



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

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.

Cease Fire!

The Wichita Coalition Against Gun Violence is sponsoring "Cease Fire: A Gathering to Support Sensible Gun Laws in Kansas." The gathering will meet to



on **November 14, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon at College Hill United Methodist Church, 2930 E. First St. in Wichita.** Featured speakers include state Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau; Brady Campaign organizer, Loren Stanton; and Rev. Michelle Reed, faith representative for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense. For more information, contact Pat or Jerry.

Alternative Gift Market

The Alternative Gift Market, on **Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 10-4**, offers an opportunity to avoid the commercialism of Christmas. You can get hand-made, tax free, stress-free gifts that support missions all over the world. *Ten Thousand Villages* will be selling fair trade products. In addition, there are projects promoting education, gender equality, childhood mortality, maternal health, access to medical care, environmental sustainability, and hunger—in total, 39 opportunities for you to make a difference for humanity in Christ's name. Please note the new location this year at **East Heights United Methodist Church 4407 East Douglas.**



WORSHIP AT MCS

November 1: All Saints Day— (Mennonite Heritage); Worship Leader—Doug; Teaching—Lois; Focus on Mission: Open Door; Communion; Potluck



November 8: Peace Sunday—Worship Leader—Geneva; Teaching—Pat; Focus on Mission: Alternative Holiday Fair

November 15: Mission Sunday—Worship Leader—Vangie; Teaching—Linda Shelly, Mennonite Mission Network; Focus on Mission: Gun Violence meeting report; Church Life

November 22: Thanksgiving—Worship Leader—Brett; Teaching—Jerry; Focus on Mission: Western District Conference Report



November 29: First Sunday in Advent—Advent Theme: "Freedom Bound;" Worship Leader—Doug; Teaching—Jerry; Focus on Mission: Open Door' Healing Prayer

Song of the Month during Advent: "There is more love somewhere" (SJ 109)
Verse of month during Advent: Jer. 33:15

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 Jerry Truex— 252-4673

**“Moving Beyond Tolerance”
A Community Event
Sunday, November 22, 2015
5:00 pm - Century II**

- Join the growing number who want to heal the racial divide in our nation and community.
- Experience inspirational speakers from a wide variety of theological backgrounds.
- Enjoy a colorful array of musicians and singers from across our great city.
- Come, be challenged to take the next step toward a community living beyond tolerance.

**We Hope You Will Join us!
We can heal the racial divide on our watch!**

Mayor Jeff Longwell, Honorary Chairman
Bishop Wade Moore & Rev. Sam Muyskens, co-chair persons

MCC Relief Kits

The supply of Relief Kits is low. We need a supply on hand to be ready to go in case of natural disasters, violence and other emergencies. It's our chance to share Christ's love with those who are suffering; our chance to let them know we care. **Our deadline is November 28, 2015.**

Each kit contains:

- 4 large bath bars bath soap
 - 1 plastic bottle shampoo in a reclosable plastic bag (already been donated by Nancy and Jen)
 - 4 adult size toothbrushes (already been donated)
 - 4 new large fluffy bright colored bath towels
 - 2 wide tooth combs
 - 1 quality nail clipper
 - 1 box bandages, approximately 40 count assorted sizes
 - 1 pack Sanitary pads, THIN MAXI, 18-24 count
 - 4 large bars laundry soap (already donated)
- (No tooth paste; MCC will add that later).

Watch the video about Relief Kits on the MCC web site. And pray for the many people who will benefit from the love we share in the Relief Kits.

Everence

Remember, Everence helps you incorporate your faith and your finances. Let me tell you how.

MEDA

Our church recently received a Mennonite Economic Development Gift Solutions catalog. Through innovative International development, MEDA provides a future for families and whole communities, working to enrich, encourage and assist individuals and their families in improving their standard of living. The MEDA catalog offers us 11 options for Christmas giving.

MCC

We also received the Mennonite Central Committee Christmas catalog. This catalog offers you the opportunity to give the gift of Hope, Food, Water, Livelihoods, Relief and Leadership. This Christmas you can give a gift that changes lives around the world.

- Sally

Family Promise: Helping the Homeless

The Book of Isaiah asks that we feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. The Book of Hebrews suggests that by welcoming strangers we may entertain angels. There is a way we can help. On **Tuesday, November 3rd, at 6:30 p.m.**, local congregations are meeting to discuss how to provide, on a rotating basis, overnight accommodations for homeless families. The meeting will be held at **Northridge Friends Church, 2655 N. Bullinger.**

Our Lord is Always There

Our dear Lord is always there
To share our fears and care;
He gladdens up the saddest heart—
We know He's always there.
Beset by problems past our scope
To salve and to repair,
The answers come from Him above—
Our Lord is always there.
And when we find that troubles seem
Too difficult to bear,
He always lightens up the load—
Our Lord is always there.
He shares our fears, our hopes and dreams
With love beyond compare
And makes our lives more beautiful,
For He is always there.
- Dolores Karides
(submitted by Jenny Hurd)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRI	SATURDAY
Nov. 1 9:00 Sunday School (older elementary) 10:00 Worship (Communion) Pre-School—K Sunday School 11:45 Potluck	2 7:30 Immigra- tion Servant Group*	3 6:30 Family Promise meeting*	4 1:30 NT Greek*	5 7:00 Worship Committee	6	7
8 10:00 Worship Pre-School—K Sunday School 11:40 Confession of Faith Study 5:30 Aposento Alto Worship	9 <i>Happy Birth- day, Lois Bar- rett!</i>	10	11 1:30 NT Greek*	12 11:00 Wichita Coalition Against Gun Violence 7:00 Church Council	13	14 9:30-12:00 Cease Fire!*
15 9:00 Sunday School (older elementary) 10:00 Worship Pre-School—K Sunday School 11:45 Church Life	16 <i>Happy Birth- day, John Stoesz</i> 7:30 Immigra- tion Servant Group*	17	18 <i>Happy Birth- day, Adam Cameron!</i> 1:30 NT Greek*	19	20	21
22 9:00 Sunday School (older elementary) 10:00 Worship Pre-School—K Sunday School 11:40 Confession of Faith Study 5:00 Beyond Toler- ance* 5:30 Aposento Alto Worship	23	24 8:00 a.m. Mission & Service Com- mittee*	25 1:30 NT Greek*	26	27	28 ! !
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