



Newsletter

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

MARCH WORSHIP

**March 1, 7:00 p.m.: ASH
WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

Worship Leader: Vangie



RESTORE US, O GOD!

March 5: Lent 1 — We hunger

Worship Leader: Doug

Teaching: Lois

Communion

Focus on Mission: Everence



March 12: Lent 2 — We wonder

Worship Leader: Geneva

Teaching: Pat

Focus on Mission: Global Faith in Action

March 19: Lent 3 — We thirst

Worship Leader: Bret

Teaching: Jerry

Focus on Mission (Special Offering): Global Faith in Action

March 26: Lent 4 — We see

Worship Leader: Doug

Teaching (congregational meditations led by Janine)

Healing Prayer

Focus on Mission: MCC Relief Sale



**Lenten Bible Study:
The Book of Revelation
Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.**

March 8: The Book of Revelation: Fact, fiction, or what? (Rev 1-22)

March 15: To the Seven Churches: Resist Empire! (Rev 2-3)

March 22: Worship, the spirituality of revelation, and following the Lamb (Rev. 4-5)

March 29: The Beast, the Great Harlot, Babylon the Great, and the economic exploitation by the Empire (Rev 17-18)

April 5: New Heaven/New Earth (Rev 21-22)

Movie Night, March 17

In March, it's the adults' turn. We will view a movie of social, political, and religious importance regarding the times in which we live. Please be on hand to greet the many guests we expect to attend. Showtime is at 7:00 p.m.



A webinar about the "Basics of Investing" is available to all of you on *Tuesday, March 21 at 2PM or 8PM.*

In this webinar, you will discuss how investing can help you meet your financial goals, go over the different types of investments and help determine your appropriate level of risk.

Another webinar called "Narrative Budgeting: Making Numbers Come Alive" will be on *Thursday, March 23 at 2PM or 8PM.* In this webinar you'll discuss how the church budget can go beyond numbers to present an inspiring vision of the Living Spirit working in your church. Maybe we could view these together and have our own discussions, also.

Registration is important for both of these webinars. Ask me for more information, please.—Sally

AARP TAX - AIDE

Of the people who have come for tax help so far, about 30% came because they received a post card, 15% because they saw the signs. The others read about our service in other places like the Community Centers, AARP literature or the Coffee News.

Remember what I said about needing to do 50 e-files in order to be considered a successful tax site? Well, it's getting harder to reach that goal of 50. As of this Saturday, we have 19 e-files. We've spent a lot of time working on other tax problems and filing for previous years or paper submissions because that's what our customers need, even though it doesn't count toward our "50".

It seems to me that we're called more to helping with all these other issues (that I never knew about before I started helping with taxes) than e-filing. Many of our constituents have problems: getting behind in their filing, or dealing with their tax returns going to back child support or other debts, being incarcerated, being broke, having stolen names or social security numbers, and not knowing where or who to turn to turn for help. Some of these things take a few hours to work out; all of these taxes have to be paper forms mailed in. So they don't count to out "50".

But they count immensely by bringing "Good News" to our customers. That seems to be our real tax ministry. It's a great outreach for our church. I'm thankful that our team is making it happen.

So in the next 7 weeks we need to do 31 e-files. Please help get the word out, so we can fill the appointment slots and help more of our neighbors. Your most important job is to pray for us each Saturday.

Sally



MARCH 2017 CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb. 26 9:00 Middle Schl SS 10:00 Worship /Pre-Schl-K SS	27 10:30 Wichita Coalition Against Gun Violence	28	March 1 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	2	3 10:30 Shepherds*	4 9-2 Tax Aide
5 9:00 Middle Schl SS 10:00 Worship (Communion)/ Pre-Schl-K SS 11:45 Potluck	6 7:30 immigration Servant Group*	7 1:30pm NT Greek * 7:00 Aposento Alto Support Committee	8 7:00 Lenten Bible Study	9 7:00 Worship Committee	10	11 9-2 Tax Aide
12 10:00 Worship/ Pre-Schl-K SS 11:45 Discipleship Group 5:30 Aposento Alto Worship	13 7:00 Church Council	14 1:30pm NT Greek * 7:00 Church Council	15 7:00 Lenten Bible Study	16	17 7:00 Movie Night	18 9-2 Tax Aide
19 10:00 Worship/ Pre-Schl-K SS 11:45 Church Life	20 <i>Happy Birthday, Isabelle Thanmithak!</i>	21 1:30pm NT Greek *	22 <i>Happy Birthday, Sally Huber!</i> <i>Happy Birthday, Cindy Snider!</i> 7:00 Lenten Bible Study	23	24	25 9-2 Tax Aide 6:30 Women's Reading Group
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