



# Newsletter

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**Mennonite Church of the Servant**

**2401 N. Woodland**

**Wichita, KS 67204**

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**Worship: Sundays, 10:00 a.m**

**Jerry Truex, Teaching Minister**



**MAY 9-10**

The annual Mennonite Church of the Servant retreat will be held at Camp Mennoscah on May 9-10 from 9:00 Saturday through Sunday noon.

Special guest speaker, **Philip St. Romain**, will give two presentations on "**The Four Conversions.**" Other activities include structured and time for leisure and recreation, a campfire on Saturday evening, and Sunday morning worship at 9:00 a.m. If you haven't registered already, contact Vangie.

## **Spiritual Growth Group**

The Spiritual Growth Group meets Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m. for centering prayer and study of the Enneagram. New participants are welcome.

## **Shepherds on Call**

**April 26-** May 2—Pat

**May 3-9**— Bridget

**May 10- 16**— Sally

**May 17-23**— Lois

**May 24-31**— Jerry

## **Focus on Mission**

**May 3**— School Kits Project for Retreat (Bridget)

**May 10**— Camp Mennoscah (John)

**May 17**— Disabilities (Brittany Voth)

**May 24**— TBA

**May 31**—Aponsento Alto (Byron)

## **WORSHIP AT MCS**



**May 3 (Easter 5):** Worship Leader—Doug; Teaching—Lois; Communion; Potluck



**May 10 (Easter 6):** **Worship at Camp Mennoscah, 9:00 a.m.:** Worship Leader—Vangie; Teaching—Jerry

**May 17 (Easter 7 - Ascension Day):** Worship Leader—Geneva; Teaching—Pat



**May 24 (Pentecost):** Worship Leader -Bret; Teaching—Jerry

**May 31:** Worship Leader: Doug; Teaching—Lois, Healing Prayer

## **Acts 2: 1-4**

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*

## It's a Boy!

Doug and Joyce vonEhrenkrook are the proud grandparents of Thomas Ehren Clothier, born on April 1, to Caryn (vonEhrenkrook) Clothier and Zack Clothier. Congratulations!



### Church Report May 2015

Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto, Hope Mennonite Church, Mennonite Church of the Servant and Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church got together on Sunday April 12 to meet our Evergreen Community proclaiming that "The Kingdom of God is near" come and see; go and tell. Our intent is to be a community of disciples that makes disciples!

A few interesting things happened at our 'Hotdog Fest.' First of all, this was a joined effort with two main goals: outreaching and fellowship. Second, the four house churches from Aposento Alto met for the first time at this event. This face to face opportunity brought joy to their hearts as it continues sparkling their evangelism and disciple making commitment. Last but not least; it was during this missional outdoor event that one of our attendees was able to reconnect with Eliezer, a house church member. Gloria deeply rejoiced and Eliezer was able to pray for Gloria when she was admitted at one of the local hospitals several months ago.

Hearing their story of healing, pushed back to reflect in how important is to be led by the Spirit of Christ. Sometimes, it is just a whisper in our hearts and ears in order to be moved to an act of compassion and offer just a 'prayer.' It might not be easy to accept God's invitation to approach a perfect stranger who might be in need and bring some hope and healing! Friends, it is worthwhile to share Jesus' story with those around us!

*"<sup>2</sup> proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.  
<sup>5</sup> As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully." (2 Timothy 4:1-5 NRSV).*

Byron Pellecer  
Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto  
May, 2015



Calling all Educators: Please come with me to evaluate Everence's new Sunday School materials. Wednesday May 13, at 9AM. The new curriculum includes End of Life, All the Days of My Life, Money Matters for Youth, and Help Your Members Become Financially Fit. It's time for a refresher course on the End of Life Issues. All of us can relate to the other issues.

Calling all students and parents: Current Strategies for College Savings-webinar, Tuesday May 13, noon to 12:30PM. To register, go to [everence.com/kansas](http://everence.com/kansas).

Posters for both of these events are above the mailboxes.

### Church Women United

May 1 Friendship Day Celebration at the Christ Community Church is for all people who struggle with their calling of caring for the needs of others. Care giving can be a lonely place of isolation and frustration. Jesus calls all of us to care for the least of these. How can we provide support for our Sisters in Christ who give their own lives in order to care for the needs of others? Like Simon of Cyrene who helped Jesus carry his cross to his crucifixion, how can we help lighten the burden of care givers and join them on their journey?

Two women from our local group will be getting "Valiant Women" awards at this meeting

### Congratulations, Sally Humber!

Sally will be honored as a recipient of one of two "Valiant Women awards at the Church Women United meeting on May 1 (see above article)

## Treasures of Earth

Rejoice in the Lord,  
It's a beautiful day;  
There are sunshine and flowers  
Here on display.

The birds are all singing  
Wherever they go,  
Some high in the treetops,  
Some singing below.

And the smallest of wren  
Seems are building a nest,  
For to raise a bird family,  
A mother's own quest.

And the little grey squirrel  
Loves to romp in my yard;  
There's a fence that he runs  
And he never gets tired.

It's the prettiest sight,  
I observed it today;  
There are trees in my yard  
And a flower display.

And I feel so content  
With the sights, "soit seems;"  
The are treasures of earth  
And the loveliest scene.

Katherine Smith Matheney

(Submitted by Jenny Hurd)

## School Kits

- 8 unsharpened pencils,
- box of 10 colored pencils
- 1 eraser
- 1 flexible ruler (12 inches on one side, 30 centimeters on the other)
- 4 spiral bound, 70 page, wide lined notebooks

All in a 12x18 inch drawstring bag

School kits are MCC's most requested item. Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families whop struggle to provide basic school supplies. School kits are given to refugees and displaced children, helping students and teachers to restore some normalcy to disrupted lives. They are frequently requested after disasters, MCC sends school kits to places like Afghanistan, Jordan and Kenya.

And we're privileged to be part of the process. Let's set our goal to create 12. We'll get them started at the retreat and complete them when the school supplies come on sale this fall.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRI	SATURDAY
					May 1	2
3 10:00 Worship (Communion) 11:45 Potluck 5:30 Aposento Alto Worship	4 7:00 Church Council	5 7:00 Spiritual Growth Group	6 1:30 NT Greek*	7 Happy Birthday, Jennifer Hurd! 7:00 Worship Committee	8 Happy Birthday, Latyvianna Cheaney!	9 9:00 Church Retreat, Camp Menoscah
10 9:00 Worship at Camp Menoscah	11 7:30 Immigration Servant Group*	12 2:00 Shepherds 7:00 Spiritual Growth Group	13 1:30 NT Greek*	14	15	16
17 9:00 Sunday School (Grades 3-5) 10:00 Worship 5:30 Aposento Alto Worship	18	19 7:00 Spiritual Growth Group	20 8:00 am Mission & Service Comm. 1:30 NT Greek*	21	22	23
24 10:00 Worship,	25 12:00 Peace Picnic—Riverside Park	26 7:00 Spiritual Growth Group	27 1:30 NT Greek*	28	29	30
31 9:00 Sunday School (Grades 3-5) 10:00 Worship (Healing Prayer)	June 1	2 7:00 Spiritual Growth Group	3 1:30 NT Greek*	4	5	6

## PEACE PICNIC MAY 25—12:00

The Annual Memorial Day Peace Picnic, sponsored by People of Faith for Peace will be at the Gazebo in Riverside Park. Music provided; bring your own lunch.