



Newsletter

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MCC Relief Sale

Feeding the multitudes, the quilt auction, New Year's cookies, and all the rest will be available at this year's MCC Relief Sale, July 2 & 3, yet there will be modifications due to COVID precautions. For updates on what to expect at this year's sale, go to @kansas.mccsale on Facebook or @ksmccsale on both Instagram and Twitter.

Saturday Book Study/ Video Series

If you've been thinking about trying out the Saturday morning book study, this would be a good time, as the group has just begun two new books, *An Indigenous People's History of the U.S.* and *Women Sass and Talk-Back: Social (In)Justice, Intersectionality and Biblical Interpretation*. This group meets on 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

No time to read? A no-prep video series on world philosophies meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. The next video (July 3) is on "Hume's Skepticism and the Place of God." To get on the Zoom link for one or both of these series, contact Jerry.

Pastoral Care in July

During Lynn and family's vacation. Shepherds will on call for pastoral care needs: Lois (July 18-25) and Pat (July 25-31). If you can't reach Lois or Pat and the need is urgent, contact Vangie.

Worship with us live, or online via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/644908398>) or Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/mcswichita>). Worship time is 10:00 a.m.

July Worship Theme: "I Pledge Allegiance to Jesus Christ"

July 4: The church of Jesus Christ is the only Christian nation (1 Peter 2:9-17; Exodus 19:1-8; Eph. 2:19) (Communion)

Teacher: Lynn

Worship Leader: Doug

July 11: Faith as allegiance (Romans 3:21-25)

Teacher: Lois

Worship Leader: Bret

July 18: Transformation into the image of God/Christ (1 Cor. 13:8-13; 2 Cor. 4: 12-18)

Teacher: Lynn

Worship Leader: Jan

July 25: Communicating the gospel of allegiance to Christ (Ephesians 6: 10-20)

Teacher: Pat

Worship Leader: Geneva

Daily Prayer Challenge

MCS members and friends are encouraged to spend a daily time of prayer during the month of July. Suggestions for what to pray for include a different member of the church each day, a different nation each day or one nation for the whole month, or for members of a specific household, perhaps a household in the neighborhood where we gather for worship. (Thanks to Cindy for suggesting this idea.)

Western District Website Gets Make-Over

Have you noticed **WDC's website** has a new look? Check it out at <https://mennowdc.org>. While it is still a work in progress, the refreshed website is now **THE** place to go for all things WDC! Beginning in July, the *WDC Sprouts* weekly newsletter email will be discontinued. WDC articles, announcements, and other information will be posted exclusively **on the website**. Email alerts will be sent to let you know when new content has been posted.

Family Camp

Family Weekend at Camp Mennoscah on July 17-18! If you're looking for a weekend to escape, this retreat offers a smorgasbord of camp activities for you to choose from and plenty of time to be with your family and friends. Register at campmennoscah.org and contact 620-297-3290 with questions!

Immigration Webinar

Sarah Augustine, author of "The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery," discussed her new book in a webinar presented by Mennonite Church USA and MennoMedia. Watch the webinar recording here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/webinars/>

MCC Dignity Kits

Donate towards MCC's dignity kits. These kits provide hygiene and sanitary items, including eco-friendly, washable menstrual pads and liners. Thousands of dignity kits have already been requested by MCC's partners around the world, and you can be part of the solution for fulfilling this need. Reach out to your local MCC office or follow the link below for more information. www.mcc.org/dignity-kits

Anti-Racism Discussion Group

Due to scheduling conflicts, this group will not meet in July. The next meeting is August 5, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Wrapped in melancholy,
Jazz tunes in low key
Night fall gently
On my worried brow
Eyelids shut and heart wide open,
I wait to hear the distant.

Hold on to what is good,
Even if it's a handful of earth.
Hold on to what you believe in even if
Others don't understand your rhythm.
Hold on to what you must do,
Even if there are many steps to get there.

- Jeffree Jo Johnson Coba



Anti-racist worship and song
June 30, 7-10 p.m. eastern

A webinar in two parts:
Part I: Decentering Whiteness in Congregational Song
Part II: Anti-racism and Voices Together

Registration required:
www.mennomedia.org/register-now

VOICES
Together

Registration closes Tuesday, June 29 at 5 p.m. ET

Panelists will discuss how and why we should cultivate anti-racist worship practices. Instead of approaching anti-racism as a "special topic," how can our habits become more inclusive, just, and emblematic of God's reign?

Part I: Decentering Whiteness in Congregational Song

Panelists — Geraldine Balzer, Melissa Florer Bixler, Tony Brown, Andrea de Avila, and Cheryl Bear

Part II: Anti-racism and *Voices Together*

Panelists — Shannon Dycus, Rashard Allen, SaeJin Lee, Matthew Boutda, and Keshia Littlebear Cetrone

To register for the webinar, go to <https://www.mennomedia.org/register-now/>

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

We collected:

Budget Offerings	\$	18,279.48	
Designated Offerings		-	
In-kind Donation		-	
Retreat		68.00	
Sharing Fund Donations		100.00	
Total income		100.00	\$ 18,447.48

We spent offerings on:

Conference Support	\$	198.35	
Congregational Enrichment		618.12	
Leadership		12,698.75	
Meeting House		5,764.74	
Operating Expense		533.05	
Sharing Fund		50.00	
Retreat		75.00	
Total expense		75.00	(19,938.01)

We paid down our loans

(2,312.14)

We spent more than we collected

\$ (3,802.67)

Sharing Fund

Balance at beginning of year	\$	938.80	
Contributions from Everence		-	
Contributions from members		100.00	
Paid Out		(50.00)	
Balance		(50.00)	\$ 988.80

Fund Balances

Building Fund	\$	1,483.79	
Sharing Fund		988.80	
Immigration Fund		315.00	
Operating Fund		23,560.58	
Cash in Bank		23,560.58	\$ 26,348.17

Building Equity

Building Cost	\$	163,034.28	
Owed to Everence		(67,784.23)	
Owed to WDC		(3,961.45)	
Equity in Building		(3,961.45)	\$ 91,288.60

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 27	28	29	30	July 1	2	3

10:00 Worship

Happy Birthday, Jerry Truex!

9:30 Video Series

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10:00 Worship

Independence Day

2:00 Worship Committee

Happy Birthday, Vangie Truex! 9:30 Book Study

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Happy Birthday, Bridget Siedler!

10:00 Worship

7:00 Shepherds 7:00 Church Council

9:30 Video Series

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10:00 Worship

Happy Birthday, Jonathan Schlosser!

11:15 Church Life

9:30 Book Study

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Aug 1

10:00 Worship

11:45 Women's Reading Group

Happy Birthday, Warren Cheaney!