



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



Walk off those pot-luck calories by joining in the annual Wichita CROP Walk on October 4. CROP raises funds to fight hunger overseas and here in Wichita. International funds may be designated to MCC. You can participate by walking (the walk will be in Sedgwick County Park beginning at 2:00 p.m.) and/or by writing a check to "CROP" to support those who walk from this congregation.

GIFT DISCERNMENT OCT. 4

If you went through a gift discernment process last year, you will receive a copy of the tasks you signed up for last year. Those who have not gone through the discernment process (and others who want a reassessment of their gifts) are invited to do so after potluck on October 4.

CONFESSION OF FAITH STUDY

You are invited to study the Mennonite Confession of Faith on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, from 11:40-12:10.

SONG OF THE MONTH

"Who is so great a God—WB 62

VERSE OF THE MONTH:
Ps 77:13-14

WORSHIP AT MCS

Worship Theme: Apologetics
(What About God?)



October 4: Worship Leader—Doug; Teaching—Lois; Communion; Potluck

October 11: Worship Leader—Vangie; Teaching—Jerry

October 18 : Worship Leader—Geneva; Teaching—Pat; Church Life

October 25: Worship Leader—Doug; Teaching—Jerry; Healing Prayer-Anointing



MCS SHEPHERDS ON CALL

If you need a Shepherd's assistance, please call or text one of the following:

Lois Barrett— 264-3686

Pat Cameron—371-8274

Sally Huber— 871-8306

Bridget Siedler— 871-6771

Jerry Truex— 252-4673

FOCUS ON MISSION

October 4—Aposento Alto Report

October 11—Mennonite Housing

October 18—Gun Violence

October 25— Native Land Justice

Bread for the World Speaker October 6

You are invited to hear Rev. David Beckmann, President of Bread for the World, speak at Newman University. Tuesday, October 6th, 7:00 pm, Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision-makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Rev. Beckmann's presentation will be in the Duncan Library and Conference Center

Hope International: 40 & Celebrating!

Join friends of HOPE International Development Agency for a special 40th Anniversary Celebration at the 2015 Film Premiere & Dinner in the Great Room at the Old Cowtown Museum, Tuesday, November 10. (6:30 p.m. reception/7:00 p.m. dinner). HOPE is celebrating 40 years and 20 million lives transformed with a wonderful evening--live music, great food, silent and live auctions, their latest feature film, and an opportunity to give to help families in Cambodia. For more information, contact Tom Ewert.



BEYOND TOLERANCE

Wichita pastors, civic leaders and citizens are joining forces to overcome hate with love via a movement called Beyond Tolerance. The movement began in response to the murders of nine people at prayer in Charleston, South Carolina, when one woman tied ribbons around trees to express her commitment to overcome hate with love. The mission of Beyond Tolerance is to transform the community by respecting all colors of humanity through truth and justice. According to Bishop Wade Moore, co-chairman of the Wichita Beyond Tolerance movement, "We can heal the racial divide on our watch." The kickoff event for Beyond Tolerance will be at 3 p.m. on Oct. 5 at in the City Hall Board Room, 455 N. Main. It will be led by Honorary Chairman Mayor Jeff Longwell and Co-Chairmen Bishop Wade Moore and Reverend Sam Muyskens. Trees on the City Hall grounds will be decorated with black, white and brown Unity Ribbons. Citizens can purchase bolts of Unity Ribbons for their trees through Beyond Tolerance or from local area florists.



Church Report October 2015

At Aposento Alto we are learning that the kingdom of God is bigger than the church and that the church exist because God's kingdom is at hand. In response to our missional church approach, House churches discussions and collective Sunday worship are celebrated around such understanding of the kingdom.

We are also rethinking from the ground up what it means to be God's people and what it means to be "sent people" here in Wichita, in our very own backyards. Emphasis is being made in five basic components of missional church that require special attention --as we understand it fits in our neighborhood- like evangelism, repentance, conversion, discipleship and mission. In addition, we understand that we are challenged to be vigilant of our three dimensions of relationship --God, the Church and our community.

House churches --where intentional missional discipleship happens, at least for the most part-- are being challenged and inspired by our church motto "come and see, go and tell."

At the various house church locations, new friends are being invited and attending our gatherings. We pray and hope for these new friends to come and worship with us on Sundays.

Please pray for Aposento Alto's families and friends. Pray for our house churches both established and new and for our new friends. The Anabaptist Biblical Institute (IBA in Spanish -- Instituto Bíblico Anabautista) is going to be launched at Aposento Alto, please pray for the tutor, coordinator and students. We ask for your prayers for our October 11th and 25th collective worship.

"In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." 3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his path straight'" (Matthew 3:1-3 NRSV).

Byron Pellecer
Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto
October 2015

October 2015 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRI	SATURDAY
Oct. 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:00 Worship (Communion) 11:45 Potluck 12:30 Gift Discernment 2:00 CROP Walk	7:30 Immigration Servant Group*		1:30 NT Greek*		11:00 Shep- herds*	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00 Sunday School (older elementary) 10:00 Worship /Sunday School (Pre-School and younger ele- mentary) 11::40 Confession of Faith Study 5:30 Aposento Alto Worship	<i>Happy Birth- day, Tom Ewert!</i>		1:30 NT Greek*	11:00 Wichita Coalition Against Gun Violence 7:00 Church Council		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:00 Sunday School (older ele- mentary) 10:00 Worship /Sunday School (Pre-School and younger ele- mentary) 11:45 Church Life	7:30 Immigra- tion Servant Group*		<i>Happy Birth- day, Doug von Ehrenkrook!</i> 1:30 NT Greek*		8:00 a.m. Mis- sion & Service Committee*	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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Nov. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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