



Newsletter

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Where did we get the Bible?

What? The Origin, Development, and Canonization of the Bible

When? Lent Series 2015 – Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Apr. 1

Time? 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Wednesdays

Where? Mennonite Church of the Servant

1. Wednesday, Feb. 25: Who wrote the Torah? – The documentary hypothesis ... again

2. Wednesday, Mar. 4: How were the books of the Old Testament chosen? – The emergence of the tripartite Canon of the Old Testament

3. Wednesday, Mar. 11: What books were left out of the Bible and why?– Pseudepigraphal and Apocryphal Texts

4. Wednesday, Mar. 18: Who wrote the Gospels? - The oral traditioning process

5. Wednesday, Mar. 25: Why do we have different ancient versions of the Bible?- Textual critical, eclectic texts, and ancient manuscripts

6. Wednesday, Apr. 1: How were the books of the New Testament chosen?- The process of recognition of New Testament Scripture took over 350 years.



Mennonite Church of the Servant

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Worship: Sundays, 10:00 a.m

Jerry Truex, Teaching Minister

Worship



Holy Communion



Potluck

February 1— Theme: "A Christianity for the 21st Century." Worship Leaders: Doug and Brandon; Teaching: Lois; Communion; Potluck

February 8— Theme: "A Christianity for the 2st Century." Worship Leader: Bret; Teaching: Jerry

February 15— Theme: "A Christianity for the 21st Century." Worship Leader: Cindy; Teaching: Pat

February 18: ASH WEDNESDAY, 7:00 p.m.— Worship Leader: Vangie



February 22: LENT 1—Theme: "Upside Down and Inside-Out." Worship Leader: Doug and Brandon; Teaching: Jerry (Text: Gen. 9: 8-17); Healing Prayer



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. Our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and remind us that life passes away on Earth.

(www.catholic.org)

Spiritual Growth Group

The Spiritual Growth group will resume on Tuesday, February 10, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. for centering prayer and discussion of the Enneagram. Contact Jerry for more information.

Shepherds on Call

Feb. 1-7—Lois
Feb 8-14—Pat
Feb. 15-21—Jerry
Feb. 22-28—Bridget

Focus on Mission

Feb. 1—People of Faith for Peace (Pat)
Feb. 8— Kansas Legislative Update (Barrick)
Feb. 15— Overflow Shelter (Sally)
Feb. 22— Disability Funding (Sally)



Dillon's Coupons

Church of the Servant members are encouraged to purchase Dillon's coupons to help other members when they run short on food money toward the end of the month. Contact Pat for more information.

Apostento Alto Gathers for Worship

Apostento Alto, the Hispanic Mennonite Church Plant, has begun holding worship services in English and Spanish in the MCS building. The next services will be February 8, March 1, and March 15, 5:30 p.m.

Café por la Paz' (Peace Coffee)

The Wichita Mennonite Churches are taking turns hosting Peace Coffees at Spin City Laundromat on Saturday mornings from 9:00-12:00. The purpose is to help Apostento Alto witness to the customers with four actions in mind: following, service, believing, and transformation. You can participate by helping at Spin City or by bringing cookies to serve. Sunday, February 7 is the next turn for Mennonite Church of the Servant to host. See Geneva or Lois if you can help.



Spiritual Pilgrimages

Every year during the season of Lent, members of Mennonite Church of the Servant share their spiritual pilgrimages in small groups. This year, the Shepherds encourage pilgrimages to be shared in groups of 3-4 on one of two Sundays in March: March 1 (after potluck) or March 8 (bring a sack lunch, if you wish). See Pat to sign up for the Sunday you prefer.

The Mender of Broken Things

Have the threads of faith in your life grown thin?
Are they twisted by times of doubt?
Is God silent although you're prayed and prayed?
And you feel there is no way out?
Sometimes God's silent while working this plan,
But He's there and hears all your prayers.
So do not give up...God is in control.
You matter to Him and He cares.
He sees all the threads, so tangled and worn,
And He knows each trial your life brings.
Just turn every fragment over to Him...
He's the mender of broken things.
In His love, rest and trust in His ways;
He'll work all for good, you will see.
The more that you trust, your faith will grow strong,
So trust as you wait patiently.
God's time is right—not early or late.
Each flaw in your life He'll refine,
And one day from your tangled, tangled threads He will make
A beautiful, brand-new design.

- Beverly J. Anderson

Submitted by Jenny Hurd

I will give them knowledge;
This time I will leave them in
No doubt of My strength and
My power: they shall know
That My name is Lord.

Jeremiah 16:21





Aposento Alto
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Church Plant Report, February 2015

Why are you doing this? Several people at Spin City Laundromat asked us this question while we were serving complementary coffee. This is one of the many ways to show God's love. It is also a way to show to our community that we care for it and for their love ones; was part of our answer.

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.

We are looking for opportunities for holistic Christian witness within the city. 'Café por la Paz' -Peace Coffee- has been and will be an outreaching event held at Spin City Laundromat on Saturday morning.

During the months of January and February, we will be serving complementary coffee and homemade cookies. Our intent is to demonstrate Christ love and care to our hosting community. It is through this event that we hope to serve and interact with our neighborhood.

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.

"And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me'" (Matthew 25:40 NRSV).

Byron Pellecer

Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto

February 2015

Legislative Advocacy

Here's a toll free phone number for legislative questions, available Monday through Friday, 8AM to 5PM.: 1-800-432-3924. These calls are all confidential. They're answered by a team of Research Librarians who monitor what goes on in the legislature. If they don't have the answer, they'll find it for you.

World Day of Prayer

March 6 is World Day of Prayer. Belinda and Sally will be hosting the Church Women United World Day of Prayer Celebration at our church, like we did last year. Women from a lot of different churches come together to pray and celebrate.

Overflow Shelter

Remember when our church used to serve a meal at the Overflow Shelter each winter? Remember when people who didn't attend regularly showed up to help? Remember the fun and fellowship we had serving the homeless and God? Well now is the time to stop reminiscing and get to work.

Church Women United and Praise Chapel are serving supper on March 10 and breakfast on March 11. They can't do it alone, so we need your help.

Here's what we need in advance:

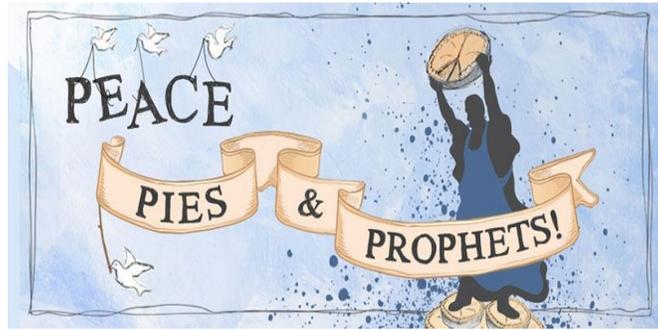
2 containers (72oz) Tang
3 pounds of margarine
5 loaves wheat or white bread
4 gallons milk
3 (9x13 pans) cornbread or ingredients so I can make it
25 pounds hamburger or smaller packages that we can mix in or money to buy hamburger
5 boxes cereal
6 (9x13 pans) egg casserole or ingredients
2 gal size cans fruit
2 gal size cans of tomatoes
6 dozen rolls or doughnuts
5 boxes crackers
5 (9x13 pans) cake or cupcakes
150 paper plates, 200 cups, 200 napkins, 200 sets flat wear, 100 sandwich bags
100 paper lunch bags or money to buy these items.
Volunteers to help make stew, chili and cakes. We may need paper towels and tin foil also.

Here's what we need on March 10 5AM to 8AM:

At least 3 more volunteers to help set up, serve, clean up, etc.
Volunteers to carry crock pots, etc. down the steps.
A "Faith Leader" or Pastor to be host and give the prayer before the meal.

Here's what we need on March 11, 5AM to 8AM:

At least 6 more volunteers to help set up, greet, serve coffee, make toast, clean up etc.
Some volunteers able to carry things down the steps.
We will also be making sandwiches for the homeless to take out with them.
Contact Sally for more information.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 4:00 P.M.

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.

If you can bake a pie for the pie action, please contact Pat

COMING EVENTS IN MARCH

Sunday, March 1 & 8—**Spiritual Pilgrimages**

Friday, March 6—**Church Women United World Day of Prayer**

Tuesdays in March—**Spiritual Growth Group, 7-8 PM**

Wednesdays in March. 7-8 PM—**Where Did We Get the Bible?**

Friday, March 13, 7:00 PM—**Movie Night: Immigration Film**

Saturday, March 21—Rev. Jim Atwood speaks on **Gun Violence**, Woodland United Methodist Church (time to be announced)