



Newsletter

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Mennonite Church of the Servant

2401 N. Woodland

Wichita, KS 67204

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Pastor: Rev. Asia Frye

December 1

10:00 a.m.— Worship: Advent 1—Our wait begins (Communion)

Worship Leader: Doug

Teacher: Asia

11:45— Potluck



December 8

10:00 a.m.— Worship: Advent 2—Getting ready while we wait

Worship Leader: Geneva

Teacher: Pat

December 15

10:00 a.m.— Worship: Advent 3—Kept waiting by fear

Worship Leader: Bret

Teacher: Asia

11:45 - Church Life

December 22

10:00— Advent 4—Worth the wait

Worship Leader: Tim

Teacher: Lois

11:45 Women's Reading Group

December 24

7:00—Christmas Eve— Lessons and Carols

Worship Leader: Asia

Please bring Christmas "goodies" to share for a fellowship time following the service



December 29

10:00—Christmas 1—Time to get a move on! (Anabaptist Prayer Service)

Worship—Doug

Pockets for Change

The old ladies' social group has evolved into Pockets for Change. We found lots of pockets that a happy volunteer lovingly cut off of discarded jeans and lots of bits of lace, buttons and yarn at the Thrift Store on Woodlawn. So we decided to put these things to good use and raise money for the MCC Immigration Detainee Care Kits. We've made over 100 and still going strong.

We were vendors at Wichita's 25th annual Alternative Gift Market. We sold them alongside Vangie's glassware. We raised \$1445 at the market and \$110 in after market sales for the kits.

One of our first customers said that it "hurt her heart so bad to see the children in cages" so she started us off with a large donation. That made our day. We had two other nice donations, one from an "Angry Tias and Abilitas" volunteer. She has seen people receive the kits and it made her happy. She's going back to the border this summer and she'll keep in touch.

We feel that our project brought more people to the market. Since the crisis at the border is headline news, people came to help out and make their contributions. Many people took the flyers from MCC that tell what to put in the kits and where to send them, back to their churches. Hopefully we'll be getting kits from lots of churches as a result.

We do feel really pumped about the results of our sale. But why should we have to pretend when we're doing what God commands in welcoming the strangers and sharing with those who need clothes and toiletries?

We want to thank those who helped us. Vangie shared her Glassware. Jan created our beautiful brochures and helped with the display. Geneva also helped with the display and helped at the market table.

Thank you

Sally, Belinda, Lily, Sue

Everence to host Saturday morning retirement workshop in N. Newton

Everence® will hold an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will take place at Everence Financial, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting contacting Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Tax Aide

Once again we received a grant from the IRS to hold our Free Saturday Tax Service.

The problem of having space for two groups has been resolved. On the Saturdays that the Reading Group meets, the Tax volunteers won't set up until noon and work a little later. It will save the cost of room dividers and we'll need more space for tables during the tax season. Many of the community centers that received money from the United Way based on their head count won't be receiving that money this year and they won't be hosting Tax aide. That's about half the sites. So it may double the number of clients we have this year.

We have 5 returning volunteers, 2 supervisors and 2 client facilitators. Nine new volunteers are in training and we will have some of them at our site. We really need to find a translator for our Spanish-speaking clients.

Our tentative schedule is every Saturday, beginning February 8 through April 11. Our service is free to everyone regardless of race, education, and age as long as the taxes are within our scope of training.

We have the great church brochures that Lois made last year and the flyers from Apasalto Alto ready to share. We can't proselytize, but if they ask we're ready. Many do. At least they'll know we're here for our neighbors. We want the clients to feel safe and welcome in our church.

We provide a valuable service to the community. Come check us out.

Thank you

Pat, Sally

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To schedule an event in the church building, contact Geneva (* = held elsewhere than church building)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov. 24	25	26	27	28	29	
		7:00 Immigration Servant Group*		Thanksgiv- ing		
Dec. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10:00 Worship (Communion) 11:45 Potluck 5:00 Aposento Alto Worship			6:45 Shep- herds*			10:30 Tax Training
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<i>First Sunday in Ad- vent</i> 10:00 Worship 5:00 Aposento Alto Worship			2:00 Worship Committee* 7:00 Church Council			10:30 Tax Training
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<i>Second Sunday in Advent</i> 10:00 Worship 11:45 Church Life 5:00 Aposento Alto Worship	12:00-1:30 Doctrine of Discov- ery Play Planning Group					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<i>Third Sunday in Ad- vent</i> 10:00 Worship 11:45 Women's Reading Group* 5:00 Aposento Alto Worship		7:00 Christmas Eve Ser- vice	Christmas <i>Happy Birth- day, Christian Cheaney!</i>			
29	30	31	Jan 1	2	3	4
<i>Fourth Sunday in Ad- vent</i> 10:00 Worship 5:00 Aposento Alto Worship			New Year's Day			10:30 Tax Training