



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

JANUARY WORSHIP

January 1—Epiphany Sunday: *Thankful for in the past year/hopeful for in the new year/Where has light shown for you?*

Scripture: Isaiah 60:16

Worship Leader: Doug

Teaching: Jerry

Communion

Focus on Mission: Death Penalty Response (Pat)



Movie Night January 20:

"A Requiem for the American Dream"

On Friday, January 20 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, we are showing Noam Chomsky's new film, "A Requiem for the American Dream" (2015).

In this highly-acclaimed film of documentary interviews, Chomsky offers ten basic, easy to understand reasons why American ideals have been sabotaged and why most Americans are experiencing economic hopelessness. It is a wakeup call for Americans, but also for the Christian Church, whose moral and religious ideals are being thrown to the wind and trampled underfoot.

Please join us. Share your comments and questions. Let us put our minds together. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Pat or Jerry.

February 11 Forum on Native American Justice:

You are invited to a forum on "*Native American Justice: What Does the Lord Require?*" on Saturday, February 11, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon at Mennonite Church of the Servant

Wichita, Kansas is named after two Native nations. But nearly all Native Americans were removed from Kansas by the early 1870s to make way for European American settlers.

Unfortunately, white Christians were heavily involved in the historical processes of colonization—mass killing through disease, starvation and violence; destruction of spirituality, language and culture through boarding schools; and land theft.

Through a simulation exercise, "The Loss of Turtle Island," led by Erica Littlewolf and Karin Kaufman Wall (MCC) and presentations by Pauline Littlewolf (Member of the Kanza nation) and John Stoesz, the goal of the forum is to answer the question: "*What are Christians to say and do today?*"

January 8 - *Baptism of the Lord*

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Worship Leader: Doug

Teaching: Janine

Focus on Mission: Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday (Pat)

January 15

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; John 1:29-42

Worship Leader: Geneva

Teaching: Pat

Focus on Mission: Inauguration Reflections (John)

January 22

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:1-18

Worship Leader: Bret

Teaching: Lois

Focus on Mission: Forum on Native American Justice (John)

January 29

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Worship Leader: Vangie

Teaching: Lois

Healing Prayer

Focus on Mission: Dillons Community Rewards (Janine)

DILLONS REWARDS CAN BRING FUNDING TO MENNONITE CHURCH OF THE SERVANT

Mennonite Church of the Servant has been accepted into the Dillons Community Rewards program. Dillons rewards 5% of qualifying purchases to designated non-profit organizations. Those who wish to participate must have 1) a Dillons Plus card, 2) a valid e-mail address, and 3) a personalized account on the Dillons website. The code number for Mennonite Church of the Servant is 65386.

For assistance in setting up an online account and directing 5% of your Dillons purchases to the church, call 800-576-4377, option 3. Also, on January 29, members of the Mission and Service Committee will be available after the worship service to help you through the process.

GROCERY COUPONS AVAILABLE

Members and participants in Mennonite Church of the Servant who run short on food can access Dillons a pre-paid gift card by contacting a Shepherd (Pat, Jerry, or Lois), as long as these cards last. Members who can afford to do so are encouraged to pick up a \$10 card or two when shopping to replenish the supply.



Kansas Peoples Agenda Rally January 11

Come take over the Kansas Capitol with 1,000+ Kansans on January 11, starting at 10:15 a.m.

The rally will feature speakers sharing personal stories related to the issues, music and performance art. We believe that standing together to represent a broad fusion of concerns from the people of Kansas is a way to build power and to be heard.

We will also be joined by clergy of many faith traditions, who stand as a moral witness to our movement and to our struggles and suffering. We represent people from all over the state in addition to many different experiences in Kansas.

After the Rally: Visit your legislator, sit in on a committee meeting, sightsee in our beautiful capitol, be a moral witness, and more.

For more information, go to [facebook.com/events/1696874487309584/?active_tab=about](https://www.facebook.com/events/1696874487309584/?active_tab=about) or contact Pat or Janine/

"The Difference between Curing and Healing"

by Jerry Truex

I have recently been diagnosed with heart disease. All of us face, or will face, these types of challenges. Most of us want a quick fix. Who wouldn't? Shouldn't we pray to Jesus and get the fix? The problem is a quick fix isn't always possible and God doesn't seem to act on demand anyway.

What about biblical passages that seem to indicate Jesus cured everyone who came to him? What about Matthew 4:24: "They brought to Jesus all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them"?

In reflection on Matthew's claim, I find it helpful to distinguish between curing and healing. The Greek word that Matthew uses for "healed" is *etherapeusen*, which can be translated "he cured" or "he healed." Curing and healing are often viewed as synonymous, but they are not. Curing is the goal of medical doctors, who seek to restore physical organs to healthy conditions. Healing is an inner, spiritual goal of working through the anxiety, depression, and grief of physical and emotional debilitation. Curing addresses what medical doctors call "disease," whereas healing concerns "illness," the social and psychological meaning of disease. Healing may allow us to run, but curing allows us to live.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jerry'.

JANUARY 2017 CALENDAR

(all meetings at the church building, unless designated by *)

To add an item to the calendar, contact Geneva

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan. 1 10:00 Worship (Communion)/Pre-Schl-K SS 11:45 Potluck	2	3 1:30pm NT Greek *	4	5	6 1:00 Shep- herds*	7 9-1 AARP Tax Prep. Training
8 9:15 Mdl Schl SS 10:00 Worship/ Pre-Schl-K SS 11:45 Discipleship Group 5:30 Apostento Alto Wor- ship	9 7:30 Immigra- tion Servant Group*	10 1:30pm NT Greek *	11	12	13	14
15 10:00 Worship/ Pre-Schl-K SS 11:45 Discipleship Group	16	17 1:30pm NT Greek * 7:00 Church Council	18	19	20 9:00 a.m. Mis- sion & Service Committee* 7:00 Movie Night: <i>A Requi- em for the American Dream</i>	21
22 9:15 Mdl Schl SS 10:00 Worship/Pre-Schl-K SS 11:45 Church Life 5:30 Apostento Alto Wor- ship	23	24 1:30pm NT Greek *	25	26 6:00 Aposento Alto Support Committee*	27	28 6:30 Women's Reading Group
29 10:00 Worship (Healing Prayer)/Pre-Schl-Middle Schl. SS 11:15 Dillons Rewards Sign-Up help 11:45 Discipleship Group	30	31 1:30pm NT Greek *	Feb 1	2	3	4 9:00 AARP Tax Preparation begins