



# Newsletter

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**Mennonite Church of the Servant**

**2401 N. Woodland**

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**Worship: Sundays, 10:00 a.m**

**Jerry Truex, Teaching Minister**

## Bible Study

Bridget and Vangie are now the co-leaders of the weekly Bible Study, every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the church. The focus is on the scripture reading scheduled for that day. For the schedule of daily scripture readings, see the calendar on p. 3

## WDC Assembly

The annual assembly of the Western District Conference is July 4-6 at a retreat center near Waxahachie Texas. The assembly theme is 'God With Us—Patient and Persistent.' John Stoesz is representing MCS as an assembly delegate and will also staff the Camp Mennoscah booth in his new role as the camp's Executive Director.

## Help Iraqis Through MCC

As armed conflict forces Iraqis from their homes, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is providing vital items for daily life. MCC is also calling on U.S. lawmakers to oppose military intervention in Iraq and instead to send humanitarian aid.

(more on p. 2).

## July Worship

**July 6**—Twelve Scripture Text: Col. 3:12-17; Worship Leader—Doug; Teaching—Jerry; Communion; Potluck

**July 13**—Twelve Scripture Text: 2 Cor 5:16-21; Worship Leader—Doreen; Teaching—Jerry

**July 20**—Twelve Scripture Text: Matt. 25:31-46; Worship Leader—Geneva; Teaching—Pat; Church Life

**July 27**—Twelve Scripture Text: Is. 61:1-2; Worship Leader—Vangie; Teaching—Lois; Healing Prayer

## July Focus on Mission

**July 6**—Western District Conference Overview (Pat)

**July 13**—Western District Assembly Report (John)

**July 20**—Iraq: MCC and MCS Responses (Sally)

**July 27**—Immigration Update (Pat)

## July Shepherds on Call

**July 6-12**—Sally

**July 13-19**—Pat

**July 20-26**—Lois

**July 27—Aug 2**—Jerry



## **Help Iraqis** (cont'd from p. 1)

Please help MCC reach a goal of 12,000 hygiene kits and 3,000 relief kits for uprooted Iraqis and others in the region. Gifts of money support MCC's efforts with partners in Iraq to both respond quickly and continue long-term efforts to build peace. More information is available on line at [mcc.org/get-involved/kits](http://mcc.org/get-involved/kits) and [donate.mcc.org/iraq](http://donate.mcc.org/iraq) or by calling 888-563-4676. The Action Alert at [mcc.org/advocate-iraq](http://mcc.org/advocate-iraq) provides a simple way to contact your representatives and the President.

### **Mission and Service Recommendations for Iraq Response**

The Mission and Service Committee recommends the following responses to the political and humanitarian crisis in Iraq:

1. Support MCC with kits and financial donations (see above article)
2. Participate in public protests initiated by the Peace and Social Justice Center.
3. Join or initiate a prayer vigil (possibly sponsored by People of Faith for Peace) to pray for Iraq and collect donations for MCC and other organizations responding to the crisis in Iraq.

### **Peace Be With You**

Although the response from neighborhood children has been less than hoped for, the Peace Be With You children's reading program has been teaching children to read. Last time, the readings were "The Wisdom of Solomon," the story of young Peter Jantzen, a Mennonite Peacemaker in the early 1800s, and poetry written by elementary school children from Wichita

### **Mothers for Mothers Celebrates 21 Years**

Mothers 4 Mothers has officially disbanded. Thirteen families participated in a closing picnic at Watson Park and shared victories, concerns, and memories from the last 21 years.

## **Neighborhood Cleanup a Success**

Our parking lot was full, with cars on the grass and vehicles lined up for three blocks waiting to get in. Many brought more than one load.

In addition to several MCS members, there were two community service volunteers and representatives from the NOMAR neighborhood organization. Other volunteers registered people to vote and offered job opportunities (school bus drivers and bus monitors). Also, ice to cool the water bottles was donated by the neighborhood QuikTrip and Dillon's stores.

Well over 100 accepted brochures describing our church. Now that some of our neighbors have come out to meet us, the seed has been planted for them to come again on a Sunday.

### **Good News for Church Finances**

Thanks to those who responded to last month's appeal to help reduce a shortfall in the church's income, our congregation will meet, and possibly exceed, the income originally projected in the 2014 budget.

### **Dillon's Gift Cards**

Next time you're shopping, consider purchasing a Dillon's gift card for church members who sometimes can't make their food budgets stretch a whole month. If you're in need of help toward the end of the month, contact one of the Shepherds.

### **July Events Sponsored by the Peace and Social Justice Center**

**Pastors for Peace Cuba Caravan, July 15, 6:00 p.m.** Bring a dish to share and participate in a presentation and discussion of this year's humanitarian aid caravan to Cuba with Pastors for Peace.

**Ice Cream Social, Saturday, July 19, 7:00-9:30 p.m.** Enjoy ice cream sundaes with organic toppings and up-close live music, with acoustic performances by local musicians Tom Page and Ron Land. Cost is \$15 for the concert and all the ice cream you can eat.

Both events will be held at the Peace and Social Justice Center, 1407 N. Topeka.

## July 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
		<b>July 1</b> <i>Happy Birthday, Jerry!</i>  <i>Romans 1</i>	<b>2</b> 1:30 NT Greek  <i>Romans 2</i>	<b>3</b> 7:00 p.m. Bible Study  <i>Romans 3</i>	<b>4</b> Independence Day  <i>Romans 4</i>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10:00 Worship/ Communion/ Potluck	<b>7</b> 1:00 Shep- herds—Lois' house 7:00 Outreach Committee  <i>Romans 5</i>	<b>8</b>  <i>Romans 6</i>	<b>9</b> 1:30 NT Greek  Happy Birthday, Vangie!  <i>Romans 7</i>	<b>10</b> 7:00 p.m. Bible Study  <i>Romans 8</i>	<b>11</b>  <i>Romans 9</i>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 10:00 Worship	<b>14</b> 7:30 p.m. Immi- gration Servant Group—Pat's house  Happy Birthday, Bridget!  <i>Romans 10</i>	<b>15</b>  <i>Romans 11</i>	<b>16</b> 1:30 NT Greek 7:00 p.m. Church Council  <i>Romans 12</i>	<b>17</b> 7:00 p.m. Bible Study  7 p.m. Hispanic Church Plant Support Commit- tee  <i>Romans 13</i>	<b>18</b>  <i>Romans 14</i>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 10:00 Worship/ Church Life	<b>21</b> 7:00 p.m. Wor- ship Committee  <i>Romans 15</i>	<b>22</b>  <i>Romans 16</i>	<b>23</b> 1:30 NT Greek  <i>Ephesians 1</i>	<b>24</b> 7:00 p.m. Bible Study  <i>Ephesians 2</i>	<b>25</b> 7:30 a.m. Mis- sion & Service Comm.: 61st & I- I-135 McDon- ald's  <i>Ephesians 3</i>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 10:00 Worship/ Healing Prayer	<b>28</b>  <i>Ephesians 4</i>	<b>29</b>  <i>Ephesians 5</i>	<b>30</b> 1:30 NT Greek  Happy Birthday, Warren!  <i>Ephesians 6</i>	<b>31</b> 7:00 p.m. Bible Study  <i>Philippians 1</i>	<b>Aug. 1</b>  <i>Philippians 2</i>	