



Newsletter

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Mennonite Church of the Servant

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July 8: Anti-Racism Check-In

Join the Zoom meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 7:00 p.m. to share what you've read, what you've watched and/or what you've done to fight against racism and work for racial justice. Watch for the Zoom link on or before July 8.

Video Series on Slavery

Videos of lectures from a 30-session series on the history of slavery in the U.S. will be shown on Zoom every first and third Saturdays, at 9:30 a.m., with discussion following each session. To participate in the viewing, contact Jerry for the Zoom link.

MCC Kits

The Mennonite Central Committee's greatest need for kits is hygiene kits to help fight COVID. Each kit contains

- 1 bright-colored hand towel
- 1 nail clipper
- 1 adult medium toothbrush in wrapper
- 1 wide-tooth comb
- 1 bar bath soap in wrapper

These items should be placed in a 12x18 bag with a drawstring.

Everence

Watch for e-mails from Everence about Wednesday Webinars on various financial topics.

Sunday Services, 10:00 a.m. on Zoom, until further notice

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Online: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/644908398>

Phone: 301-715-8592 (Meeting ID: 644 908 398), or view us on Facebook Live

July Worship Theme: Places of Belief and Unbelief

July 5, 10:00 a.m.: Jericho

Teacher: Asia

Worship Leader: Doug

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10; Joshua 6

11:15 Break-Out Groups

July 12, 10:00 a.m.: Bethany

Teacher: Lois

Worship Leader: Bret

Scripture: John 12:18; Matthew 21:23-27

11:15 Break-Out Groups

July 19, 10:00 a.m.: Jerusalem

Teacher: Asia

Worship Leader: Tim

Scripture: Psalm 122; Isaiah 2:1-4; Mark 11

Communion

11:15 Church Life

July 26, 10:00 a.m.: Jerusalem

Teacher: Pat

Worship Leader: Geneva

Scripture: Acts 2; Hebrews 12:22, 13:14; Rev. 21

11:15 Women's Reading Group

Big Changes for AARP Tax Aide

Our tax ministry won't be the same next year. Our original grant was aimed at reaching elders and Hispanic people, and we accomplished this outreach. Our goals were also to help all people regardless of race, education or economic status within our scope of training. We helped a lot of people receive all the credits they were entitled to. We encouraged people to put their refunds into savings for emergencies, and we encouraged people to stay away from the instant refund cards and other avoidable costs.

What will be missing next tax season is face-to-face help. It's important for people to understand their finances. This is best done in face-to-face discussions. But since the majority of our volunteers are senior citizens, it's important to protect their health, as well as the health of the tax filers.

Next year, we may be doing "drive-through" taxes, while our guests wait in their cars. Another possibility may be to scan their documents and then call the guests in for the final review and their signatures. In this case, we will need a lot more volunteers to navigate the computers, since not all low-income or elders have access or ability to work with technology.

What's most important is that our church remains welcoming to our guests, and that AARP and the IRS continue their training and support.

Pockets for Change

Pockets for Change (an ecumenical women's group that Sally, Belinda, and Jan have been involved with) delivered 13 school kits and 8 huggie kits to MCC last month. This month, they will deliver 8 hygiene kits. They have also started on a refuge kit and have nearly completed an infant care kit.

Filling the Gap

This project "fills the gap" by providing food to school-age children when school is not in session. Between summer school and the fall semester, there is a two-week gap where the district will not provide lunches, August 3-14. If you want to help, contact Sally.

Lament

By Melissa Florer-Bixler

"For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire" (Isaiah 9:5).

In Minneapolis
at the foot of the cross,
our neck pinned
under the knee of an officer.

We are not as we ought to be,
Whiteness whispers into cradles until
later, by instinct, we can turn a phone call
Into a rope around a tree.

When did we see you?
Your back broken in a police van?
Your neck broken on the sidewalk?
When could you not breathe?
When did we see you, shot in your bed?
When did we see you, hung in a county
jail?

Come grieving mother, weeping child
Come ministers of fire. Come priests of
smoke.
Come heat, come Spirit,
turn gun and badge and night stick to
ash.

Come flame
Burn us away until
We must begin again.

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For more laments, search under "laments" on the Mennonite Church USA website,
<http://mennoniteusa.org/>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 28 10:00 Worship 11:15 Women's Reading Group	29	30	July 1 <i>Happy Birth- day, Jerry Truex!</i>	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> 9:30 Video on Slavery
5 10:00 Worship 11:15 Break- Out Groups	6	7 7:00 Sheperds	8 7:00 Check-In on Anti-Racism study and ac- tion	9 <i>Happy Birth- day, Vangie Truex!</i>	10	11 9:30 Book Study Group
12 10:00 Worship 11:15 Break- Out Groups	13	14 <i>Happy Birth- day, Bridget Siedler!</i>	15 2:00 Worship Committee 7:00 Church Council	16	17	18 9:30 Video on Slavery
19 10:00 Worship (Communion) 11:15 Church Life	20	21	22	23	24	25 9:30 Book Study Group
26 10:00 Wor- ship (Communion) 11:15 Wom- en's Reading Group	27	28	29	30 <i>Happy Birth- day, Warren Cheaney!</i>	31	Aug 1 9:30 Video on Slavery