



CROP Hunger Walk this Sunday, October 1

The CROP Walk helps end global and local hunger. CROP supports MCC and other organizations to fight world hunger and 25% comes back to hunger programs in Wichita. This year's walk is on Sunday, October 1, at 2:00 p.m. (registration beginning at 1:00) at Sedgwick County Park.

All cash and checks will go to the relief and development work of Church World Service. **To designate a CROP Walk donation to MCC**, go to <https://www.CropHungerWalk.org/Donate>. Under "Choose a recipient," choose "Donate to a Team," and enter "Mennonite Church of the Servant." Select a gift amount and choose one of the credit card options. Fill in the "Click a Payment Method" information, including the "Alternate Agency" box, and enter MCC in this box. Finally, click the "Donate Now" button.

Pat will be available after worship on October 1 if you want help in navigating this process; if so, bring your credit cards to help support our walkers and MCC.

Mark your calendar: November 17 Forum

Fifty years after the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. launched a Poor People's Campaign, there is a new campaign. MCS will host a forum featuring a video of a speech from campaign leader, Rev. William Barber, and members of the Kansas leadership team. The forum begins at 7:00 p.m.

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Worship: Sundays, 10:00 a.m

Sunday Morning Schedule

October 1 (Ordinary Time): World Communion Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

Worship Leader: Doug

Teaching: Jerry

Communion

Focus on Mission: Mennonite Disaster Service

11:45 Potluck

12:30 Bible Study



October 8 (Ordinary Time): Anabaptist Themes—Discipleship/Salvation

10:00 a.m. Worship

Worship Leader: Geneva/Teaching: Lois

Focus on Mission: MCC Refugee and Health Kits

11:45 Bible Study

October 15 (Ordinary Time): Anabaptist Themes—Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship

Worship Leader: Bret/Teaching: Jerry

Focus on Mission: Alternative Gift Market

11:45 Bible Study

October 22 (Ordinary Time): Anabaptist Themes—Community of Interpretation

10:00 a.m. Worship

Worship Leader: Doug/Teaching: Lois

Focus on Mission: Mennonite Housing

11:45 Church Life

12:30 Bible Study

October 29 (Ordinary Time): Anabaptist Themes—The Reign of God

10:00 a.m. Worship

Worship Leader: Vangie/Teaching: Lois

Focus on Mission: AARP Tax-Aide

11:45 Bible Study

12:30 Woman's Reading Group

Contemplative Advocacy Group, October 21, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

The Mission and Service Committee invites you to participate in a monthly day of fasting, prayer, and advocacy, on the 21st of each month. A gathering for prayer and advocacy is also scheduled from 7:00-8:00 on the 21st. *The October 21 gathering will be not be held at MCS, since Aposento Alto has use of the building on Saturday evenings.* Watch for further information about the meeting location

Are Things Getting Better for African Americans?

On September 18, reporter Tracy Jans reported on the *Washington Post* blog, that "Americans, especially wealthy whites, vastly overestimate progress toward racial economic equality despite evidence of persistent gaps between black and white workers when it comes to hourly wages, annual income and household wealth, according to a new paper by Yale University researchers. The study's results are especially stunning in the wake of census data released last week that showed that African Americans were the only racial group still making less than they did in 2000. The average black household made 60 percent of what white households made in 2016 and less than half of what Asians made according to census data. For every \$100 of wealth accumulated by a white family, a black family has little more than \$5—a gap just as wide as it was 50 years ago."

- Submitted by Jeanette Stucky

Thank You

George attended our church regularly until his deteriorating condition prevented him from coming. Sally wants to thank you the support from the church in honoring his life.

Laughter is Sacred Space/Candlelight Ceremony, October 1

Ted and Company will perform "Laughter is Sacred Space" at Newman University, October 1 at 6:30 p.m. This is Ted Swartz' own story of grief, loss and ultimately hope. Ted's partnership and friendship with Lee Eschelman came to an end when Lee took his own life in 2007.

This is a true story of the joy and pain in a life full of paradoxes, as Ted walked through life, working with a comedic partner dealing with bipolar disorder. Performing biblical stories while experiencing the profound absence of God, Ted's ability to use humor and vulnerable story-telling bring hope to some of life's most difficult realities.

Following the performance, a candlelight service will be observed in anticipation of Mental Health Awareness Week, October 5–11. The goals of the week are to educate people about the services available to help people with mental illnesses and to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness. Mental Health Awareness Week is a nationwide observance sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental illness (NAMI).

Mennonite Disaster Service

MDS will be responding to the hurricane devastation in Puerto Rico as soon as possible. An assessment team is working in Florida in response to Hurricane Irma. MDS requests financial support AMD continued prayer for its volunteers.



MCC Kits

Our church finished and delivered 7 hygiene kits and 34 school kits for MCC. The people at MCC headquarters in Newton seemed to be very pleased to get them. Right now, the greatest demand is for hygiene kits and relief kits because of the hurricanes. You'll hear more in upcoming Focus on Mission presentations about what we need to do in order to create relief kits and hygiene kits. One relief kit is complete. You can look at it for an example of what we need. The need is great, so keep up the good work.



October 2017 Calendar

All events are in the Mennonite Church of the Servant Building unless followed by an *. To schedule an event, contact Geneva

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10:00 Worship (Communion)/ Pre-Schl-K SS 11:45 Potluck 12:30 Bible Study	7:30 Immigration Servant Group*	1:30pm NT Greek *				6:00 Aposento Alto Worship
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10:00 Worship (Pre-Schl-K SS) 11:45 Bible Study		1:30pm NT Greek * 7:00 Aposento Alto Support Committee	7:00 "Jesus & the Powers" book study	<i>Happy Birthday, Tom Ewert!</i>	1:00 Shep- herds*	6:00 Aposento Alto Worship
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10:00 Worship /Pre-Schl-K SS 11:45 Bible Study	7:30 Immigra- tion Servant Group*	1:30pm NT Greek * 7:00 Worship Committee	7:00 Church Council	<i>Happy Birhtday, Janeen Wollen- berg!</i>		<i>Happy Birthday, Doug von Eh- renkrook!</i> 6:00 Aposento Alto Worship 7:00 Contem- plative Advoca- cy Group*
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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