



# Newsletter

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## Book Study on Mysticism

A new book study on the Christian mystic tradition begins on January 19 and will meet every other Saturday 9:30-11:00 a.m. at MCS. Contact Jerry for a schedule and books to purchase.

## Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer will resume on Wednesday, January 9. The sessions are one hour: 20 minutes of Centering Prayer, followed by Praying and/or Journaling the Psalms.

## Carpet Cleaning

The carpets in the church building will be professionally cleaned on Friday, January 4. Volunteers are needed on January 3, 7:00 p.m. to move items off the carpet and on January 5, 10:00 a.m., to put items back. For more information, contact Geneva.

## Immigration Movie Night January 25

The Immigration Servant Group is sponsoring a movie night with an immigration theme on Friday, January 25, at 7:00 p.m. Invitations will be sent to people in south-central Kansas who have attended previous movie nights and forums. You are also encouraged to welcome our guests to MCS.

## Sunday Morning Schedule

### December 30

#### **10:00 a.m.— Christmas 1: Love Revealed (Prayer Service)**

Worship Leader: Geneva  
Scripture: Ephesians 4:21-5:2

### January 6

#### **10:00 a.m.—Epiphany (Communion) *Special Guests: Aposento Alto Iglesia Menonita***

Worship Leader : Doug  
Teacher: Lois  
Scripture: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
11:45 Potluck

### January 13—The Baptism of Jesus

Worship Leader: Doug  
Teacher: Pat  
Scripture: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
11:45 Bible Study

### Januray 20—The Wedding at Cana (Prayer Service)

Worship Leader: Doug  
Scripture: John 2:1-11  
11:45 Church Life

### January 27—Scripture Fulfilled in Hearing (Lectio Divina)

Worship Leader: Breat  
Teacher: Lois  
Scripture: Luke 4:14-21  
11:45 Bible Study  
12:30 Women's Reading Group

## Everence

Six things you should know about Everence:

1. We don't always use up the amount of grant money available to us. Let's plan for next year to use all the available resources.
2. Everence has a grant available for Safe Churches. This includes background checks on future children and youth leaders, and training on safety.
3. Confidential budget and debt counseling is available.
4. Everence offers My Neighbor credit cards for individuals, corporations, and churches. You can support your favorite mission through your normal shopping routine and help regulate your account, because every transaction is recorded.
5. Everence can help administrate large charitable gifts if our church receives any of these.
6. Everence has new leaders.

I haven't done a very good job keeping up our Everence reports this year. We didn't have much activity in our account. But we'll do better next year. Any question, ask me or go to [everence.com/church](http://everence.com/church)

- Sally Huber



## Income Tax Service

Tax filing season begins in February, and MCS will serve as a tax site for the third year.

Our tax service is free to everyone, regardless of income, race, or age. The only restriction is the scope of our training. Since the forms are all different this year, we have a lot of training to do.

We proved ourselves the first year. We provide a needed and valuable service to our community by being open on Saturdays. That's why the IRS and AARP want our site open again this year.

About 75% of our clients last year were repeats from the first year. This is a vote of confidence, since we seem to attract tax payers with unique situations.

Our goal is to help all tax payers receive the credits that they earned, especially low-income and elderly persons. Hopefully, we'll be able to keep people from paying fees they can't afford if they were to pay for getting their taxes filed. Hopefully, we can prevent young people from getting the instant refund cards which carry huge amounts of interest.

The IRS is stressing savings this year, suggesting that clients split their refunds between their checking and their savings accounts. Nearly half of U.S. citizens don't have enough money in savings to handle a \$400 emergency. We want to help this situation through our tax service.

This year, we will have five volunteer tax preparers and two Quality Assurance supervisors. The Site Coordinator and Client Facilitator jobs are mine. We will have volunteer translators, including members of Apostono Alto, and child care. We've also had training in filing with ITIN numbers, so we'll be able to help more immigrants and refugees.

For the first time this year, we will also have a computer for people to do their own taxes with our Quality Assurance people's assistance.

Appointments can be made online or through Evergreen Community Center. We'll be open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., beginning February 2 through April 13.

You're invited to come by and welcome the volunteers and clients to our church.

- Sally Huber

## January 2019 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
Dec 30 10:00 Worship/Children's SS	31	Jan 1 <i>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</i>	2	3 7:00 Set up for carpet cleaners	4 10:00 Carpet cleaning	5 10:00 Put stuff back
6 10:00 Worship (Communion ) Children's SS 11:45 Potluck	7 7:00 Shepherds*	8 1:30pm NT Greek *	9 7:00 Centering Prayer	10	11 <i>Happy Birthday, John Stoesz!</i>	12 9:30-11:00 Book Study 10:00-12:00 Tax Training 6:00 Aposento Alto Worship
13 10:00 Worship/Children's SS 11:45 Bible Study	14 7:00 Immigration Servant Group*	15 1:30pm NT Greek *	16 7:00 Centering Prayer	17	18	18 6:00 Aposento Alto Worship
20 10:00 Worship/ Children's SS 11:45 Church Life	21 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY 7:00 Shepherds*	22 1:30pm NT Greek *	23	24 7:00 Aposento Alto Support Committee	25 7:00 Immigration Movie Night	26 9:30-11:00 Book Study 3
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