



Newsletter

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Focus on Mission

January 4— Drivers' Licenses for Immigrants (John)

January 11— Wichita Circles (Teaching by Janis Cox)

January 18— Hispanic Church Plant Report—Byron Pellecer

January 25— Call for New Servant Groups (Speaker TBA)

Shepherds on Call

Dec. 21-27 — Sally

Dec. 28— Jan 3— Lois

Jan. 4—10—Pat

Jan. 11-17—Jerry

Jan. 18-24—Bridget

Jan. 25-31—Sally

Martin Luther King Holiday Events

The following is a partial listing of events commemorating Martin Luther King's birthday, all on Saturday, January 17:

7:30 am Pancake Breakfast, Christian Faith Centre (1130 S. Broadway)

10:00 am Community Wide MLK Parade (From Christian Faith Centre to the Chester I. Lewis Reflection Park)

11:00 am Book Drive for children in South Africa, Kansas African-American Museum (601 N. Water)

7:00 pm MLK Celebration, Chapel Hill United Methodist Church (1550 N. Chapel Hill Street)

Mennonite Church of the Servant

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Wichita, KS 67204

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Worship: Sundays, 10:00 a.m

Jerry Truex, Teaching Minister

Worship

December 28: FIRST SUNDAY IN CHRISTMAS:

Worship Leaders: Brandon, Jerry, Doug; Healing Prayer

January 4, EPIPHANY SUNDAY: Worship Leader—Doug; Teaching- Lois; Communion; Potluck



Holy Communion

January 11, SECOND SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY: Worship Leader—Geneva; Teaching—Pat; Janice Cox (Wichita Circles)



January 18, THIRD SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY: Worship Leader—Doug; Teaching—Byron Pellecer; Church Life

January 25: FOURTH SUNDAY IN EPHIPANY: Worship Leader—Lois; Teaching—Pat; Healing Prayer

What is Epiphany? “Epiphany, which means to **show**, is a season of light, when Jesus Christ is shown to be the light of the world... During the Season of Epiphany, we follow the... Magi as they follow the star to Bethlehem to find the Baby Jesus. We also follow the disciples as they learn to follow Jesus. We answer the question, ‘What does it mean to follow Jesus; what does it mean to go His way?’” (<http://sundayschoollessons.com>)



Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursday night Bible Study will resume on January 8 at 7:00 p.m. The text for January 8 is 2 Thessalonians Ch. 3.

Spiritual Growth Group

The Spiritual Growth group will not meet in January and will resume discussion of the Enneagram in February

Everence

Nominate a good steward. Who influences you? When it comes to good stewardship values and practices, whom do you follow? If there is someone you admire, nominate them for the Everence Journey Award. Everence gives a national award and several regional awards each year to people who model all kinds of real-life stewardship. Send your nominations by April 30. Find applications everence.com/journey-awards or give them to Sally.

Church Women United

Church Women United is an ecumenical group of dedicated hard working ladies (not old women). At the December meeting our president pointed out the many activities and hours of service to Christ and to our community. Our church received a Certificate of Appreciation for hosting the March 2014 meeting and all of Belinda's and my contributions.

Just so you know, we're planning to host the World Day of Prayer Celebration in March again. We're so glad the church council approved it a few months ago. You're all welcome to come have tea and pray with us.

Also in March we're hosting a supper and a breakfast meal at the Warming Soul Overflow Shelter. We're inviting Mennonite Church of the Servant and Praise Chapel to work with us. Since we're all small groups we can all work together to get the job done. We're estimating about 50 diners for each meal.

MCC Kits

MCC desperately needs 2,000 Relief Kits. MCC desperately needs 8,000 Hygiene Kits. MCC desperately needs 2,000 Blankets. There's still a great demand for school kits. Multiple situations of crisis around the world such as Syria, Iraq, Gaza and Ukraine have depleted MCC's warehouse inventory. On January 14, Sally will host a work party at her house, beginning at noon until we decide to quit. There will be a blanket to tie and finish and bags to sew.



Aposento Alto

Iglesia Menonita

Wichita, KS

(316) 440-5190

Church Plant Report January 2015

We celebrated the end of 2014 with a Christmas dinner potluck. Karaoke, singing and dancing as well as playing games were part of our fiesta. Our colorful tables were full of succulent dishes and above all, our hearts were full of joy and hope in a promising 2015. Christ was present through the laughter of children and adults while fellowship lighted up the Christmas tree.

Our missional approach 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). The intent of church life and worship at Aposento Alto is to experience God afresh.

This New Year is like a blank page; whatever we are going to write on it is totally up to us. At Aposento Alto, we are looking at it as a year full of opportunities for holistic Christian witness.

We will welcome 2015 with Café por la Paz' (Peace Coffee) at Spin City Laundromat. The intent is to provide complementary coffee and homemade cookies to our neighbors, the clientele of this establishment. We are approaching this witnessing event with four actions in mind: following, service, believing and transformation.

Please join us celebrating God's work amidst our community where Aposento Alto is a guest. We ask for your prayers as we witness Christ to our neighborhood.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6b NRSV).

Byron Pellecer

Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto

January 2015

Café por la Paz' –Peace Coffee

MCS will be helping host the first Peace Coffee at Spin City Laundromat on Saturday, January 10th, 8-10 a.m. We will be providing coffee and condiments, cups, napkins, and 8-10 dozen homemade cookies.

The purpose is to help Aposento Alto witness to the customers with four actions in mind: following, service, believing, and transformation. If you would like to help, please contact Geneva or Lois.

Thy Will, Not Mine

When I was young and filled with dreams
Of goals and sweet success,
I set my course and then my sights
On fame and happiness.
I knew with inner certainty
The things that I would do;
And so I strove, with God my guide,
To make my dreams come true.

With visions of accomplishments,
I failed, somehow, to see
That God, in time, had other plans
In mind, meant just for me.
So quietly and subtly,
As circumstances changed,
The dreams that I before held dear
Were gently rearranged.

For in His plan, God always knew
The path my life would take,
If I but listen to His voice,
And needed changes make...
Now as I put all faith in Him
And pray "Thy will, not mine,"
My heart is blessed with love and grace,
My soul with peace divine.

- Vi B. Chevalier

(Submitted by Jenny Hurd)

*May He grant you what is in your heart
and fulfill your every plan (Psalms 20:5)*

BAGS

We need all of your shopping bags, both plastic and paper or other. The Et Cetera Shop in Newton is in need of them. Raul and Sally can sort, fold and deliver them. So please bring us some to work on.



Peace Pies and Prophets is on tour and coming to Wichita, KS! This fun-filled event will be held at *University Friends Church, 1840 W. University, Wichita, KS on February 15, 4:00 p.m.* Admission is free. Pie auction proceeds and a free will offering will benefit Christian Peacemaker Teams and Food-4-Kids.

Centered around a live performance of *I'd Like to Buy an Enemy*, starring Ted Swartz and Tim Ruebke, the show unpacks issues of justice and peace building through humorous and poignant storytelling.

This interactive event is for people interested in engaging in laughter, thoughtful dialogue and pie. Yes, Peace Pies... The evening includes a hand crafted pie auction where pie sale proceeds will go toward the support of Christian Peacemaker Teams and Food 4 Kids, a project of the Kansas Food Bank. In the last two years, Peace Pies and Prophets toured across North America, raising over \$90,000 for Christian Peacemaker Teams!

In this hilarious and poignant satire we find a talking banana sharing his personal story about fair trade practices, witness the brain responding using both its rational and impulse-driven parts, and are welcomed into the shop of a persuasive salesperson who insists on our need to buy an enemy to ensure "optimistic living and comfortable maintenance of the American Dream."

You will certainly laugh, but you will also be challenged to reflect on the biases and unjust practices that pervade the American mentality, and be energized to find creative ways to address issues of peace and justice in your communities and beyond. It is a show that speaks across religions, denominations, generations and backgrounds, for people who aim to be the change we seek

January 2015 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
<p>Dec. 28</p> <p>10:00 Worship</p>	<p>29</p> <p>John 21</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1 Thess 1</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1 Thess 2</p>	<p>Jan. 1</p> <p>1 Thess 3</p> <p><i>Happy New Year!</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>1 Thess 4</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>10:00 Worship/ Communion/Potluck</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1 Thess 5</p> <p>2:30 Shepherds*</p> <p>7:30 Immigration Servant Group*</p>	<p>6</p> <p>2 Thess 1</p>	<p>7</p> <p>2 Thess 2</p> <p>1:30 NT Greek*</p> <p>6:00 Outreach Committee</p> <p>7:00 Church Council</p>	<p>8</p> <p>2 Thess 3</p> <p>7-8 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>2 Peter 1</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:00 Children's SS, Gds, 3-6</p> <p>10:00 Worship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>2 Peter 2</p>	<p>13</p> <p>2 Peter 3</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Jude 1</p> <p>12:00 MCC Bag Sewing*</p> <p>1:30 NT Greek*</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Rev 1</p> <p>7-8 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Rev 2</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:00 Children's SS, Gds, 3-6</p> <p>10:00 Worship,</p> <p>11:30 Church Life</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Rev 3</p> <p>7:30 Immigration Servant Group*</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Rev 4</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Rev 5</p> <p>1:30 NT Greek*</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Rev 6</p> <p>7-8 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Rev 7</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>9:00 Children's SS, Gds, 3-6</p> <p>10:00 Worship, Healing Prayer</p> <p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Rev 8</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Rev 8</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Rev 9</p> <p>1:30 NT Greek*</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Rev 10</p> <p>7-8 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Rev 11</p>	<p>31</p>