



Newsletter

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Mennonite Church of the Servant

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What's happening on Zoom at Mennonite Church of the Servant

Anti-racism discussion

Share what you've been reading, watching, and doing to become an anti-racist Christian.. Next meeting dates: Thursday, March 4 & 18, 7:00 p.m. Contacts: Jan and Pat.

Saturday Book Study Group

The next meeting dates of this Saturday morning book study group are March 13 & 27, 9:30 am. The current book under discussion is *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson. Contact: Jerry

Deep Prayer

There are two more sessions in our Lenten series on Deep Prayer: Wednesday, March 3 (Praying without words) & 10 (Meditation) 7:00 p.m. Contacts: Lynn or one of the Shepherds (Lois, Pat, Vangie or Marcia).

"Meaning of Life" Video and discussion

Videos from the Great Course on the Meaning of Life explore this topic from various philosophies and religions. Next meeting dates are Saturday, March 13 & 27 at 9:30 a.m. Contact; Jerry

Reconnecting Our Hopes with Immigrants

Join the Western District Immigration Task force for a Zoom gathering on March 25 at 7:00 p.m. Speakers include MCC National Advocacy Director, Tammy Alexander and MCC Central States Immigration Education Coordinator, Ana Hinajosa. This session will be an opportunity to report on what churches are doing and to consider how our work in support of immigrants should go forward. Contact Nancy Funk at wdc@mennowdc.org for the Zoom invitation to this meeting.

Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

On Zoom, until further notice. Join Zoom Meeting: enter link in browser— <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/644908398> or enter in Zoom app—ID 644 908 398. Phone: 301-715-8592 (you will be asked to enter ID), View us on Facebook Live on Mennonite Church of the Servant's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/mcswichita>

Sunday Worship, 10 00 a.m.

March 7: Lent 3—Deep in the Changing Sky: Called to deep wisdom. (Communion)

Worship Leader: Doug

Teacher: Lois

11:15 Spiritual Pilgrimage groups

March 14: Lent 4—Deep in the Wilderness: Called to deep healing

Worship Leader: Bret

Teacher: Lynn

11:15 Spiritual Pilgrimage groups

March 21: Lent 5—Deep in the Earth: Called to deep growth.

Worship Leader: Geneva

Teacher: Pat

11:15 Church Life

March 28: Lent 6— Palm Sunday (The Passion Story)

Worship Leader: Lynn

11:15 Break-out groups

11:45 Women's Reading Group

Thursday, April 1: Maundy Thursday Covenanting Service, 7:00 p.m.

Worship Leader: Lois

Food for Body and Soul

Camp Mennoscah

Summer youth camps and retreats are a vital and living part of faith formation for youth and young adults. Join in to support the mission to be God's people of healing and hope as we love one another, build relationships and follow Jesus Christ. Your donations will make the return to summer youth camps as smooth as possible.

Camp feeds your soul and this favorite youth camp meal will feed your belly! The meal consists of verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zweiback, and peach crisp.

Use this link to [Reserve your meal of verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zweiback, and peach crisp online before March 7](#). You can also call 620-297-3290. Pick up meals at Moundridge High School between 5:30-6:30pm on March 13. Watch Camp Mennoscah's Facebook page and check your email for information and any changes. Minimum donation per meal is \$15. Additional donations are welcome!

First Mennonites, McPherson

First Mennonite Church, 1161 E Ave A, McPherson is having a drive-thru verenika (with ham gravy and sausage) dinner on March 6 from 1-7pm or until the food runs out. This will be a free-will donation event with the proceeds going to the McPherson Housing Coalition. Phone: 620-241-4040

Western District Women in Mission

Save the date! Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 8 at 7:00pm for the Western District Women in Mission 2021 Spring Soiree! In lieu of our annual Spring Supper, gather with us for a virtual night of worship, music and a reflection on "Faith in Turbulent Times" offered by special guest speaker and freelance minister, Georgia Metz, M. Div. More details to follow soon.

Camp Improvement Project

Preparation for the Amphitheater Improvement project was completed in the Summer of 2020 and we are ready to finish this project up. Work days are scheduled on March 12 to 13, March 26 to 27, April 2 to 3, April 9 to 10, May 14-15. Come on out for one or both days, and part or all day. There will be stone to cut, move, clean and set along with a whole lot of mortar to mix up. The camp also has year-round opportunities for volunteers.

Email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer.

Sharpen your Mediation Skills

Join Lombard Mennonite Peace Center for the training event that a previous attendee described as "the Golden Globe winner of conflict resolution programs"! The summer session of *Mediation Skills Training Institute for Churches* will be conducted **in person** in the Chicago area on August 2-6, 2021. Should circumstances force us to revert to an online-only presentation, registrants will have the option to attend remotely,. Online registration is now open at <https://lmpeacecenter.org/ticketspice/>. For more information call the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center at 630-627-0507, email us at Admin@LMPeaceCenter.org, Acquire 32 contact hours of instruction, enjoy Christian fellowship, and learn skills that will help transform destructive conflict into an opportunity for growth and renewal – register today!

MCC Alumni Event July 9-11

All MCC alumni are invited to Rocky Mountain Camp to relax in the cool mountain air this summer. We realize there is still uncertainty about summer activities due to COVID-19. At this point, we are planning to have this gathering, all registrations will be refunded if the event gets cancelled. We ask that you still go ahead and register if you plan to attend. Find all the details, including COVID-19 protocols that the camp is following and REGISTER at mcc.org/alumni-gathering.

Bethel College Choir Concert

Bethel College's two small a cappella ensembles, Open Road (men) and Woven (women) will be featured in the monthly concert series at Plymouth Congregational Church in Wichita, via livestream. To view, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9NjlrPGFuTM> (Plymouth Congregational Church, Wichita, on YouTube).

Learn, Pray, Join

This month, Mennonite Church USA invites you to engage with the "**Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of War**" initiative to promote peace-making and anti-militarism. Learn more: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/cost-of-war>

Mennonite Church of the Servant Financial Narrative As of January 31, 2021 :		
We collected:		
Budget Offerings	\$4,310.69	
Designated Offerings		
In-kind Donation	-	
Hope Fund Grant		
Sharing Fund Donations		
Total income		\$4,310.69
We spent offerings on:		
Conference Support	\$ 39.67	
Congregational Enrichment		
Leadership	2,539.75	
Meeting House	530.59	
Hymnals		
Operating Expense	97.94	
Sharing Fund		
Retreat	-	
Total expense		(3, 207.95)
We paid down our loans		(401.46)
We spent more than we collected		\$ 701.28

The Covenant of Mennonite Church of the Servant

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ, through whom God has made friends with the world and in whom we continue the the work of reconciliation.

We commit ourselves to each other, the church, to love our brothers and sisters in Gods family, sharing our decisions, our talents, our time, and our possessions.

We commit ourselves to caring for the world, to bringing good news to the poor and setting free the oppressed, to proclaiming Jesus the Servant as Liberator and Lord.

We commit ourselves to the way of the cross, to a life of simplicity and prayer, in this is our joy, peace, and new life.

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 7:00 Deep Prayer	<i>4</i> 2:00 Worship Committee 7:00 Anti-Racism Discussion	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> 9:30 "Meaning of Life" Video
<i>7</i> 10:00 Worship 11:15 Spiritual Pilgrimage Groups	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 7:00 Deep Prayer	<i>11</i> 7:00 Shepherds	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> 9:30 Book Study
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<i>21</i> 10:00 Worship 11:15 Church Life	<i>22</i> <i>Happy Birthday, Sally Huber and Cindy Snider!</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> 9:30 Book Study
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