 Matthew 19	18 Matthew 20	19 7:00 Bible Study Matthew 21	20 Matthew 22	21
22 10:00 Worship	23 Matthew 23	24 Matthew 24	25 8:30 a.m. Mis- sion & Service Committee (Mc- Donald's, 61st St. N. & I-135) Matthew 25	26 7:00 Bible Study Matthew 26	27 1:00-3:30 "Peace Be With You" Children's Read- ing Program Matthew 27	28 Neighborhood Clean-Up
29 10:00 Worship	30 Matthew 28	July 1 Romans 1	2 Romans 2	3 7:00 Bible Study Romans 3	4	5

Marriage Announcement

Susanna Barrett Mierau, daughter of Tom Mierau and Lois Barrett, is pleased to announce that she will be married to Martin Hemberg in August. Currently living in Cambridge, MA, they will be relocating to the UK. We send our prayers and best wishes to the happy couple.