



Newsletter

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May Newsletter—Supplemental Edition

Mennonite Church of the Servant
2401 N. Woodland
Wichita, KS 67204
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Worship: Sundays, 10:00 a.m

Birthday Corrections

For those who wished "Happy Birthday" to Tom Mierau, the May newsletter calendar was wrong—Tom's birthday is June 8, not May 8.

Belated May birthday wishes to

7 – Jennifer Hurd

8 – Latyvionna Cheaney

Tax Site Report

The MCS tax filing site prepared 80 2016 Federal e-files, but we also did some paper returns and prior year e-files. So, we did a total of 91 returns.

Considering an average market cost to have those done by a paid preparer of \$350 each, then we saved our clients \$31,850 in tax prep fees.

22 of the returns were Married Filing Joint, so when you factor in the spouses we helped, that is a total of 113 people served.

Here are statistics for the IRS e-file reports (this won't include the paper returns we did)

Total Refunds \$87,847

Average Refund \$1,394

Total Earned Income Credit \$24,653

Total Child Tax Credit \$15,693

Total Education Credits \$4,689

Average Adjusted Gross Income \$24,774

Primary Taxpayer with ITIN 4 persons

Exemptions from ACA Penalty 25 persons

Taxpayer or Spouse age 60+ 27 persons

I think it was a great tax season, and we're all looking forward to doing it again next year.

Edith Loughmiller, AARP Tax-Aide



Wear Orange

Gun Violence Awareness Day, June 3

"Wear Orange" was inspired by friends of Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old Chicago high school student killed by gunfire, who decided to honor her life by wearing orange – the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others. On June 2, 2015, what would have been Hadiya's 18th birthday, more than 200 organizations and influencers asked people nationwide to join them by wearing orange to honor her life, the lives of the more than 90 Americans killed by gun violence and the hundreds more who are injured every day.

In Wichita, the Wear Orange event will be held on June 3 with a community gathering to honor victims and survivors of gun violence and to raise awareness on the issue: **June 3, 2017, 7 pm at the Warren Plaza, 323 E Morris St in Old Town.**

Follow this link to RSVP:

http://act.everytown.org/event/wear-orange-2017_attend/6160

Follow this link to donate to the cause:

<https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/wichitawo>

For more information:

Contact Katy Tyndell at katytyndell@gmail.com

You are invited to a Forum on

PEACE IS POSSIBLE

Saturday, June 17, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Mennonite Church of the Servant

23rd & Woodland

Presenters:

Mel Lehman

In 2009, Mel founded Common Humanity to build better understanding about the people of the Middle East. Common Humanity has organized some 20 exhibits of Iraqi refugee art to help Iraqi artists by selling their paintings and to help Americans better understand the beauty and humanity of the Arab and Muslim world.

Ranya Taha

Ranya was born and raised in Damascus, Syria. In recent years she has lived in Wichita, Kansas, where she owns the Byblos and Petra restaurants.

Shafiq Hasan

Shafiq was born in historic Palestine and was forced to flee his home as a boy in 1948 when the State of Israel was established. He now lives in Newton, Kansas, and work as a medical lab specialist.



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