



Newsletter

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Mennonite Church of the Servant
2401 N. Woodland
Wichita, KS 67204
www.mcswichita.net
Pastor: Rev. Asia Frye

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

September Worship Theme

Images of the Reign of God: Seeds, Debts, Laborers, & Banquets (Parables from Matthew)

September 6, 10:00 a.m.: Kingdom of Heaven Parables

Teacher: Lois

Worship Leader: Doug

Scripture: Mathew 13; 31-33; 44-50

11:15 Break-Out Groups

September 13, 10:00 a.m.: Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

Teacher: Lois

Worship Leader: Doug

Scripture: Matthew 18: 21-35

11:15 Break-Out Groups

September 20, 10:00 a.m.: Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard

Teacher: TBA

Worship Leader: Bret

Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16

11:15 Break-Out Groups

11:30 Church Life

September 27, 10:00 a.m.: Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Teacher: Pat

Worship Leader: Geneva

Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14

11:15 Gift Discernment

12:15 Women's Reading Group

Interfaith Outdoor Prayer Vigils

Interfaith Prayer Vigils will be held outdoors on three dates in September and October. The first vigil was held on September 12th at the Memorial for Fallen Police Officers, 455 N. Main. The focus of the vigils are to pray for

1. Our government
2. Our Economic Welfare
3. The COVID pandemic
4. Stopping racism

Dates, times and places will be:

September 26, 11 a.m., 1300 S. Broadway, the Fire Fighter Museum.

Hosted by the Retired Wichita Fire Dept. Chaplains and Rev. Titus James. Music by Doug Everingham.

October 10, 11:00 a.m., on the Douglas St. Bridge by Century II.

Hosted by Deacon Peg Flynn of Breakthrough Club, Jan Swartzendruber, and Sally Huber.

October 26, 11:00 a.m., 1477 N. Rochester at the flag pole at North High School.

Hosted by Ron Rosales. USD 259 School Board

For more information, contact Sally or Jan.

CROP Walk October 4, 2:00 P.M.

Join the Wichita CROP Hunger Walk to help neighbors near and far get the meals they need this year. As in previous years, the official walk will be at Sedgwick County Park.

The local CROP Walk committee is offering the option of a virtual walk in your neighborhood or a favorite place, to walk on October 4. Check in at 1:00 p.m. at the Sedgwick County Park horseshoe shelter.

People can already sign up to walk and raise funds online at crophungerwalk.org/Wichita. On-line donations are strongly encouraged. Walkers who raise \$50 or more get T-Shirts and can pick them up the Friday before the walk from 10:00 a.m. – noon at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 925 N. Broadway.

Questions: Send to Alice Price amariep7810@att.net or check the website or find CROP on Facebook.

Poem

Skinny girl sleeping in the doorway
Of a closed until further notice shop.
Her ribs jut out like the hull
Of an abandoned cargo ship.
Her hollowed blue eyes peeking out
From beneath a makeshift hat
Constructed from a Fed Ex Box,
The label, "Fragile" "Handle with Care."
Oh Captain, Oh Captain,
Why have you forsaken this child?
Skinny girl sleeping in the doorway,
Covered with dirt and fumes from the
Heavy traffic that rushes both ways.
The city streets cry out for more freedom,
More rights, more violence, more protests!
Not one car, not one protestor, stopped
Along their very important day
To simply ask the skinny girl sleeping
In the doorway, what she might need.
She held no sign for begging,
Her hand did not grab for what was not
hers.
I circled the block,
Rustled through my car
Searched for a bottle of water, or a gift card,
a couple of dollars, something....something...
When I asked her what she needed,
She replied, with her sparkling blue eyes
Peeking out of her makeshift Fed Ex hat,
Labeled "Fragile" "Handle with care,"
"All I want is PEACE"
We parted company after a bit,
I will not forget her many forget
The skinny little girl sleeping in the doorway.

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A prayer for our earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

—Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*

Mennonite Church of the Servant Financial Narrative as of July 31, 2020

We Collected:

Budget Offerings	27,155.83	
Designated Offerings	592.00	
In-Kind Donations	-	
Coins for MCC Sale	-	
Habegger Donations	50.00	
Sharing Fund Donations	<u>913.80</u>	
Total Income		\$ 28,711.83

We Spent Offering On:

Conference Support	883.46	
Congregational Enrichment	314.09	
Leadership	16,060.50	
Meeting House	7,388.35	
Habegger Memorial	100.00	
Hymnals	1,605.39	
Operating Expense	805.30	
Sharing Fund	456.00	
Retreat	-	
Total Expense		(27,614.58)

We paid down our loans: (3,254.89)

We spent more than we collected: \$ (2,157.84)

September 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Aug. 30 10:00 Worship 11:15 Break-Out Groups	31	Sept 1 7:00 Shepherds	2 2:00 Worship Committee 7:00 Anti- Racism Discus- sion	3	4	5 9:30 History of Slavery video
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