



# Newsletter

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Mennonite Church of the Servant

2401 N. Woodland

Wichita, KS 67204

[www.mcswichita.net](http://www.mcswichita.net)

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## Worship Options

In addition to worshipping on Zoom or Facebook Live at home, starting on May 2, and every Sunday in May except for May 9 (see below), the church building will be open for those who want to join the Zoom meeting with others. Wearing masks and maintaining social distance will be expected.

## May 9 at Camp/No Online Service

On May 9, the worship service will be held at Camp Mennoscah at the usual 10:00 time. Due to limited online capability, there will be no Zoom or Facebook services on this Sunday. For a map and directions to the camp, visit <https://www.campmennoscah.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Map%20%26%20Directions>



## May 30: Ordinary Time—The Joseph Story: Chosen-ness, Suffering, & Servanthood; Genesis 37

Worship Leader: Jan

Teacher: Lois

11:15 Breakout groups



Worship with us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/644908398> or Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/mcswichita> or, starting Sunday May 2 (except for May 9), join the Zoom meeting at the church building.

## Sunday Worship Schedule, 10:00 a.m.

### May 2: Easter 5—Acts and Alleluias! God frees and forgives; Acts 16: 16-40

Worship Leader: Doug

Teachers: Testimonies

11:15 Breakout Groups

### May 9: Easter 6 - Acts and Alleluias! God rescues and reveals; Acts 27: 13-18: 10 (Worship at Camp Mennoscah)

Worship Leader: Bret

Teacher: Lynn

### May 16: Ascension Sunday—Acts and Alleluias! God in Christ ascended & exulted; Acts 1: 1-11

Worship Leader: Geneva

Teacher: Pat

11:15 Church Council

### May 23: Pentecost—Acts and Alleluias! God sends the Holy Spirit: Abiding Presence & Advocate; Acts 2:1-21

Worship Leader: Doug

Teacher: Lynn

11:15 Breakout groups

11:45 Women's Reading Group



## Looking for kitchen staff and nurses!

Camp Mennoscah is filling volunteer and stipend positions for kitchen staff and nurses for the upcoming 2021 summer. Contact Camp Mennoscah at [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) or call 620-297-3290 for available weeks and details. Kitchen staff can receive a scholarship up to full camp fees for their camper.

## Mennonite Disaster Service: Pine Ridge, SD

Throughout the summer there will be multiple opportunities in Pine Ridge, SD to complete the Volunteer Center. Tasks are 1 to 2 weeks long and include: Drywall, Painting, Hanging Doors, Trimming, Floor epoxy coating, Kitchen Cabinet install, mini-split A/C units. Each of the tasks could take 2 or more people. The tasks being scheduled right now are drywall, painting and door hanging.

Interested? Contact Jeff Koller [jkoller@mds.org](mailto:jkoller@mds.org) or (717) 823-7415.

## Undoing racism and advancing intercultural transformation is a priority of Mennonite Church USA.

Racism, antipathy and alienation stand in the way of Christ's kingdom of love, justice and peace. As missional communities we will seek to dismantle individual and systemic racism in our church. We will also seek to develop intercultural competence, which means that we work to heal racial divisions, learn to live and work in a multicultural context, and value all the gifts of God's diverse people.

We envision people of many nations, tribes and languages as participants in the kingdom of God. We believe it is Jesus, pictured as the Lamb, who calls people together from all nations. (Acts 10, Galatians 3:25-29, Ephesians 2:15; Revelation 7:9, Article 9, 211 Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective). (adapted from [The Purposeful Plan](#))

## Mennonite College News

### Bethel College

Sunday, May 2, 4 p.m.: Spring choral concert, featuring the Bethel College Concert Choir, Women and Open Road on the steps of the Administration Building on campus. Bring your own chairs/blankets. Please note that face coverings must be worn and physical distancing practiced on the Bethel campus.

### Hesston College

Hesston (KS) College has a number of faculty and staff positions open. Details on any of these positions can be found at [www.hesston.edu/employment](http://www.hesston.edu/employment).

## Stories of Courage and Inspiration

Hendy Matahelemaul sheds light on the dramatic increase in hate crimes and acts of racism against Asians in the United States in his blog, "Difficult things in difficult times." Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/difficult-things-times>

In her blog, "Let us lay down our economic weapons," Katerina Parsons explains the impact that U.S. economic sanctions have on the people in the countries that have experienced these sanctions. Parsons calls us to advocate against these sanctions, in order to put our love for people around the world into action. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/economic-weapons>

As a young man, Alfonso Alvarado dreamt of leaving his home in El Salvador and moving to the United States. Read about his journey, which led him to become a pastor and church planter at a Mennonite church in "Beyond that ocean is North America." In English: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menoticias-alfonso-alvarado/> En español: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menoticias/posts/alfonso-alvarado/>.

**Mennonite Church of the Servant  
Financial Narrative  
As of March 2021**

**We collected:**

Budget Offerings	\$ 10,726.89	
Designated Offerings	-	
In-kind Donation	-	
Sharing Fund Donations	-	
Total income	\$ 10,726.89	

**We spent offerings on:**

Conference Support	\$ 119.01	
Congregational Enrichment	618.12	
Leadership	7,619.25	
Meeting House	1,692.45	
Operating Expense	376.45	
Sharing Fund	50.00	
Retreat	-	
Total expense	(10,475.28)	

**We paid down our loans**

(1,105.84)

**We spent more than we collected**

\$ (854.23)

# May 2021

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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<b>2</b> 10:00 Worship 11:15 Breakout Groups	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 Aposento Alto Support Committee	<b>7</b> <i>Happy Birth- day, Jenny Wynn-Hurd!</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Happy Birth- day, Latavion- na Cheaney!</i> 9:30 Book Study: <i>Caste</i>
<b>9</b> 10:00 Worship at Camp Men- noscha	<b>10</b> 2:00 Worship Committee 7:00 Shep- herds	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00 Church Council	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:30 Video: Meaning of Life
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