



# Newsletter

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Mennonite Church of the Servant  
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## *Sunday Morning Schedule*

### March 3

**10:00 a.m. — Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant: Lk. 7:1-10 (Communion)**

Worship Leader: Geneva

Teacher: Pat

11:45 Potluck

12:30 Young Adult Meeting

### March 10

**10:00 a.m.— Lent 1: God's Hand Delivers Us**

Worship Leader : Bret

Teacher: Lois

Scripture: Luke 4:21-30

11:45 Bible Study

### March 17

**10:00 a.m.— Lent 2: God Gathers Us in Safe Shelter**

Worship Leader: Doug

Teacher: John Stoesz - "Undoing the Doctrine of Discovery"

11:45 Young Adult Group

### March 24

**10:00 Worship— Lent 3: God Pours Out Life-giving Drink**

Worship Leader: Doug

Teacher: Lois

11:45 Church Life

12:30 Women's Reading Group

### March 31

**10:00 Worship - Lent 4—God Reaches Out With Open Arms (Anabaptist Prayer Service)**

Worship Leader: Geneva

## **The Season of Lent**

Lent is a 40-day period (not counting Sundays) of prayer and penitence, beginning with Ash Wednesday and concluding on Holy Saturday (the day before Easter). Mennonite Church of the Servant observes the season of Lent in the following practices.

### **March 6, 7:00 p.m.—Ash Wednesday Service**

Vangie will lead this service of scripture, song, prayer, and ashes.

### **Spiritual Pilgrimages**

Members and friends of MCS will meet in small groups, in the church building, or homes, or a favorite restaurant, to share our spiritual journeys, particularly during the past year.

### **Conversations on Faith**

When have you felt God near to you? Is there life after death? Are other religions paths to salvation? We will engage in conversation around these topics and others on five consecutive Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., beginning on March 13.

### **April 18, 6:30 p.m.—Covenanting Service**

Doug will lead us in this annual service of prayer, song, communion, and an agape meal. It is also a time when we commit ourselves to be in community with each other and with God by signing the Covenant of Mennonite Church of the Servant.

## Filling the Gap

Filling the Gap is a project of Partners for Wichita, a faith-based community outreach program. One of its major projects is "Filling the Gap," which provides volunteer-prepared sack lunches during school breaks for children and youth who are used to free and reduced-price lunches during school. There are multiple sites across the city during Spring Break, including one in Sally's neighborhood at Hilltop Community Church. If you want to get involved, contact Sally.

## Everence Has Job Openings

Everence has asked us to publicize two full-time job openings: a Financial Advisor to provide investment advice and financial planning counsel, and Client-Service Representative to provide client services and administrative support to financial advisors. For more information, visit Everence's website at [www.everence.com/careers](http://www.everence.com/careers)!

## Tax-Aide Sets Record Numbers

This year, the church's third year in partnership with AARP's Tax-Aide project, the goal was set of serving 100 clients during the tax season. Four weeks into the season, we have already filed 68 tax forms. A new feature introduced this year is self-help tax filing, where clients e-file their own taxes, with help as needed to navigate the software.

Not all, but many of the tax clients we see are desperately poor. All of the Tax-Aide volunteers are committed Christians who have responded to Jesus' call to hospitably to serve "the least of these."

## School Kit Report

To date, the church has assembled 27 school kits and 9 hygiene kits to people whom MCC serves.



You are invited to attend the **Women Empowered Market** to shop for fairly traded products and support refugees in Jordan, formerly incarcerated women in Wichita, and artisans around the world. **Sat., March 9, 2019, 10:00am- 3:00pm, First Presbyterian Church (lower level), 525 N. Broadway, Wichita 67214.**

For more information, call Geneva Hershberger, 316-262-2644. **Facebook event:** <https://tinyurl.com/y6c4jzw6>

## Immigration Movie Night March 29

The Immigration Servant Group invites you to attend the next movie night with an immigration theme, Friday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. We are inviting many of our church's friends from far and wide, so please help us extend them a warm welcome.

# Poems

By Audrey Wilson Barrett (Lois' Mother)

## The Shade

At death, the drawing of the shade  
On transient earth with all its cares  
Will hide forever from my view  
Perplexing pain which my soul bears.

I'll turn to face the open door  
To see the dawn of Endless Light;  
And hastening to meet my Lord,  
I will forget that it was night.

## I Must Go On

If I remain too long unchanged  
With no new thought to lead me forth,  
Established dogma weaves a mesh  
About my feet and stifles me.

I must go on!  
I must go on!

For life is made for growth and change—  
Adventure and discovering.  
When life must die to live again,  
I will be reaching up to God.  
I must go on!  
I must go on!

## December Rose

Thank God for a rose  
That blooms in December.  
It gives me the courage  
And helps me remember,  
Though it is dark now,  
It was once July.  
The cold winter storms  
Will soon pass me by.  
The sun will be shining  
Again in the spring;  
The green things will glisten;  
The songbirds will sing.  
The brave rose reminds me  
That smiling through sorrow  
May offer courage  
And hope for tomorrow.  
When a smile is as rare  
As a mid-winter rose,  
I give praise to God  
For cheer it bestows.

## March 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
					March 1	2 9:30 Tax Service 9:30 Book Study  6:00 Aposento Alto Worship
3 10:00 Worship (Communion) 11:45 Potluck 12:30 Young Adult Meeting	4 7:00 Shepherds*	5	6 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	7	6	9 9:30 Tax Service  6:00 Aposento Alto Worship
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