



Newsletter

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

Forum on Christian Faith and the Political Process

In conjunction with the teaching series and the upcoming election, the Shepherds will conduct a forum on how Christians discern how to approach the political process and the upcoming election. Christians from other congregations will be invited and the session will be live-streamed to reach a wider audience. The tentative date for the forum is Tuesday, October 25. Watch for more information and plan to participate.

Church Life October 23

In October, the Church Life meeting will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month, following the worship service on October 23

CROP Walk

Walk off those potluck pound and raise money for global and local hunger projects, at Sedgwick County Park on October 2. The walk is symbolic, so even if you can only walk one block, you're walked in solidarity with people all over the world who have to walk for food and water. The CROP Walk begins at 2:00 p.m.



WORSHIP THEME: CHURCH AND STATE

October 2: *World Communion Sunday: Church as global community and the question of allegiances*

Worship Leader: Doug

Teaching: Jerry

Communion

Mission & Service: MCC School Kits & Relief Kits (Sally)

October 9: *Political discourse: Civility and Christian Attitudes and Strategies*

Worship Leader: Bret

Teaching: Jerry

Mission & Service: Gun Violence (Pat)



October 16: *The Proper Role of Government*

Worship Leader: Doug

Teaching: Jerry

Mission & Service: Using Dillons' card to raise funds for the church (Janine)

October 23: *What do Christians do when government acts against the gospel? (The question of dissent)*

Worship Leader: Geneva

Teaching: Pat

Mission & Service: Church Women United (Sally)

October 30: *Christian participation in the political process*

Worship Leader: Vangie

Teaching: Lois

Healing Prayer

Mission & Service: Get out the vote (Janine)



**Menonite
Disaster
Service**

MDS has had a lot of work to do and lots of opportunities for service. We may have missed the summer opportunities, but more are coming. English priest, C.F. Andrews, who was called Deenabandhu (Friend of the Poor) among the people he served in India said this: "Christ seeks from us deed, not words. Devotion to Him in the first place is not sentimental but practical. If the Christian Faith has no power to restore or recreate the human will, leading one to deeds of unselfish service, then it stands self-condemned (quote from *Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals*). May we be empowered in the weeks to come to do deeds of unselfish service through MDS.



Everence

The upcoming fall workshop is entitled, "Stewardship in Community: Standing on Common Ground." Everence plays a critical role in helping us learn how to incorporate our faith and finances. Please join us in learning practical and prayer ways to do this. Workshop options include October 6, 10:00 a.m. at First Menonite Church, 429 E. 1st St. in Newton and October 13, 7:00 p.m., Heartland Friends Meeting place, 14505 Sandwedge Cir., Wichita.



AARP Tax Assistance

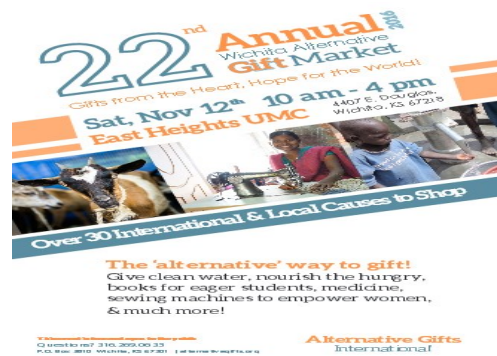
AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is the nation's largest, all volunteer free e-filing and tax assistance to low and moderate income taxpayers, with priority given to those over age 60. There are no fees and taxpayers

do not need to be AARP members or members of any other group.

Our church building will serve as one of many Saturday tax clinics—and we're not competing with Jeanette! We plan to be open most Saturdays from mid-January through April, 9:00 a. – 12:00 noon. Sally and two other volunteers will be available each time. Sally is taking training to help with taxes and facilitate the clinic. Other Mission and Service members are planning to be trained, as well, and Raul will be helping with translation.

Other churches who are serving as AARP tax assistance sites report that this is a good way to reach out to their neighborhoods. Since our neighborhood is largely Hispanic, a grant from the federal government is available to pay for advertising, a portable sign, 3 computers, a wireless printer and a wireless hot spot providing wireless Internet during this time.

If you want to be involved, contact Sally.



Alternative Gift Market November 12

It's time to start preparing for Wichita's 22nd annual Alternative Gifts Market, Saturday, November 12, at East Heights United Methodist Church, 4407 E. Douglas. There will be 30 International Missions, 7 local missions, and 5 vendors. Our church will be well-represented, with Geneva at the 10,000 Villages table, Vangie who will donate some of her art work, Barbara Kramer who is helping decorate, Sally who serves on the steering committee, Sally's grandkids who are staffing international mission tables, and Belinda who will be helping where needed. This is your chance to "Act Locally and Impact Globally." According to Sally, "It's your chance to avoid the commercialism of the holiday and give a tax-free homemade gift with a meaning. I'm looking forward to seeing you there."

OCTOBER 2016 CALENDAR

All events are in the Mennonite Church of the Servant Building unless followed by an *

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Sept. 25	26	27	28	29	30	Oct. 1
10:00 Worship/Healing Prayer		1:30pm NT Greek *	7:30 Immigra- tion Servant Group*		1:30 Shep- herds*	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10:00 Worship(Communion)/Pre- School—K Sunday School 11:45 Potluck 2:00 CROP Walk		1:30pm NT Greek *				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:00 Middle School Age Sunday School 10:00 Worship /Pre-School—K Sunday School 11:45 Discipleship Group 5:30 Aposento Alto Worship		1:30pm NT Greek *	<i>Happy Birth- day, Tom Ew- ert!</i>			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:00 Middle School Age Sunday School 10:00 Worship/ Pre-School—K Sunday School		1:30pm NT Greek *	<i>Happy Birth- day, Janine!</i>	7:30 Church Council	<i>Happy Birth- day, Doug von Eh- renkrook!</i>	6:30-8:00 Women's Reading Group
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:00 Middle School Age Sunday School 10:00 Worship (Healing Prayer)/Pre- School—K Sunday School 11:45 Church Life 5:30 Aposento Alto Worship		1:30pm NT Greek *	<i>Happy Birth- day, Jeffree Coba!</i>		9:00 a.m. Mission & Service Com- mittee*	
30	31	Nov. 1	2	3	4	5
9:00 Middle School Age Sunday School 10:00 Worship(Communion)/Pre- School—K Sunday School <i>Happy Birthday, Doreene Esau- Rutherford!</i>	All Hallows Eve (Halloween)	All Saints Day 1:30pm NT Greek *				