



Newsletter

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Mennonite Church of the Servant
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Worship: Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
Jerry Truex, Teaching Minister

Shepherds: Jerry Truex, Lois Barrett, Pat Cameron
Minister: Sally Huber

February 6: "Welcoming the Neighbor: Prayers for Immigration"

Mennonite Church of the Servant, through the Immigration Servant Group, and Aposento Alto are co-sponsors of a one-hour prayer service focused immigration and immigration on Saturday, February 6, 5-6 p.m. The service will be held in the MCS church building.

Spiritual Pilgrimages

Lent is the season for sharing Spiritual Pilgrimages in servant groups. For those not involved in a servant group, the Shepherds will facilitate small groups after worship on **February 28**. Guidelines for sharing pilgrimages are on the church website—go to <http://www.mcswichita.net/Teaching/008-Spiritual%20Pilgrimage%20-%202014.pdf>. Hard copies are also available.

Confession of Faith Study

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

Forum on Refugees: March 12

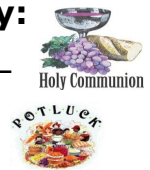
The Mission and Service Committee is sponsoring a forum on refugees on Saturday, March 12, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the church building. The focus will be on the world-wide refugee problem, what local refugee resettlement agencies are doing in the Wichita area, and what local churches can do.

Lenten Series on Prayer

What is prayer? Is it effective? What kinds of prayer "fit" me? These are some of the topics explored in a series of sessions on five Wednesdays during Lent, 7:00-8:00 p.m. (Feb. 17-Mar. 16)

WORSHIP AT MCS

February 7: Transfiguration Sunday:
Worship Leader—Doug; Teaching—Jerry; Communion; Focus on Mission—Global Faith in Action; Potluck



February 10: Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m. Worship Leader: Lois

February 14: First Sunday in Lent: Theme—"Living Ink: Letting Go of the Pen;"
Worship Leader—Geneva; Teaching—Pat; Focus on Mission—Immigration

Lectionary Readings—Deut 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2,9-16; Rom 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

February 21: Second Sunday in Lent: Theme—"Living Ink: Finding Light in Dark Text;"
Worship Leader—Bret; Teaching—Lois; Focus on Mission—Refugee Forum; Church Life
Lectionary Readings—Gen 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

February 28: Third Sunday in Lent: Theme—"Living Ink: Leaping Off the Page;"
Worship Leader - Doug; Teaching—Jerry; Focus on Mission—Legislative Update; Healing Prayer
Lectionary Readings: Is 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Cor 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Verse for the Lenten Season: 2 Cor. 3:2-3

You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all; and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.



BEYOND
TOLERANCE

Religious leaders are coming together, challenging each other to look beyond racial tolerance towards transformation. It is our goal to find a way to transform our community by respecting all God's people through truth and justice. To that end, religious leaders across our area are seeking to partner with congregations of differing color and culture.

"Beyond Tolerance" Dinner Dialogues: February 23

Happening in homes across Wichita, the Beyond Tolerance Dinner Dialogues bring people of diverse back-grounds around the dinner table of a host home to share how we can heal the racial divide by fostering new relationships and growing respect for each other. The dinner dialogues are co-sponsored by Global Faith in Action and the Wichita Area Ministerial Alliance as part of their anti-racism program, "Beyond Tolerance."

To register for a dinner, call 316-269-0635 or visit www.globalaction.org

In Defense of Christians

On Saturday and Sunday, February 27-28, St. George Orthodox Cathedral is sponsoring "A Symposium on the Status of the Persecuted Christian Communities of the Middle East:

Who are they? What are they enduring? What are their hopes?" Most of the speakers at the symposium are speaking on Saturday, from 9:00-4:30. For more information, go to <http://www.stgeorgecathedral.net/pdf/messenger.pdf>. To register for the symposium, e-mail gina@stgeorgecathedral.net or call (316) 636-4676.

NAMI Offers Peer-to-Peer and Family Classes

The Wichita chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness is sponsoring a 10-week series for adults living with mental illness challenges. This class will be held on Mondays, February 22-May 2, from 1:30-3:30 p. m. NAMI is also sponsoring two classes for families and significant others of persons with mental illness on Monday evenings, February 22-May 9, and on Thursday evenings, March 24-June 9. For more information about the classes and how to register, contact Sally.

MCS Hosts Church Women United March 4.

Church of the Servant hosts Church Women United's World Day of Prayer on March 4, starting at 1:00 p.m. Belinda will be in charge of the program. In addition to praying, those who attend will enjoy authentic food from India and help raise funds for an Alternative Gift Market Project (building bathrooms for women in India). You are welcome to join CWU in this day of prayer and service.

Mission and Service Opportunities From Sally

- Sew pillows and school kit bags at Fairmount Go Zones, February 6, 1PM. Come join in the fun with the kids!
- Filling the Gap Trivia Fund Raising Party on February 20, 7PM. We need 4 more people on our team to play trivia. Join the fun and win great prizes.
- I would like more help with my meal site at Hilltop Friendship Park during Spring Break
- During the Vietnam War, Church Women United chapters all over the nation made peace ribbons and brought them together to make a nearly 15-mile-long ribbon that encircled the Capital and the Pentagon. Now, CWU encourages churches to make "Ribbons of Tangible Hope" to display locally. Our church's ribbons could focus on Immigration or Diabetes or Gun Violence. I can provide the dimensions and the supplies.

Everence Scholarships

Applications for college scholarships from Everence are now being accepted until the end of February. Visit www.everence.com/college-scholarships to learn more about the scholarships and to download the application.

Budget Counseling

Lutheran Social Services Financial Counseling (in partnership with Everence) offers confidential, non-judgmental financial counseling to anyone in the community who faces financial struggles or would like to know more about financial wellness. At no cost, LSSFC will take a comprehensive look at the person's budget, debts, and income; then provide personalized recommendations and options to help individuals and families move toward their financial goals. Call 877-809-0039 for more information.

"Believe Within Your Own True Self"

Go forth with courage in your heart.
Dispel all doubt and fear,
And when you need a helping hand
You'll find God always near.

When failure stares you in the face
Fight back with might and main,
And if your faith is strong enough
Your goals you will attain.

Believe within your own true self
When things look dark for you,
And in the end you're bound to find
The sun come shining through.

Harold F. Mohn

(Submitted by Jenny Hurd)

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WED | THURS | FRI | SATURDAY |
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| Jan 31 10:00 Worship /Pre-School —K Sunday School | Feb 1 | 2 7:00 Worship Committee | 3 9:00 a.m.— Mission & Service Comm. 1:30 NT Greek* 7:00 Gun Vio- lence Coalition | 4 | 5 | 6 <i>Happy Birth- day, Nancy Hurd!</i> 5:00 Welcom- ing the Neigh- bor: Prayers for Immmigra- tion |
| 7 9:00 Sunday School (older elementary) 10:00 Worship (Communion)/Pre- School—K Sunday School 11:45 Potluck | 8 | 9 7:30 Immi- gration Serv- ant Group* | 10 1:30 NT Greek* 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service | 11 <i>Happy Birth- day, Karissa Truex!</i> | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Valentines Day 10:00 Worship /Pre- School—K Sunday School 11:40 Confession of Faith Study 5:30 Aposento Alto Wor- ship | 15 Presidents Day <i>Happy Birth- day, Geneva Hershberger!</i> | 16 | 17 1:30 NT Greek* 7:00 Lenten Series: Prayer | 18 7:00 Church Council 7:00 Aposento Alto Support Committee* | 19 1:00 Shep- herds* | 20 |
| 21 9:00 Sunday School (older elementary) 10:00 Worship/Pre- School—K Sunday School 11:45 Church Life | 22 | 23 7:30 Immi- gration Serv- ant Group* | 24 <i>Happy Birth- day, Bret Pre- heim!</i> 7:00 Lenten Series: Prayer | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 10:00 Worship (Healing Prayer) /Pre-School—K Sunday School 11:40 Confession of Faith Study 12:20 Women’s Book Study Servant Group 5:30 Aposento Alto Wor- ship | 29 | March 1 | 2 7:00 Lenten Series: Prayer | 3 | 4 1:00 Church Women Unit- ed—World Day of Prayer | 5 |

SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 24: COVENANTING SERVICE