



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. Feb. 25: Who wrote the

Torah? – The documentary hypothesis ... again

2. Mar. 4: How were the books of the

Old Testament chosen? – The emergence of the tripartite Canon of the Old Testament

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

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

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

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

Newsletter

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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

Theme for Lent: "Inside Out and Upside Down"



March 1—Lent 2—Scripture: Mk 8:31-38 ;Worship Leaders: Doug and Brandon; Teaching: Byron; Communion; Potluck; Spiritual Pilgrimages



March 8—Lent 3— Scripture: 1 Cor 1: 18-25; Worship Leader: Bret; Teaching: Jerry; Spiritual Pilgrimages

March 15—Lent 4— Scripture: John 3:14-21 ; Worship Leader: Geneva; Teaching: Pat; Church Life

March 22— Lent 5— Scripture: 31:31-34; Worship Leader: Vangie; Teaching: Jerry

March 29— Palm Sunday (Lent 6) — Scripture: Ps 118: 1-2, 19-29 Worship Leader: Doug; Teaching: Jerry; Healing Prayer

April 2—Maunday Thursday— Covenanting Service, 6:30 p.m. Bring finger foods to share for the Agape meal



April 4—Easter— Scripture: Is 25:6-9, John 20:1-18; Worship Leaders: Brandon and Doug; Teaching: Lois

He is RISEN

Shepherds on Call

Feb. 22-28—Bridget
Mar. 1-7—Sally
Mar. 8-14—Lois
Mar 15-21 —Jerry
Mar. 22-28—Pat
Mar. 29—4—Bridget

Spiritual Growth Group

The Spiritual Growth Group will resume. Watch for an announcement as to when it will start up again.

Focus on Mission

The March Focus on Mission emphasis is Mennonite-affiliated agencies and organizations.

March 1—Hispanic Church Plant (Bryon)

March 8—TBA

March 15—Mennonite Church USA (Lois?)

March 22—Western District Conference (Pat)

March 29—Camp Mennoscah (John)

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.

World Day of Prayer March 6

March 6, 1:00 pm is the World Day of Prayer Service Presented by Church Women United, hosted by Belinda and Sally at our church. All of you, especially women, are welcome to come have a cup of tea and pray with us for women.



March 13, 7:00 p.m.

Mennonite Church of the Servant

The Immigration Servant Group is hosting the award-winning documentary, *Which Way Home* on Friday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m.

As the United States continues to build a wall between itself and Mexico, *Which Way Home* shows the personal side of immigration through the eyes of children who face harrowing dangers with enormous courage and resourcefulness as they endeavor to make it to the United States. The film follows several unaccompanied child migrants as they journey through Mexico en route to the U.S. on a freight train they call "The Beast". These are stories of hope and courage, disappointment and sorrow. They are the ones you never hear about—the invisible ones.

Everence Annual Report 2014

This report summarizes the amount of Everence Sharing Funds used by our congregation in 2014 and the amount available to our congregation in 2015. The amount is based on the percentage of our members who own Everence Financial products or services and my advocate activity in 2014.

- Used 9 Sharing Fund Grants = \$800.44
- Eligible Grant for 2015 = \$1250.00
- Everence Members—6
- Church Members 22
- Everence Participants—27%

So the Everence Sharing Fund provided \$800.44 in matching funds to support our special needs last year. Sally is your Everence Advocate. Let her know if you have any further questions.

Spring Break Filling the Gap

Filling the Gap will be feeding the kids because there is no school lunch available and possibly no food or working parents at home.

Sally's team will be at Friendship Park. There are 15 other sites you could serve at also. We need individually wrapped snacks for the kids to take home and money to buy the milk cartons and fresh fruit for the kids. Contact Sally if you can help.

Alternative Gift Market

The Alternative Gift Market has raised \$3,000 for the Combatting Homeless and Hunger Grants—\$1500 to Episcopal Social Services to help with the free lunches served daily, payee services and other services they provide to those people who struggle with mental illness and \$1500 to Dear Neighbor Ministry to help with a food pantry, counseling, transportation and many other services to the Hilltop Neighborhood and Plainview.

The Alternative Gift Market is a tax free, peaceful way to avoid the commercialism of Christmas and give gifts with a meaning. The AFG will be supporting 30 International and 6 local missions, again this year.

Volunteer Opportunities for Shelter Meal March 10-11

- March 10, 3PM, meet at St Paul's United Methodist Church to prepare for the Warming Soul Winter Shelter,
- 5-7:30PM, meet at 829 N Market, downstairs to set up, serve and clean up the evening meal, come prepared to fellowship with the guests
- March 11, 5-7:30AM, meet at the shelter to set up, serve and clean up breakfast

The sign up sheets are on the bulletin Board to help by working or providing food or cash for food or prayer. The menus are on the bulletin board also. This is a joint effort between our church, Church Women United and Praise Chapel. Like Bob says "It'll be Great".



Friendly and Fresh Award

Jennifer Hurd won this award from the Dillon's store where she works because her customers say she's friendly and efficient. Congratulations, Jenny!

Rest in Peace Doug Scarborough

Doug Scarborough died on February 10 and his funeral was held at MCS on February 21. Many of his friends joined in the service and shared memories of his friendliness, helpfulness and humor. A special thanks to Sally for bring Doug to our church It was a privilege to know him.

March Madness?

March is plentiful with opportunities to become informed about a variety of social issues and concerns sponsored by Wichita area churches and other faith-based groups:

March 5: Climate Change is A Civil Rights Issue , 2:00 and 6:00 pm.

Christians United is hosting globally influential speaker and long-time civil rights leader, Rev Gerald Durley, who will speak on this vital issue at an afternoon lecture at 2:00 p.m. in the CAC Theatre on the WSU campus. He will also speak at 6:00 p.m. at an evening roundtable event at the Marcus Welcome Center. Reservations are required for the evening event (<http://tinyurl.com/RegisterClimateKCU>)

March 5: Benefit Concert for Nigeria, 7:00 p.m. *First Church of the Brethren*, 1103 Jefferson: Music by Delores and the Pickin-Fretter and Mutual Kumquat (featuring Etan Setiawan, Walnut Valley Mandolin Champion, 2014).

March 10: Planting Seeds of Justice in the Global Market Place, Light Meal 5:30-6:30 p.m./Presentation at 6:30 p.m. *First Church of the Brethren*, 1103 Jefferson, Wichita:

David Radcliff, Director of the New Community Project, a faith-based nonprofit organization, will speak about the project's support of women's empowerment, girl's education and forest preservation through its partners around the world, while challenging the U.S. consumption-based economy for what it does to planet, people and soul.

March 21: America and Its Guns: A Theological Treatise, day-long conference with **Rev. James Atwood**. *Woodland United Methodist Church*, 1100 W. 15th:

Rev. Atwood has been working to prevent gun violence for 40 years. Atwood believes there are profound spiritual implications that outweigh the political ones regarding the prevalence of guns and violence in our communities, and that the faith community has a responsibility to strategize and find ways to curb violence. Co-sponsored by *People of Faith for Peace*.

March 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
Feb. 22 10:00 Worship	23 1:30 Shepherds*	24	25 7-8 Lent Seminar	26	27	28 3:00 Immigration Executive Order Update
Mar. 1 9:00 Sunday School (Grades 3-5) 10:00 Worship/ (Communion) Potluck/Spirit. Pilgrimages 5:30 Aposento Alto Worship	2 7:30 Immigration Servant Group*	1	4 1:30 NT Greek* 7-8 Lent Seminar	5 7:00 Worship Committee*	6 1:00 CWU World Day of Prayer	7 9:00-12:00 MCS & Aposento Alto at Spin City
8 9:00 Sunday School (Grades 3-5) 10:00 Worship	9 7:00 Church Council	10	11 1:30 NT Greek* 7-8 Lent Seminar	12	13 7:00 Movie Night: Which Way Home	14
15 9:00 Sunday School (Grades 3-5) 10:00 Worship 11:30 Church Life	16 7:30 Immigration Servant Group*	17	18 1:30 NT Greek* 7-8 Lent Seminar	19	20 <i>Happy Birthday, Isabelle Thanmithak</i>	21
22 9:00 Sunday School (Grades 3-5) 10:00 Worship, <i>Happy Birtday, Sally Humber</i> <i>Happy Birthday, Cindy Snider</i>	23	24	25 8:00 am Mission & Service Comm. 1:30 NT Greek* 7-8 Lent Seminar	26	27	28
29 9:00 Sunday School (Grades 3-5) 10:00 Worship (Healing Prayer) 12:00 Women's Reading Group	30 7:30 Immigration Servant Group*	31	<i>Apr. 1</i> 1:30 NT Greek* 7-8 Lent Seminar	2 6:30 Covenanting Service	3	4