



Newsletter

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Mennonite Church of the Servant

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School Kits

Can our church send 200 school kits to MCC this summer? Lynn and the children of MCS, with the help of other adults, are working hard to reach this goal.

Through the month of December, the focus is pencils. School kits need good quality pencils: Ticonderoga unsharpened. The children will collect pencils every Sunday during worship, and people on Zoom and Facebook Live can contribute by dropping off pencils at the church building or with one of the members.

Afghan Refugee Kitchenware Drive

Two hundred Afghan refugees have settled in Wichita, and 200 more will arrive soon. According to the International Refugee Committee, kitchenware is a major need.

Bring your donations of new or lightly used kitchen items to MCS during December. Needed items include tea kettles, dishes, pots and pans, glasses, cups, mugs, stewpots and crockpots, bakeware, mixing bowls, cooking utensils, silverware, sharp knives, scissors, sponges, cutting boards, dish drying racks, storage containers, and kitchen towels.

The church building is now open for worship. There are also online opportunities for worship on Zoom or Facebook Live. Worship is at 10:00 a.m.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/644908398W>

Facebook Live Link: <https://www.facebook.com/>

Sunday Mornings in December

December 5: Advent 2-Dare to Imagine God's Embrace [Communion]

Teacher: Lois

Worship Leader: Bret

11:45 Break-out groups

December 12: Advent 3-Dare to Imagine God's Song

Teacher:Lynn

Worship Leader: Vangie

11:15 Break-out groups

December 19: Advent 4-Dare to Imagine God's Face

Teacher: Pat

Worship Leader: Geneva

11:45 Church Council

December 24: Christmas Eve Service

Worship Leader: Doug

December 26: Christmas 1: Dare to Imagine God's Robe

Teacher: Doug

Worship Leader: Lynn

Church Women United Christmas Luncheon, December 3, 12 noon at our church

We have Happy business to discuss and celebrate. All of you women are welcome to join us.

Update on Jennifer Johnson

Last month when we went to Kansas City to visit Jennifer Johnson, she reminded me to give everyone her address so you can write to her. Her birthday is Dec 8. Please send her a birthday card, so she can feel that she's still connected to our church. Birthdays are a big deal to her. Her address is 5331 Yecker Ave, KC Kansas 66104

Our plan for her birthday was to meet halfway between KC and Wichita, We planned to go shopping and look at Christmas lights. But she had an accident last Sunday. So she won't be traveling. She fell 12 feet. She fractured her back and shattered her right elbow. Her back will heal naturally with the help of a back brace. But the elbow required surgery to put it back together properly. It may take a long time and lots of therapy to heal. But her mental health is good. You may also send her a get well card. And pray for her healing, mentally and physically.

Anyone want to ride along when we go check on her around Christmas time?

- Sally

Five Places of Christmas,

The annual holiday open house, includes Kauffman Museum and Goerz House on the Bethel College campus, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. No charge for admission. The Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA) is the host at Goerz House, where there will be baked goods and other items for sale. Please plan to wear a face covering indoors and follow all COVID-19 protocols requested by the venue. Other locations: Warrentin House, Harvey County Historical Museum and Carriage Factory Gallery, all in Newton.

Have yourself a honkin' good holiday, December 17 from 4-6 p.m.! Order your charcuterie box(es)-filled with meats, cheeses, nuts and more—to enjoy in the comfort of your home. Order extra to give as gifts! Suggested donation per box is \$25. We're also collecting items for MCC hygiene kits at this event. Place your order by 5 p.m. on December 9 and pick up at the MCC Central States office in North Newton. Details and order form are on mcc.org. or 316.283.2720.

Alternative Gifts International

The objective of this market is to make your Christmas shopping easier and more meaningful. You can get meaningful, handmade, tax-free gifts that support a good cause and avoid the commercialism of the season. It's exciting.

Last week Wichita's 27th annual Alt Gift Market succeeded in raising over \$25,000 for various missions. Some sales are still coming in. We're still open to sales and donations. It's more than we raised last year but much less than previous years. We had 32 international missions, 4 local missions and 2 vendors.

Our church presented "More than a Survivor" the children of Haiti. Poor rural families are often promised by recruiters that their kids will receive the education they can't afford if they turn the kids over to them. Then they never see the kids again. Frequently the kids are sold into prostitution or domestic servitude or put to work in factories. According to UNICEF one in every six girls and one in every 10 boys in Haiti is enslaved by this. Beyond Borders is rescuing these kids and training them to be advocates for themselves and other kids. And help them get the education they deserve. Beyond Borders has a four star rating, the highest rating the Charity Navigator offers. Thanks to Vangie's beautiful work we raised about \$780 for Beyond Borders to help the kids.

Church Women United presented two missions about food for the hungry. And Sara Maxwell presented a project helping the Roma kids in Hungary get food and get an education.

Pockets For Change was a vendor. We presented MCC's Dignity Project. We make ecologically sustainable, washable hygiene products for women around the world who don't have access to them. We only raised \$200. Mainly because this project is not high on list of social and political crises like many of the others, even though the need is just as great. We're looking forward to next year.

Thank you

Sally

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

| | | | |
|----------------------------------------|----|-----------|-------------------|
| Budget Offerings | \$ | 36,573.04 | |
| Designated Offerings | | | |
| In-kind Donation | | 163.00 | |
| Retreat | | 68.00 | |
| Sharing Fund Donations | | 450.00 | |
| Total income | | | \$ 37,254.04 |
| We spent offerings on: | | | |
| Conference Support | \$ | 1,071.70 | |
| Congregational Enrichment | | 618.12 | |
| Leadership | | 27,440.00 | |
| Meeting House | | 8,710.58 | |
| Operating Expense | | 1,327.00 | |
| Sharing Fund | | 353.00 | |
| Retreat | | 75.00 | |
| Total expense | | | (39,595.40) |
| We paid down our loans | | | (5,074.48) |
| We spent more than we collected | | | <u>(7,415.84)</u> |

| Sharing Fund | | | |
|------------------------------|----|----------|----------|
| Balance at beginning of year | \$ | 938.80 | |
| Contributions from Everence | | - | |
| Contributions from members | | 450.00 | |
| Paid Out | | (353.00) | |
| Balance | \$ | | 1,035.80 |

| Fund Balances | | | |
|----------------------|----|-----------|--------------|
| Building Fund | \$ | 1,483.79 | |
| Sharing Fund | | 1,035.80 | |
| Immigration Fund | | 315.00 | |
| Operating Fund | | 19,900.41 | |
| Cash in Bank | | | \$ 22,735.00 |

| Building Equit. | | | |
|------------------------|----|-------------|--------------|
| Building Cost | \$ | 163,034.28 | |
| Owed to Everence | | (65,982.95) | |
| Owed to WDC | | (3,000.39) | |
| Equity in Building | | | \$ 94,050.94 |

December 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Nov 28 | 29 | 30 | Dec 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 10:00 Worship 11:45 Women's Reading Group | | 7:00 Shepherds | | . | 12:00 Church Women United | 9:30 Video Study |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 10:00 Worship 11:45 Break-out groups | | | | 7:00 Anti-Racism Group | | 9:30 Book Study |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 10:00 Worship 11:45 Break-out groups | | | 2:00 Worship Committee | 7:00 Church Council | | 9:30 Video Series |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 10:00 Worship 11:45 Church Life | | | | | 7:00 Christmas Eve Service | <i>Christmas Happy Birthday, Christian Cheaney!</i> |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | Jan 1 |
| 10:00 Worship | | | | | | <i>New Year's Day</i> |