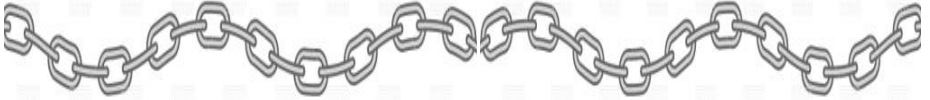


Freedom
Bound:



The Path
of New Beginnings

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Epiphany Sunday

January 3, 2016

9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m.

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

“... surely you have heard... how the mystery was made known to me... that through the church the wisdom of God... might now be made known to the rulers and authorities...”
Ephesians 3

Prelude

We Three Kings
Galen Shriner, organ

arr. Lind

*Call to Worship

Karl Swartz

Leader: God's word runs swiftly to the ends of the earth! It carries glad tidings of creation's rebirth!

**People: Let us enter the new age,
Let us turn to the light,
Let us build a new earth,
Let us celebrate new life!**

*Leader: We arrive in a garden where suffering shall fade!
Proclaim the goodness of all God has made!*

**People: Let us enter the new age,
Let us turn to the light,
Let us build a new earth,
Let us celebrate new life!**

*Prayer

*Hymn

Glory Be to the Father

HWB 127

Psalm 72:1-14

PB 464

Hymn

Hail to the Lord's anointed

HWB 185

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory Angels, We Have Heard on High
Prayer of Dedication

arr. Page
HWB 220

Time for Children		Beth Lichty
Worship Music	<i>Madeline Harder, cello</i>	JS Bach
The Lessons	Matthew 2:1-12 John 1:1-5,10-14	PB 783 HWB 841
Sermon	New Beginnings	Lois Harder
*Hymn	Holy Child within the manger	SS 28
Celebrating Our Communion with the World		Lois Harder
	Welcome, passing the Peace Receiving the Feast Prayer of Thanksgiving	
*Hymn	For the bread	HWB 477
*Benediction		
Postlude	Songs of Thankfulness and Praise	arr. Hobby

*Congregation Stands

HWB =Hymnal, a Worship Book; SJ = Sing the Journey;
PB = Pew Bible; SS = Sing the Story

We light the peace lamp as a reminder that peace is God's will for all of creation, that Christ is the Prince of Peace, and that the Holy Spirit empowers us to proclaim boldly the gospel of peace.

We welcome you to this service of worship! Please write your name on the welcome pad at the end of your pew, and then return it to learn who is sitting near you. Please include your address if you are a visitor or new attender. A nursery for children up to 5 years of age is available in Room 204.

For those with hearing difficulties, assistive listening equipment (which includes headphones and a small, pocket-sized receiver) is available. Please ask one of the ushers for assistance.

Greeters this morning are Amber and Tyler Schroeder. **Nursery workers during worship** are Linda Doll and Ellen Ebersole; **during Sunday School**, Kristina Everingham. **Fellowship workers** are Dwayne and Sandy Schrag.

Following the worship service, you are all invited to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and casual conversation until the bell rings for Sunday School. (Please see the list of classes below.)

Among our friends:

Dr. Melvin D. Epp has just published *For the Children: Pursuing Religious and Political Freedom*. The Remarkable Life Journeys of Peter Epp and His Children Agnetha and Johann. Together with cousins, Gladys Wiebe, Daryl Regier, Joyce Keys, Agnes Harder, and Linda Baumann, we have completed the genealogical story of the Emmaus Epp family. The book begins with a short succinct “capsule” of Mennonite history—as one reader described it, and then the historical origins of the family names: Epp, Andres, Harder, and Regier. The storyline begins in 1825 with Peter Epp who married Agnetha Andres. They had two surviving children: Agnetha (Epp) Thiessen—the grandmother of all Thiessens at Emmaus, and Johann Epp (later John Epp, Sr.)—the grandfather of all Emmaus Epps. The diaspora that Peter and Agnetha followed just for the benefit of their children—“their gift from God”, from West Prussia to southern Russia to Beatrice, NE to Brainerd, KS is outlined and detailed. The sad stories of fires, childhood maladies, health issues without modern medicine, and death, all are part of these life journeys. The book has 56 remarkable figures and ends with a summary showing that by the end of 2014, Johann’s more than 700 descendants are recipients of the religious and political freedoms that Peter and Agnetha desired for their children 150 years ago.

Comment from a reader: “I really enjoyed giving copies of your book to our children this Christmas. Our ancestors have passed an amazing legacy down to us. Now I have a way to help them understand that more easily. Thank you for your countless hours spent making that opportunity possible.”

The book costs \$22.00 and is available at Faith & Life Bookstore, Newton; the Kauffman Museum Gift Shop, North Newton; and The Whitewater Memorial Library, Whitewater; or I can put a copy in your church mailbox. Melvin D. Epp 316-799-2913.

Dear LAMC Congregation - **Thank you for your tremendous support for Inter-Faith Ministries-Operation Holiday!!!!** Our collection bin was emptied FOUR times! Your donations of money,

blankets, coats, food, and pet food was enormously appreciated. Thanks to the following LAMC volunteers who helped with supplies distribution on Thursday, December 17: Sharon Pauls, Darrel Doerksen, Lila Osborne, Don Steelberg, Ellsworth Kauffman, Gracye Kaufmann, Katie Mitchell-Koch, Treva and Gerry Lichti, Cindy and Miles Thompson, Marie Krehbiel, Linda Doll. As soon as we have a full report from Inter-Faith Ministries with Operation Holiday statistics on the number of people served and other data, we will share that with the congregation. Thank you!!!! Lorraine Ave. Mission Board

January 16, 2016, marks The Kansas African American Museum's 37th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Celebration.

A list of events is posted on each door and on the table outside the church office. The program in the evening will be held at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, featuring Wiley College Choir and you WILL need a button. Today and next Sunday, members of the Peace Committee will be selling buttons (\$3.00 each) during fellowship time. LAMC purchased 100 buttons and shared half with The Greater Faith Christian Church - so we have only 50 – limited time, limited supply, but you may buy as many as you need!

Ordinary radical, author and speaker **Shane Claiborne** will be the featured speaker at *Hesston College's 2016 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series conference Feb. 19 to 21*. The conference, **Not Just on Sunday**, will explore what it means to be a 24/7 disciple of Christ. Discover spiritual practices that empower us to change the world. Work at the balance of being and doing. Dig deeper into practices that bring transformation. Youth and adults are encouraged to participate as the weekend will feature tracks for Congregational Life led by Claiborne and Youth Ministry led by Nes Espinosa, executive director of Timoteo Football Philadelphia, which supports communities by empowering men to mentor youth through athletics and spiritual formation. For a full schedule, registration and speaker information, visit the Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series on the web.

Prayer for *Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto*:

Please continue prayers and support for Pastor Byron and Hilda Pellecer and our Wichita Latino brothers and sisters of *Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto* as we join with them in missional community as they grow in Christ. - LAMC Support Group

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

As a new year begins, pray for God’s vision and guidance for all WDC congregations in their ministry and witness.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Gary Wittig and several colleagues at the international school in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, have been let go by a new administration for the coming academic year. Pray that God will open new doors for each of them, and that God will help Gary and Martine Audeoud’s family through this transition.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Give thanks for 2015 and the many opportunities students, both young and old, have had to grow in wisdom and knowledge through Mennonite education.

Visitors from last Sunday:

Jan, Katie, Josh and Noah Osborne, Wichita; Miles Crawford, Wichita; Lisa Kelley, Overland Park, KS; Beth Lichty’s parents from Arkansas

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer	4:15 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	OZ Bike Group	6:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Lifestyle Strategies- Fellowship Hall	11:30 a.m.
	Wellness Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Chancel Choir rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Serendipity	1:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies	5:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
	LA Mission Board	5:00 p.m.
Saturday	Board of Christian Education Meeting	9:00 a.m.

Elementary and Youth Sunday School Classes

Early Childhood (3- 4 year olds) Shine! Curriculum Room 206

Teachers: Linda Doll, Ellen Ebersole

Kindergarten - First Grade Shine! Room 201

Teachers: Kelly Cleary, Jill Robinson, and Alison Wenzel

Second - Fourth Grades Shine! Room 202

Teachers: Julie Dunkelberger and Beth Lichty

Fifth - Tenth Grades Shine! – L.E.D. Room B4

Teachers: Catherine Everingham, Ann Fetters, Lois Harder

Fifth – Tenth Grades Room B5

Faith Formation through Games

Teachers: Beverly Baumgartner, Joel Ewy, Kristina Everingham

Adult Sunday School Classes

Empowerers Book Study Lois' Office (Basement)

Seeds of Heaven

Barbara Brown Taylor

The Seekers Book Study Room 208

Living More with Less

Doris Janzen Longacre

Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room

Led by Rose Moyer

Faith & Issues Sermon Discussion Fellowship Hall

Men's Group Book Study Library

Better Dads, Stronger Sons

Led by Doug Everingham

Mission Statement*

We are called to be followers of Christ
seeking God's will through the Holy Spirit
sharing the good news of love, peace,
healing, and hope
through worship, fellowship, and service
in our community, our city, and beyond.



**Foundational Scripture passages: Micah 6:8; Matthew 5-7; Mark 12:29-31; John 3:16; John 13:34-35; John 20:31; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 Peter 4:7-11; 1 John 4:16.*

We welcome all persons without regard to their race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, social status, education, ability, or any other factor subject to discrimination and exclusion in our world. *"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28)*

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