



Newsletter

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Mennonite Church of the Servant
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Sunday Morning Schedule

April 7

10:00 a.m. — Lent 5: God Makes A Way Through Mighty Waters [Lectio Divina] (Communion)

Worship Leader: Doug

11:45 Potluck

April 14

10:00 a.m.— Lent 6: God's Steadfast Love Endures Forever (Stations of the Cross)

Worship Leaders Vangie and Jerry

11:45 Young Adult Meeting

April 21

10:00 a.m.—Easter (Resurrection Sunday)

Worship Leader: Geneva

Teacher: Pat

April 28—Easter 2

10:00 Worship—

Worship Leader: Doug

Teacher: (Pastoral Candidate)

11:45 Potluck

12:15 Young Adult meeting

Pastoral Search

The Pastoral Search committee has selected a candidate to present to the congregation. This candidate will preach on April 28 and stay for a potluck meal following the service. The next Sunday, May 5th, the congregation will assemble in a Church Life meeting to make a decision about whether to invite the candidate to serve as the pastor for Mennonite Church of the Servant.

Lenten Series

The Lenten Series continues for two more Wednesday evenings, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The remaining topics are:

April 3—Do you think there is life after death? What are your ideas of heaven and/or hell?

April 10—How should Christians relate to people of other faiths? Is Jesus the only way?

Community Resource Fair April 27

Mennonite Church of the Servant and Aposento Alto Iglesia Menonita are co-sponsoring a second Community Resource Fair in the parking lot and lawn on Saturday, April 27. The Resource Fair will feature information tables about available community services, food, and children's activities. Help is needed to staff the MCS table and to mingle and greet our neighbors.

Covenanting Service Thursday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.

The annual Covenanting Service is an opportunity to become a member of Mennonite Church of the Servant for the first time, or to renew your commitment to this body for another year. The service begins with scripture and song, followed by the communion ritual of sharing bread. After the meal, the cup will be shared and there will be more scripture and song. The service ends with signing the covenant and passing the peace.

Please bring finger food to share for the agape meal. Doug will be the leader for the service.

Everence Report

Everence is embracing new horizons. We aim to embrace new horizons of stewardship within the lives of churches. We at MCS are happy to have Everence for our partner.

- The Pastoral Financial Wellness Program has been expanded to help more pastors.
- The Stewardship Ministry has a new assessment tool. This resource can help assess our stewardship ministry holistically.
- An Everence partner offers confidential financial counseling. They help people with student loans and other budget matters.
- The Sharing Fund is the program that affects us the most. We've been fortunate to have Everence match the grants from our sharing fund that help our members in an economic crisis and helping with some of our ministry programs.
- Everence has enhancements to advocate resources online. Hopefully this will help me do a better job on the Everence reporting.
- The Safe Church Grant is a one-time (non-matching) grant. This grant is can be used to develop policies, and train and implement programs to keep members and guests safe in our church.

There are new webinars for advocates. So I'll have to invest in a new computer to do my job well. .

The four leaves on the green Everence symbol stand for "Operate responsibly", "Prepare for the future", "Discover and plan for God's purpose", and "Encourage stewardship among members". All of these are our goals also.

Everence helps individuals, organizations, and congregations integrate finances with their faith through a national team of advisers and representatives. Everence offers banking, insurance and financial services with community benefits and stewardship education. Everence is a ministry of Mennonite Church USA and other churches.

Sally

Tax-Aide

This is our third year helping the neighborhood file their taxes. Our service is free to everyone, regardless of age, race, income and education.

Our postcard campaign was successful, since several people from the neighborhood brought the cards in with them. About 75% are repeat customers because they liked our service last year.

We've surpassed the 100 returns that the IRS requires. That doesn't include all the returns done on the self-serve Kiosks.

We have a great team of tax counselors, quality assurance people, client facilitators, child care helpers, and translators.

Hopefully the people from this neighborhood will feel that we welcomed them so they may come back to visit another time. And they'll feel good about the service we provided for them.

Sally

Church Retreat May 8-9

Mark your calendar for the annual MCS retreat at Camp Mennoscah. The theme is "The Power of Love." There will be inspirational speakers, good food, and the beauty of the natural environment. Watch for more details.

Immigration Movie Night May 5

The Movie Night originally scheduled for March 30 has been rescheduled for Friday, May 5th.

Mennonite Relief Sale

The annual Mennonite Relief Sale is April 12-13 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchison. Traditional Mennonite food,, auctions, and Ten Thousand Villages are only a few highlights of may the Relief Sale has to offer. All proceeds go to the work of Mennonite Central Committee

April 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
May 31 10:00 Worship 11:45 Young adult Meeting	April 1	2	3 7:00 Conversations on Faith	4	5	6 9:30 Tax Service
7 10:00 Worship (Communion) 11:45 Potluck 5:00 Aposento Alto Worship	8	9 <i>Happy Birthday, Pat Cameron!</i>	10 7:00 Conversations on Faith	11	12	13 9:30 Tax Service 9:30 Book Study
14 10:00 Worship 11:45 Young Adult Meeting 5:00 Aposento Alto Worship	15	16 <i>Happy Birthday, Cody Esau-Rutherford!</i>	17 6:30 Covenanting Service	18	19 GOOD FRIDAY	20
21 EASTER 10:00 Worship 5:00 Aposento Alto Worship <i>Happy Birthday, Celeste Montgomery!</i>	22	23 <i>Happy Birthday, Jeanette Stucky!</i>	24	25 7:00 Church Council	26 Happy Birthday, Alex Esau!	27 9:30 Book Study Community Resource Fair <i>Happy Britday, Warren Than-mithak !</i>
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