



Newsletter

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COVID Protocols

The Shepherds have recommended the cancellation of the August potluck, as well as coffee fellowship in the dining space after worship, due to the rising incidents of COVID from a highly contagious variant. The Shepherds also suggested continuing to have fellowship over coffee, but outdoors when weather cooperates. Sedgwick County is now in the "red zone," so mask wearing when in the building is highly encouraged.

AUGUST 17: UKRAINE—YEARS TO GO?

Announced in the July newsletter as a July event, Phyllis Benis' presentation on this topic was postponed to this date. Sponsored by the Peace and Social Justice Center, Ms. Benis will discuss the Russian war in Ukraine and updates on other "hotspots" like Yemen, Somalia, Syria, Palestine, and Lebanon.

Ms. Bennis, a fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C., is an expert on international conflicts and political developments specializing in the Middle East. Her presentation begins at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Watch for an invitation to participate in your e-mail.

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>).

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m

Theme: The Jesus Empire: Hallmarks of God's Reign in the Gospel of Matthew

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

Worship Leader: Doug

August 7: On the Way to Jerusalem (Matthew, chapters 19-22) (Communion)

Teacher: Lois

Worship Leader: Doug

August 14: The Coming Judgment (Matthew, chapters 23-25)

Teacher: Lynn

Worship Leader: Bret

Theme: Ethics for the City of God

August 21: Ethics for the City of the Living God (Hebrews 12:12-29)

Teacher: Pat

Worship Leader: Geneva

11:30 Church Life

August 28: Ethics in Light of the City That Is to Come (Hebrews 13:1-9, 14-16)

Teacher: Lynn

Worship Leader: Vangie

11:45 Women's Reading Group

Celebrating the Life of Belinda Cheaney

Visitation will be from 11am - 5pm, Friday, August 5, 2022, at Lakeview Funeral Home, 12100 E.13th Street N. The **funeral** service for Belinda will be held 10:00 am, Saturday, August 6, 2022, with visitation one hour prior, at Lakeview Funeral Home, 12100 E.13th Street N. Belinda's **burial** service will take place at 2:00 pm, at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church Cemetery, 11700 E. 85th Street N. Please keep the Cheaney family in your prayers.

MC-USA Delegate Assembly: Reflections and Resources

The Delegate Assembly is over, and decisions have been made. What has changed? What does it mean for my conference, my congregation and me? Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and staff members answer these questions and more in the "Special Session of the Delegate Assembly: What Now?" webinar. Watch the recording here: mennoniteusa.org/webinar-whatnow

Clayton Gladish, pastor of Silverwood Mennonite Church, writes about how the passage of "A Resolution for Repentance and Transformation" can be an opportunity for us to widen the circle. Read his blog here: mennoniteusa.org/widening-circle

Anabaptist Disabilities Network, a ministry partner of Mennonite Church USA (MC USA), has created a study guide to help congregations understand and implement ideas from the recently passed "Mennonite Church USA Accessibility Resolution." It includes study materials, reflection questions and information for instructional use intended for use over four weeks. Learn more here: <https://www.anabaptistdisabilitiesnetwork.org/Resources/Pages/Accessibility-Resolution-Study-Guide.aspx>

Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) is now offering a wide variety of MennoCon21 resources, including the evening sermons, seminars and Bible studies, for free on the MC USA website and YouTube channel. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/resources-menncon21

Other News from MC-USA

Mennonite Church USA Executive Director Glen Guyton was one of many faith leaders to sign a statement calling for President Biden to re-enter the Iran nuclear deal. Read the statement here: mennoniteusa.org/faith-leaders-iran

Earlier this year, Linda Gehman Peachey and Sue Park-Hur of Mennonite Church USA's Women in Leadership project led nine women in a training on the "Laboring Toward Wholeness" anti-patriarchy curriculum. The women discussed why women and their welfare are often overlooked. Read their reflections in, "What about the women?" mennoniteusa.org/what-about-women

Filling the Gap

The summer lunch program, sponsored by the Wichita School District, provides free lunches to school-aged children. Without this program, many families would not be able to provide enough food for their families. However, this program ends July 29, with two full weeks left before school begins. This is where "Filling the Gap" comes in, with volunteer food preparers and servers who fill this gap to make sure children receive food throughout the summer.

This year, Filling the Gap will serve lunches at 13 locations around Wichita. Sally coordinates the program at Hilltop Urban Church. The closest lunch site to Mennonite Church of the Servant's building is the Community Center at Evergreen Park. Sally's dream is that in the future our church would participate as a lunch site, as Evergreen is a long walk for children who live in the vicinity of MCS.

In support of this program, the Shepherds have designated \$100 from the Sharing Fund, and Church Women United has given money to buy some basic school supplies for the kids. Sally says that a few more volunteers are needed to help pick the stuff up from the food bank, unload the truck, and set up the stuff, as well as a few volunteers to help distribute the food packets and books, etc into the children's bags.

Alternative Gift Market

This year the Alternative Gift Market will be at Hillside Christian Church again, 8330 E Douglas (Douglas and Rock Road) This year it's November 12, from 10am to 4pm. I'm so glad that our kids are considering taking a project. Project picking night will be August 25 at 7pm at Hillside CC.

The catalogs of gift options should be available for browsing by next week. The fun begins after you pick your project, then start planning how you want to represent your project. Our kids and their grandparents and friends can take turns working at the table for 2-hour shifts. I'll be there representing the Dignity Project for MCC. This is a great way to put our faith and our finances into action.

Sally

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

We collected:			
	Budget Offerings	\$ 22,096.60	
	Designated Offerings	90.00	
	In-kind Donation		
	Retreat	360.00	
	Sharing Fund Donations	600.00	
	Total income	<u>600.00</u>	\$ 23,146.60
We spent offerings on:			
	Conference Support	\$ 238.02	
	Congregational Enrichment	42.18	
	Leadership	16,971.90	
	Meeting House	8,298.66	
	Nonbudget Items	90.00	
	Operating Expense	639.13	
	Sharing Fund	650.00	
	Retreat	307.00	
	Total expense	<u>307.00</u>	(27,236.89)
	We paid down our loans		(2,637.75)
	We spent more than we collected		<u>\$ (6,728.04)</u>

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

Fund Balances		
Building Fund	\$	1,483.79
Sharing Fund		805.33
Immigration Fund		315.00
Operating Fund		18,634.67
Cash in Bank		<u>\$ 21,238.79</u>

Building Equity		
Building Cost	\$	163,034.28
Owed to Everence		(63,014.57)
Owed to WDC		(2,020.02)
Equity in Building		<u>\$ 97,999.69</u>

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July 31	Aug. 1	2	3	4	5	6
10:00 Worship/Children's Sun Schl					11:00-5:00 Visitation for Belinda Chaney family	10:00 Funeral for Belinda Cheaney
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