



# Newsletter

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## July 9: Celebration of Life for Nancy Hurd

A brief remembrance of Nancy Hurd's life was held soon after worship in February, but on July 9, you are invited to a celebration of her life, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at MCS. Lynn will lead a brief memorial service, The rest of the evening will focus on two of Nancy's favorite things: tacos and table games. Contact Lynn or Geneva if you plan to attend and what item you will bring to add to the taco bar.

## Potluck, July 3

After worship on July 3, we will share a potluck—outdoors, weather permitting or indoors, if it's raining or too hot.

## Children's MCC Outing on July 21

All young people, and those young at heart (this means everybody! are invited to a tour of MCC on Thursday afternoon, July 21. Meet at MCS at 3:00 p.m. to carpool to North Newton to tour the MCC Resource Center, including seeing school kits waiting to be shipped to children who need this vital resource. After the tour, you are invited to have supper at Lynn's house.

## School Kits Almost Complete

The ambitious goal of donating 200 school kits to MCC is within reach. The remaining item is notebooks which will be on sale soon. Please help with a financial contribution to purchase 200 notebooks to complete the kits are sent to MCC.

Sunday morning services are hybrid. Join us in person or online on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/644908398>) or on Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/page/643747492342153/search/?q=facebook%20live>).

## **July 3: In Mission Together (Matthew, chapters 10-11:1) Communion**

**Worship Focus: The Jesus Empire: Hallmarks of God's Reign in the Gospel of Matthew**

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Teacher: Pat

Worship Leader: Geneva

11:45 Potluck

## **July 10: Facing Opposition (Matthew, chapters 11&12)**

Teacher: Lynn

Worship Leader: Bret

## **July 17: Parables of God's Reign (Matthew, chapter 13)**

Teacher: Lois

Worship Leader: Doug

## **July 24: Preparing the Disciples for Ministry (Matthew, chapters, 14-17)**

Teacher: Lynn

Worship Leader: Jan

11:30 Church Life

## **July 31: The New Community (Matthew, chapter 18) Lectio Divina**

Worship Leader: Doug

12:00 Women's Reading Group



## Report from Everence

The Everence Credit Union has 6.3 billion dollars in assets. The membership is steadily climbing. In 2021, donations doubled. \$158 million came in and \$72 million went out to various missions and churches. The My Neighbor Credit Card made \$444,000.

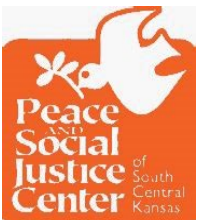
The Sharing Fund distributed \$819,000,000; 1.2 million of this went to churches with matching grants. A new pilot program targets underserved communities. It offers Covid relief funds and promotes technological advances.

New proposed needs from members include a grant to make life more accessible to the elderly and disabled, making churches more accessible also. In addition, there is a grant to send unchurched kids to Camp and assist in summer kids programs. Everything is based on Ephesians 4:15b. The Pastoral Wellness grant is still available. Individual budget counseling is available. The Safe Church grant to protect vulnerable people from abuse has been reinstated,

The best new grant is Grow Your own Mission. This grant will help churches begin and develop missions that their members' envision. A grant to help sustain Congregational Generosity is also available.

I brought pamphlets for everyone to look at if they're interested: *Control of Your Finances: Achieve financial wellness*, *Let's Grow Together: Trusted Financial Services rooted in our Faith and Values*, and *Everence Charitable Services- Grow your ability to make a World of Difference*. These are resources that we've used in the past, but I brought new copies. There is also *Planning Your Financial Journey: Making Your Wishes Known* on advance directives, wills, property and assets, power of attorney, and investing in what matters.

- Sally Huber



## Peace Center Sponsors Speaker on the War in Ukraine

The Peace and Social Justice will host Phyllis Benis, a foreign policy authority with a peace perspective, speaking on the war in Ukraine, as well as other wars that deserve our attention.

Ms. Benis is a Fellow of the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C. She is a co-founder of the U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights and the Iraq-era coalition, United for Peace and Justice. She currently serves on the board of Jewish Voices for Peace and the board of the Afro-Middle East Center in Johannesburg. She has authored and co-authored of books, including *Understanding the U.S.-Iran Crisis: A Primer* and *Love Wins: Palestinian Perseverance Behind Walls*.

At the time of this writing, the date of Ms. Benis' Zoom presentation is pending, but will be scheduled for an evening in July. For more information or a Zoom link, contact Pat.

**Mennonite Church of the Servant**  
**Financial Narrative**  
**As of May 2022**

<b>We collected:</b>	
Budget Offerings	\$ 22,358.64
Designated Offerings	90.00
In-kind Donation	
Retreat	360.00
Sharing Fund Donations	650.00
Total income	\$ 23,458.64
<b>We spent offerings on:</b>	
Conference Support	\$ 198.35
Congregational Enrichment	42.18
Leadership	14,143.25
Meeting House	7,796.75
Nonbudget Items	90.00
Operating Expense	553.53
Sharing Fund	600.00
Retreat	157.00
Total expense	(23,581.06)
<b>We paid down our loans</b>	(2,266.68)
<b>We spent more than we collected</b>	\$ (2,389.10)

<b>Sharing Fund</b>	
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 755.33
Contributions from Everence	100.00
Contributions from members	550.00
Paid Out	(600.00)
Balance	\$ 805.33

<b>Fund Balances</b>	
Building Fund	\$ 1,483.79
Sharing Fund	805.33
Immigration Fund	315.00
Operating Fund	19,454.52
Cash in Bank	\$ 22,358.64

<b>Building Equity</b>	
Building Cost	\$ 163,034.28
Owed to Everence	(63,385.64)
Owed to WDC	(2,020.02)
Equity in Building	\$ 97,628.62

# July 2022

HSun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Jn 26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>1</i> <i>Happy Birthday, Jerry Truex!</i>	<i>2</i> 9:30 Video
<i>3</i> 10:00 Worship/ Children's SS 11:45 Potluck	<i>4</i> <i>Independence Day</i>	<i>5</i>  7:00 Church Council	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Happy Birthday, Vangie Truex!</i> 9:30 Book Study 5:30 Nancy's Celebration
<i>10</i> 10:00 Worship/ Children's SS	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> <i>Happy Birthday, Bridget Siedler!</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> 9:30 TBA
<i>17</i> 10:00 Worship/ Children's SS	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> <i>Happy Birthday, Jonathan Schlosser!</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 9:30 Book Study
<i>24</i> 10:00 Worship/ Children's SS 12:00 Women's Reading Group	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>  7:00 Shepherds	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> <i>Warren Cheaney's Birthday</i>
<i>31</i> 10:00 Worship/ Children's SS	<i>Aug 1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>