



Newsletter

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Asia's Commitments

(An excerpt from Asia's July 7th sermon on the occasion of her installation, considering humility, rooted in Col. 3:12-17)

I would like to submit myself in humility.

I would like to walk beside you
leading as necessary.
following as necessary.

I would like to learn from you--

I hope you all are great at
patience.

May we be bound together this day
until the day God calls us to be parted.

May we be bonded by love:

this love modeled by
Christ; freely poured out upon us by
Christ.

May we be bonded in our
love for one another.

May we be bonded in our love for
Christ.

May we be bonded as we do our
best to love our community in both
our words and our deeds.

Let us bear together and forgive
freely.

Despite what suffering we
encounter

in our pursuit of peace and justice
and reconciliation for all people.

Let us be blessed in the doing.

I am humbled and honored to accept
your call.

--All glory to God who was and is
and is to come

Sunday Schedule

August 4

**10:00 a.m.—Worship (Communion): Twelve
Scriptures Project (John 13:34-35)**

Worship Leader: Doug
Teacher: Asia
11:45 —Potluck



August 11

**10:00 a.m.— Worship: 12 Scriptures Project
(Matthew 5:43-48)**

Worship Leader: Bret
Teacher: Lois
11:45 - Newcomers' Class

August 18

**10:00 a.m.— Worship: 12 Scriptures Project
(Leviticus 19:33-34)**

Worship Leader: Vangie
Teacher: Asia
11:45 - Church Life
12:30 - Newcomer's Class

August 25

**10:00—Worship: 12 Scriptures Project (Micah
6:8)**

Worship Leader: Geneva
Teacher: Pat
11:45 - Newcomer's Class

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Scriptures
project

Newcomers' Class

A class for newcomers to Mennonite Church of the Servant will be offered on Sundays August 11, 18, and 25 (see meeting times on front page and in the calendar). The purpose of the class is to help newcomers (and anyone else who is interested) gain a better understanding of who Mennonites are, and how this congregation expresses its Mennonite heritage through shared understandings, beliefs and practices. For more information, contact Lois or Pat.



Everence is a ministry of Mennonite Church USA and other churches. Everence aims to embrace new horizons of stewardship within the lives of congregations. We at MCS are happy to have Everence as our partner.

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 service with community benefits and stewardship education.

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.

Everence partners offer confidential financial counseling. They help people with student loans and other budget matters.

The Safe Church Grant is a one-time (non-matching) grant. This grant can be used to develop policies, and to train and implement programs to keep members and guests safe in our church.

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 with some of our ministry programs.

There are also new webinars for advocates. Any of you can take part in them.

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 has enhancements to advocate resources online. Hopefully this will help me do a better job on the Everence reporting. - Sally



This year was our third year helping the neighborhood file their taxes. Our service is free to everyone regardless of age, race, income and education, unless it's beyond our scope of training.

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 continue to feel that we welcomed them and feel good about the service we provided for them, so they will come back to visit another time. - Sally

MCC Kits

MCS completed one female and one male Immigration Detainee Care Kits. We also made several partial kits. These kits have been dedicated and are on their way to their new owners. See the list on the bulletin board for the supplies needed for each kit. We can make a lot more to show our solidarity with our new neighbors. We have also completed about 30 school kits so far this year.

Hygiene kits are in great demand right now. We can make a lot more of these also—cheap and easy. Comforters and layette kits are in demand, as well. Anyone who wants to come help create kits or a comforter, let me know and we'll get to work. - Sally

"Immigration Justice and You"

The Western District Conference and MCC Central States are inviting Western District congregations to an "immigration and You" event on Thursday, August 29, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The purpose of the event is to discuss what congregations are doing regarding immigration and refugee ministries; what congregations wish they were doing; and what kind of resources they need. The meeting will be held at the Western District office.

Immigration Legislation

The American Dream and Promise Act would end deportation of undocumented people who entered the U.S. as minors and provide conditional permanent residency status for 10 years. The bill has passed the house but so far is blocked in the Senate. The Grace Act, introduced in the Senate, would set an annual refugee ceiling of 95,000, compared to this year's 30,000.

August 2019 Calendar

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 <i>Happy Birthday, Raul Hurtado!</i>
4		5	6	7	8	9 10 5:00 Aposento Alto 2nd Anniversary Celebration
10:00 Worship (Communion) 11:45 Potluck 5:00 Aposento Alto Worship	7:00 Immigration Servant Group	<i>Happy Anniversary, Asia and Tim Frey!</i>	<i>Happy Birthday, Montoria Cheaney!</i> 7:00 Shepherds*			9:30 Book Study
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:00 Worship 11:45 Newcomers' Class 5:00 Aposento Alto Worship			2:00 Worship Committee* 7:00 Church Council			
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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