



# Newsletter

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**Mennonite Church of the Servant**

**2401 N. Woodland**

**Wichita, KS 67204**

**[www.mcswichita.net](http://www.mcswichita.net)**

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

**Jerry Truex, Teaching Minister**

## **Pastor/Congregation Evaluation**

In July, members of the congregation met in focus groups to respond to questions about the congregation and the Teaching Minister. Dorothy Nickel Friesen, consultant for the evaluation, will analyze these responses and present her findings to the Church Council, and then, to the **Church Life meeting on August 16.**

## **August 30: Legislative Advocacy Presentation**

Barrick Wilson will conduct a PowerPoint presentation on how to work through the legislative process for the issues we care about, on Sunday, August 30, following the morning worship service. This is a presentation that Barrick will be giving to the Alzheimers Association later this fall.

## **Focus on Mission**

**August 2:** "Filling the Gap" Summer Food Program (Sally)

**August 9:** How MCC distributes international aid (John)

**August 16:** Global and local refugees

**August 23:** Global hunger and anti-hunger legislation (Pat)

**August 30:** Immigration (TBA)

## **WORSHIP AT MCS**

**August 2:** Scripture—1 Cor 7:1-24 (Marriage and Separation); Worship Leader—Doug; Teaching—Jerry; Communion; Potluck

**August 9:** Scripture—1 Cor 12-14 (Corporate Spirituality and the Most Excellent Way); Worship Leader—Bret; Teaching—Lois

**August 16:** Scripture—1 Cor 10:1-14 (Idolatry); Worship Leader—Vangie; Teaching—Jerry; Church Life

**August 23:** Scripture—1 Cor 15:12-24 (Resurrection); Worship Leader—Geneva; Teaching—Pat

**August 30:** Scripture—1 Cor 15:35-58 (The Resurrected Body); Worship Leader—Doug; Teaching—Jerry; Healing Prayer

## **Shepherds on Call**

**July 27—Aug 1—Lois**

**August 2-8—Jerry**

**August 9-15—Pat**

**August 16-22—Bridget**

**August 23-29—Sally**

**August 30-Sept 5—Lois**



## Wichita Coalition Against Gun Violence

The Wichita Coalition Against Gun Violence was active twenty years ago, successfully passing a gun safety ordinance, one of the strongest in the state. The Coalition has been reactivated to challenge the recent state laws that require no background checks or firearms training. The goals of the coalition are public education, legal challenges to existing gun laws, and legislative action.

The first event organized by the Wichita Coalition Against Gun Violence was a rally on July 17, to commemorate the deaths of nine church members in Charleston, South Carolina. Another rally will be planned for August or September in light of other injuries and deaths since Charleston. For more information about the coalition, contact Jerry or Pat.



## 70 Years Since the Atomic Bomb

On Sunday, August 9, at 3:00 p.m., members and friends of the Peace and Social Justice Center will gather to observe the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 and 9, 1945. "70 Years Since the Atomic Bombs: Working to Abolish Nuclear Weapons" will remember the victims of the attacks, commemorate the events, discuss the state of nuclear arms today, and call for a nuclear weapons-free world. The event will be held at the Peace and Social Justice Center, 1407 N. Topeka.

## August

The long, hot days of August  
Bring back to me a start  
Of memories of the seasons past  
That dwell within my heart.

Soon, it will be Autumn,  
Then Winter comes along,  
Its life a path of fury,  
Snow and winds so strong.

## August (continued)

Springtime is so glorious  
With a trill in each new day...  
All of the sweet, new presents  
That Nature gives away.

Now, as I sit here in hot August,  
The hazy heat and sun it brings,  
My mind turns to other seasons,  
Other Autumns, Winters, Springs.

James Joseph Huesgen

(Submitted by Jenny Hurd)



**Aposento Alto**

Iglesia Menonita  
Wichita, KS

Porque el Reino de Dios es una Celebración!

## Church Report August 2015

"My experience has taught me that in spite of the polarities and different opinions shown across the spectrum of the Mennonite Church, I found that serving my Church in a Christ like manner was a common ground and for that, I am grateful." These were the words of Hilda, my wife, on our way back from KC15 where she served as volunteer the whole time.

Soon after, the opportunity for servant leadership presented at Aposento Alto's youth group through Open Door ministries. It was during the Volunteer appreciation gathering that our youth group volunteered to serve food and prepare the service stations.

What a great opportunity to volunteer by serving volunteers!

In spite of the number of kids attending church, we are about to initiate a series of gatherings with our youth. Christian formation through discipleship, fellowship and service are the main objectives.

Aposento Alto is learning that the kingdom of God is bigger than the church and its institution, otherwise we will miss the kingdom in its totality.

Please pray for Aposento Alto's youth and families, for our house churches both established and new. We are about to start an Anabaptist Biblical Institute (IBA) at Aposento Alto, please pray for the tutor, coordinator and students.

Byron Pellecer  
Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto  
August 2015

## August 2015 CALENDAR

All calendar items are at the MCS building unless indicated by \* To put an item on the calendar, contact Jerry Truex

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRI	SATURDAY
<p style="text-align: center;">July 26</p> <p>10:00 Worship, (Healing Prayer)</p> <p>5:30 Aposento Alto Worship</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>7:30 Immigration Servant Group*</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>1:30 NT Greek*</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p>10:30 Wichita Coalition Against Gun Violence e</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">August 1</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>10:00 Worship (Communion)</p> <p>11:45 Potluck</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>1:30 NT Greek*</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>10:00 Worship</p> <p>5:30 Aposento Alto Worship</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>7:00 Church Council</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>7:00 Worship Committee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>1:30 NT Greek*</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>10:00 Worship</p> <p>11:45 Church Life</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>7:30 Immigration Servant Group*</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>1:30 NT Greek*</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Mission &amp; Service Com- mittee#</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p>
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