



# Newsletter

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Mennonite Church of the Servant

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Worship: Sundays, 10:00 a.m

Jerry Truex, Teaching Minister



## AUGUST 15

Come share food, music, and a movie with members and friends of Mennonite Church of the Servant. Residents of the neighborhood around the church will also be invited.

Music by the Upbeats (Doug Everingham and friends) will begin the evening's events, starting at 7:30, followed by hot dogs and soft drinks. After sundown, the film, "Finding Nemo" will be projected on the church building. Rain or shine, the party will go on—if it's raining, the party will move inside.

Bring blankets and lawn chairs, and invite your friends. You can also help by outreach to the neighborhood. For more information, contact Tom Ewert.

## Tuesday Spiritual Growth Group

A new group on spiritual growth has begun, meeting on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the church. We focus on understanding and practicing various spiritual disciplines for the purpose of "participating in the divine life" (2 Peter 1:4).

In the first half of the hour, in silence, we train ourselves by using various practices, such as Centering Prayer, Lectio Divina, the Examen, and several forms of meditation and prayer. In the second half of the hour, we learn about and discuss the theory and theology behind spiritual growth and practice.

For information contact Jerry at [jtruex1@cox.net](mailto:jtruex1@cox.net).

## August Worship



Holy Communion

**August 3**—Twelve Scripture Text: John 13:34-35; Worship Leader—Doug; Teaching—Jerry; Communion; Potluck



**August 10**—Twelve Scripture Text: Matthew 5: 43-48; Worship Leader—Bret; Teaching—Pat

**August 17**—Twelve Scripture Text: Lev. 19:33-34; Worship Leader—Vangie; Teaching—Lois; Church Life

**August 24**—Twelve Scripture Text: Micah 6:8; Worship Leader—Doug; Teaching—Jerry

**August 31**—Twelve Scripture Text: 1 Peter 4:9-10; Worship Leader—Cindy; Teaching—Jerry; Healing Prayer

## August Focus on Mission



The main mission focus for August is Mennonite Church, USA. On August 31, Jocelyn Graber, representing the Anabaptist Mennonite Seminary (AMBS) will present the Focus on Mission.

## August Shepherds on Call

**July 27-August 2**—Jerry

**August 3-9**—Bridget

**August 10-16**—Sally

**August 17-23**—Pat

**August 24-30**—Lois

**August 31—Sept. 6**—Jerry



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## Church Plant Report: August 2014

As I was drinking coffee, I could not stop from noticing this gentleman making his way in at the restaurant; his name is "Kip." With a big smile he was looking around trying to find "the best sit available." To my surprise, he sat down at the table next to me and from his lips emerged a big euphoric "hello friend." The greeting was followed by an apology for interrupting my reading about the two downcast disciples in their way to Emmaus (Luke 24).

Kip and I engaged in a friendly conversation about each other's life story. Soon after, he shared three things that stayed with me: First, his suffering from cancer. Second, his enjoyment of feeding a "big colony" of geese that gathers in a near by lake. Third, his car accident and how bystanders did very little to assist him. Then he provoked me even more with this phrase "I want to know more about God." My heart pounded at this point; then, he thanked me for dedicating a few minutes of my time to chat with him.

He took a sip of coffee and right there, he prompted this question: What do you do? I replied that I was planting a Hispanic Mennonite Church in Wichita. His eyes opened and asked me "Can I come to your church?" My Spanish is limited but I think that I can manage it, he added.

For the two disciples in Luke's narrative, their journey was heavy due to the latest development in their lives and town. They seemed to be disappointed and discouraged. It looks like their dreams and hopes were gone with it! On one hand, they hoped for Jesus to be the one who will save the world, but he was handed out to be crucified. On the other hand, they also had reports of his resurrection. They shared all this information with the "stranger" who joined them on their journey.

I resonate with both narratives; a genuine longing to experience God afresh! I am wondering how many more Kips are around us?

At Aposento Alto, we will continue "drinking coffee" as we join people's journey across the street. Please pray for us as we reach out to others like "Kip," people of peace.

As a missional community we resonate with the disciples to Emmaus: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32 NRSV).

Byron Pellecer

## Saturday Fun Crafts Returns

Saturday Fun Crafts is back and will be meeting monthly. All are welcome! The next meeting is August 16, from 10:30-12:30.

## Thursday Bible Study

Thursday Bible studies continue weekly, from 7:00-8:00 at the church. The study will be on the scripture for each Thursday. For a full schedule of scripture readings, see the calendar on p. 3



It is time for the annual Gift Discernment for MCS members and friends to process will begin in August. If you identified or re-affirmed your gifts last year, you will need only to review the tasks you agreed to do as expressions of your gifts. Those who have not been through the Gift Discernment process will be invited to have their gifts discerned this year. More information will be announced during worship services in August.

## Test of Faith

My heart is very heavy  
 With the burdens of this day  
 For it has been a time of trials—  
 Of struggle and dismay—  
 And all my prayers have been in vain  
 To comfort my despair  
 Or bring me blessings of my Lord  
 For faith in holy prayer.

Yet, I am not disposed to cry  
 For all in disarray  
 For God, I'm sure, has made this day  
 For me to find my way  
 And means, for me, to walk alone—  
 To prove my faith is strong—  
 When prayers are empty of reward  
 And everything goes wrong.

Michael Dubina

(Submitted by Jenny Hurd)

## August 2014 CALENDAR

All calendar items are at the MCS building unless indicated by \* **To put an item on the calendar, contact Brandon Morris, MCS Intern.** Brandon may be contacted at (316) 300 7744 or strwrzfn@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>July 27</b> 10:00 Worship/ Healing Prayer	<b>28</b> 1:00 Shep- herds*  7:30 Immigra- tion Servant Group  <i>Ephesians 4</i>	<b>29</b> 7-8 p.m. Spiritual Growth Group  <i>Ephesians 5</i>	<b>30</b> 1:30 NT Greek*  <i>Ephesians 6</i>	<b>31</b> 7-8 p.m. Bible Study  <i>Philippians 1</i>	<b>August 1</b>  <i>Philippians 2</i>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 10:00 Worship/ Communion/ Potluck	<b>4</b>  <i>Philippians 3</i>	<b>5</b> 7-8 p.m. Spiritual Growth Group  <i>Philippians 4</i>	<b>6</b> 1:30 NT Greek*  <i>Colossians 1</i>	<b>7</b> 7-8 p.m. Bible Study  <i>Colossians 2</i>	<b>8</b>  <i>Colossians 3</i>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 10:00 Worship	<b>11</b> 7:30 p.m. Immi- gration Servant Group*  <i>Colossians 4</i>	<b>12</b> 7-8 p.m. Spiritual Growth Group  <i>Philemon 1</i>	<b>13</b> 1:30 NT Greek*  7:00 p.m. Church Council  <i>Luke 1</i>	<b>14</b> 7-8 p.m. Bible Study  <i>Luke 2</i>	<b>15</b> 7:30 p.m.—? Neighborhood Block Party  <i>Luke 3</i>	<b>16</b> 10:30-12:30 Fun Crafts
<b>17</b> 10:00 Worship/ Church Life	<b>18</b> 7:30 p.m. Wor- ship Committee  <i>Luke 4</i>	<b>19</b> 7-8 p.m. Spiritual Growth Group  <i>Luke 5</i>	<b>20</b> 1:30 NT Greek*  <i>Luke 6</i>	<b>21</b> 7-8 p.m. Bible Study  <i>Luke 7</i>	<b>22</b>  <i>Luke 8</i>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10:00 Worship	<b>25</b>  <i>Luke 9</i>	<b>26</b> 7-8 p.m. Spiritual Growth Group  Happy Birthday, Belinda Cheaney!  Happy Birthsday, Cici Campbell!  <i>Luke 10</i>	<b>27</b> 1:30 NT Greek*  <i>Luke 11</i>	<b>28</b> 7-8 p.m. Bible Study  <i>Luke 12</i>	<b>29</b>  <i>Luke 13</i>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 10:00 Worship/ Healing Prayer	<b>Sept. 1</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b>  <i>Luke 14</i>	<b>2</b> 7-8 p.m. Spiritual Growth Group  <i>Luke 15</i>	<b>3</b> 1:30 NT Greek*  <i>Luke 16</i>	<b>4</b> 7-8 p.m. Bible Study  <i>Luke 17</i>	<b>5</b>  <i>Luke 18</i>	<b>6</b>