



Newsletter

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Tuesday Spiritual Growth Group

You are invited to participate in a gathering for spiritual growth Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the church. The first twenty minutes is spent in silence, focusing on "centering prayer." The rest of the hour is teaching and discussion about the theory and theology behind spiritual growth and practice, currently based on a book by Philip St. Romain, *God and I*.

For more information, see Jerry or contact him at jtruex1@cox.net or 263-0204.



If you want to go through the gift discernment process, please contact one of the Shepherds: Lois, Bridget, Jerry, or Pat. If you have yet to submit a "Roles and Tasks for Mennonite Church of the Servant" form (in lieu of going through the gifts discernment process), please complete and turn it into Pat, in paper form or electronically, this Sunday.

Shepherds on Call

Aug. 31—Sept. 6—Jerry

Sept. 7-13—Bridget

Sept. 14-20—Sally

Sept. 21-27—Pat

Sept. 28—Oct. 4—Lois

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Worship: Sundays, 10:00 a.m

Jerry Truex, Teaching Minister

September Worship

The theme for worship in September is "Anabaptist Hermeneutics" (how Anabaptists/Mennonites interpret scripture)



Sept. 7— Anabaptists and Scripture: Worship Leader—Doug; Teaching - Pat; Communion, Potluck



Holy Communion



Sept. 14—Scripture, Obedience, and Discipleship: Worship Leader—Doreen; Teaching—Jerry

Sept. 21— Hermeneutics and Community: Worship Leader—Doug; Teaching—Jerry

Sept. 28— Christ-Centered Interpretation: Worship Leader—Vangie; Teaching—Lois; Healing Prayer

Focus on Mission

Sept. 7— The Healthy Food Drive (Sally)

Sept. 14— MCC and Hunger (John)

Sept. 21— The Crop Walk/Church World Service and Hunger (Pat)

Sept. 28—Immigration Update (Pat)



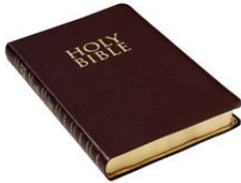


CROP Walk October 5

The annual Wichita CROP Walk raises funds to fight hunger overseas and here in Wichita. International funds may be designated to MCC. Walk off those pot-luck Sunday calories by joining the walk through Sedgwick County Park beginning at 2:00 p.m. (registration starts at 1:00) and/or by writing a check to "CROP" to support those who walk from this congregation.

Thursday Bible Study

Thursday Bible Study continues weekly, from 7:00-8:00 at the church. The sessions are based on the scriptures designated for those dates. For a full schedule of scripture readings, see the calendar on p. 4.



Apples of Gold

It's an apple-blossom morning.
Pink-cupped petals dance and swing.
The dappled swan goes singing by
To fill the pale-blue bowl of sky.

The fresh, sweet scent of orchard trees
Invite the hum of velvet bees.
Flocks of robins swing and swoop
As graceful as a ballet troupe.

Tall trees of apples on the hill
Shine in God's glory, etched and still,
As blossomed buds on trees unfold,
They shine in rays of God's pure Gold.
- Elizabeth Weaver Winstead
(Submitted by Jenny Hurd)

May God be gracious to use and bless us; may



GLC Thanks MCS

A letter from Global Faith in Action, one of the organizations this congregation supports, thanks Mennonite Church of the Servant for "your helpful contribution" which has "enabled Global Faith in Action to continue its mission and ministry—a mission dedicated to the strengthening of relationships between people of differing faith traditions." To see the entire letter, open the attachment.

Health Screening "Mission Trip"

Between July 28 and August 8, I was privileged to be on a Mission Trip, with the benefit of going home to my own bed each night. Each morning at 8AM, I helped set up the Lions Health Screening Vehicle at one of the sites. I helped the participants with their registrations. I also helped with vision and hearing screening and blood pressures and blood sugar testing. After their tests, I helped connect them with the clinics in town that serve low income and uninsured people on a sliding scale.

We screened 490 people on the Lions Screening Vehicles. 359 were referred on for more care.

At the Victory Church site we found a young man who will be going into the eighth grade. He had never been to an eye doctor even though the school recommended it, because his family had no insurance and couldn't qualify for Medicaid, probably because of citizenship problems. He had given up on trying to read and the other kids made fun of him, holding the book in front of his face. We were able to connect his family with a clinic that doesn't ask about your immigration status and serves families without insurance. His last question before they left was "If I get glasses will I be able to play sports at school?"

I'm proud of our accomplishments during these two weeks, but also humbled by what we could and should do for our community next summer.—Sally Huber



Aposento Alto
Iglesia Menonita

Hispanic Church Plant Report

"It has not been easy, but we are committed to it; even the little ones are partaking" were the words that I heard at our Tuesday Bible Study. This is how the families at Aposento Alto are responding after accepting the invitation to commit to daily Scripture reading and reflection. The intent of church life and worship is to experience God in ways afresh.

For the past month the theme at our Bible study has been "Dwelling in Scripture." The sole purpose of it was to invite families to fall in love with the Bible by reading, reflecting and living it out loud. I heard reports as to how the families, before their night prayers, are gathering and centering on what the Scriptures has to say to them and how are they going to respond to it!

Our Scripture journey began by reading the Gospel according to Luke and to be honest, for some people reading one or three chapters a week might mean very little, but when you are a "Christian baby" that amount of reading means a lot, especially when you can barely read, even when it is in your own language, needless to say attempting to make sense of language and culture far away from your home town. In spite of that, we have accepted the challenge and commitment of embarking in this adventurous journey.

One thing comes to mind, "it is not easy" to set aside time to read and reflect on God's word especially in the midst of a society that refuses to prioritize Scripture reading whether at a personal level or together with the family. I have to confess; sometimes it is easier to read the Bible by myself than reading it with my family. Hearing Aposento's report on Scripture reading and reflection has vitalized my soul once more!

We ask for your prayers as we continue reaching out and hoping to see God's healing and hope in their lives of those with whom we come across.

"6 Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. 7 Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. 8 Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, 9 and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates" (Deuteronomy 6:1-9 NRSV).

Byron Pellecer,
Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto
September 2014

Healthy



September is Hunger Awareness Month so it's important that you know 1 in 7 Kansans do not know where their next meal is coming from and 1 in 5 Kansas children are food insecure (stats from Kansas Food Bank and Feeding America's *Map the Meal Gap* study). We also know that based on a 2010 survey by the Kansas Health Institute, 40% of all Kansans have a diet this considered "poor", while 51% have a diet that "needs improvement".

While these trends are troubling, it also presents a perfect opportunity for congregations, community groups, and individuals to come together in helping meet this important need.

Please consider joining Partners for Wichita, Kansas Food Bank, and others for our first ever Healthy Food Drive that will go to benefit local emergency food pantries. There are many ways to get involved:

Share the attached informational flyer or insert with your congregation, friends, families and/or others by physically posting or sending via email (printed fliers can be provided to you as well)

Like Partners for Wichita on Facebook and/or Twitter and share this information with your social network friends

Plan to donate healthy items that we have requested (list on back of flyer)

Healthy food donations can be brought to 1) Kansas Food Bank (1919 E. Douglas) 2) Alef's Harley Davidson (5427 Chuzy Drive) or 3) Whole Foods (1423 N. Webb) between now and September 18th. For more information regarding the Healthy Food Drive, the link between poverty, obesity, and diabetes, or for general information click on the links below or contact us at Partners for Wichita

<http://www.kansas.com/news/local/article1307873.html>

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dr-mark-hyman/not-having-enough-food-ca_b_721344.html

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September 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
Aug. 31 10:00 Worship/ Healing Prayer	Sept. 1 Luke 14	2 Luke 15 7-8 p.m. Spiritual Growth Group	3 Luke 16 1:30 NT Greek*	4 Luke 17 7-8 p.m. Bible Study	5 Luke 18	6
7 10:00 Worship/ Communion/ Potluck 1:00 Worship Committee	8 Luke 19 2:15 Shepherds* 7:30 Immigration Servant Group* <i>Happy Birthday, Susanna Barrett- Mierau!</i>	9 Luke 20 7-8 p.m. Spiritual Growth Group	10 Luke 21 1:30 NT Greek*	11 Luke 22 7-8 p.m. Bible Study	12 Luke 23	13
14 10:00 Worship	15 Luke 24 7:00 Church Council	16 1 Cor 1 7-8 p.m. Spiritual Growth Group	17 1 Cor 2 1:30 NT Greek* <i>Happy Birthday, Eilysh Esau- Rutherford!</i>	18 1 Cor 3 7-8 p.m. Bible Study	19 1 Cor 4	20
21 10:00 Worship/ 11:30 Church Life	22 1 Cor 5 8:30 a.m. Mis- sion & Service Committee* 7:30 p.m. Immi- gration Servant Group*	23 1 Cor 6 7-8 p.m. Spiritual Growth Group	24 1 Cor 7 1:30 NT Greek*	25 1 Cor 8 7-8 p.m. Bible Study	26 1 Cor 9 <i>Happy Birthday, Jeffree Coba!</i>	27
28 10:00 Worship/ Healing Prayer	29 1 Cor 10	30 1 Cor 11 7-8 p.m. Spiritual Growth Group	Oct. 1 1 Cor 12 1:30 NT Greek*	2 1 Cor 13 7-8 p.m. Bible Study	3 1 Cor 14	4