

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Epiphany 2

January 14, 2018

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

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

*Nathanael said to him,
"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"
Philip said to him, "Come and see."
John 1:46*

Prelude Prière à Notre-Dame Boëllmann
Linda Buller, organ

Introit Open now thy gates of beauty
Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship (John 1:1-5) Beth Tanner

Leader: In the beginning was the Word,

People: and the Word was with God,

All: and the word was God.

Leader: He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through him,

People: and without him not one thing came into being.

Leader: What has come into being in him was life,

People: and the life was the light of all people.

Leader: The light shines in the darkness,

All: and the darkness did not overcome it.

*Hymn Of the Father's love begotten HWB 104
Vs. 1 leader; vs. 2-4 congregation

The First Reading John 1:6-14 (PB 862)

Hymn Christ is the world's true light HWB 334

Time for Children

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory Beautiful Savior

arr. Hobby

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem The Lord Is My Strength Patterson
The Second Reading John 1:43-51 (PB 863)
Sermon Can Anything Good Come Out of Goessel? Tom Harder
*Hymn He comes to us as one unknown HWB 498

Work of the Church

Welcome and Introductions
Announcements/Activities
Reception of new members
Congregational response No. 777
Joys/Concerns
Prayer

*Hymn Jesus, be the center SS 31

*Benediction

Postlude Praise the Almighty, My Soul Adore Him Behnke

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

*Congregation stands

We are blessed and pleased to receive 4 new members this morning! **Warren Yoder, Marla Kaufmann, Earl (Blue) Wallace and Alex Muñoz.** Find their written confessions of faith in this bulletin.

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.

Greeters this morning are Kevin and Mona Doerksen. **Nursery workers during worship** are Jeremy and Katie Mitchell-Koch;

during Sunday school, Kelly Cleary. **Fellowship workers** are Marla Kauffman and Warren Yoder.

Following the worship service, you all are 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...

Congratulations to **Andrew and Le Ozor (and, of course, grandparents, Adella and William)** on the birth of twin sons born December 27, 2017. Big sister Ariana welcomes her brothers, Dominik Khiem and Jude Khanh.

Well-deserved congratulations go to Gerry and Treva Lichti who received the award for “Outstanding Service to Sedgwick County, 2017” for their work with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Thank you, Treva and Gerry, for your tireless and excellent work with this important organization and those it serves.

The Ad Hoc Youth Pastor Search Committee is happy to announce that **Alex Muñoz has been hired as our Interim Youth Coordinator**. The committee feels that Alex has the gifts and experience to serve LAMC well in this position. Please welcome him in this new role!

...in our community, our city, and beyond.

Here are some activities you won't want to miss – happening here!

Wednesday, January 31, hear about Dan Eigsti's recent trip to India! Dan will show some pictures and tell us about some of his experiences. LAMB and the Peace Committee will provide a simple, soup/bread supper from 5:30-6:00 Dan's presentation (with time for Q & A) will begin at 6:00 and wrap up around 7:15.

Friday, February 2, Tasting Meal #2 with Greater Faith Christian Church! This time GFCC will host us at their facility (6249 E 21st N Suite 119/122) at 6:00 p.m. Sign-up sheet is on the sofa table in the south lobby.

Sunday, February 4 – Congregational Meeting

Youth MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) Service Project and Pizza Party on Saturday, February 10th from 10:15am-1:30pm. The youth will be packing relief kits and hearing from Megan Siebert about her SALT term in Bolivia while we enjoy a pizza party. We will meet at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church at

10:15am and then carpool to North Newton and the MCC Center from there. Pick up will be at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church at 1:30/1:45pm. Please **RSVP by January 24th** to Rachel Reimer-Kouame, so she can give a count to MCC on how much food to have as well as kits to pack.

If you are interested in securing a group rate for *The Mennonite* or *Rejoice*, please contact Jill Robinson. These two publications are organized through the BOCE. The group subscription rates are as follows: The Mennonite, a monthly magazine that comes directly to your home can be \$37 per year instead of \$46; and Rejoice devotional reader, a quarterly publication, is \$7.25 at the bulk rate (\$29/ year). Additionally, if you currently receive either and would like to change, let me know that too. Contact info is 316-655-1464 (call or text), schmidtrobinson@att.net or place a note in my box. Thank you.

Local MLK Celebration events include: **Monday, January 15**, 8:30-11:30 a.m. MLK Day of Service at the Bob Brown Expo Hall, Century II. Habitat for Humanity will frame up a home that will then be moved to its permanent location. To register, go to www.volunteerkansas.org, From noon-1:30 p.m. at Hughes Metroplex, Greater Wichita Ministerial League presents their annual MLK Day event, featuring preacher/singer Smokie Norful from Chicago, IL. Adult and children's choirs. The theme is "The Quest for Peace with Justice", taken from Dr. King's speech.

Celebrate **Martin Luther King Day on January 15, 2018**, by taking a local history walk! "**Racial Justice in Newton: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**" is a walking tour to hear the stories of Newton's racial and ethnic diversity, to celebrate our accomplishments, and to seek positive change in the community. **Tours start at 3:00 and 3:30 p.m. at the Newton Recreation Commission** (415 N. Poplar) and last around 90 minutes. Bus transportation is available for those needing assistance getting to the two other sites and back to the Rec. This event is free and open to the public.

Monday, January 15 – Bethel College annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, with Ken E. Nwadike Jr., a peace activist, inspirational speaker and video journalist popularly known as "the Free Hugs Guy," poetry reading by Bethel students, 7 p.m., *Krehbiel*. **Bethel College: this afternoon, January 14 – KIPCOR Film Series** continues with *Awake: A Dream from Standing Rock* (co-sponsored by MCC Central States), 3 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*. *Awake* is a 2017 documentary about citizen resistance, led by the Standing Rock Sioux nation, to the Dakota

Access Pipeline. Talk-back follows with film co-director and Native American journalist Myron Dewey.

From Mennonite Central Committee: Thank you so much for your continued support in making and donating comforters for MCC. This past year, MCC sent 49,223 blankets and comforters to people experiencing war, displacement, and natural disasters in Bosnia, Iraq, Jordan, North Korea, Somalia, and Ukraine. 1,958 of those came from the Central States region! MCC continues to receive more requests for comforters from our partners around the world. Save the date for the upcoming Comforter Blitz in Yoder, Kansas, taking place on March 5th-7th, 2018, as we work together to bring comfort to our brothers and sisters around the world, [mcc.org/comforter-blitz!](http://mcc.org/comforter-blitz)

Come hear about local restorative justice efforts and new initiatives underway at **Offender/Victim Ministries' annual meeting this afternoon at 4:00 at Shalom Mennonite Church.** Light refreshments (faspas) will be served. Please join us as we kick off our 45th year of ministry!

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) announces a series of 12 weekly classes, structured to help family members/caregivers understand and support individuals with serious mental illness while maintaining their own well-being, **beginning Monday, February 12.** The course is taught by a team of trained NAMI family member volunteers who know what it's like to have a loved one struggling with one of these brain disorders. **There is no cost to participate in the NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program.** Over 300,000 family members in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Italy have completed this course. We think you will be pleased by how much assistance the program offers. **We invite you to call for more information and to register.** *(See the flyer on south lobby bulletin board for more information.)*

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for the joy, wisdom and energy of the Holy Spirit at the WDC Year of Evangelism kick-off next weekend, January 19-20, at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

At Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. Daniel White Hodge, Ph.D. will speak on "No Church in the Wild: Christianity, White Supremacy, Black Liberation and Hip Hop." May seeds be sown to bring about changes to unjust power systems and structures.

Prayers for Peacemakers:

Pray for the family and other loved ones of Windy Sinclair, a 29-year-old Anishinaabe woman from Winnipeg who froze to death in the bitter cold around Christmas. Pray that the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority will be accountable to the circumstances that led to this vulnerable woman leaving the emergency room into the -28 C snowy night when the hospital discharged her.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

On Sunday, Israel published a list of 20 global organizations whose members will be barred from entering the country due to their support for the boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel’s occupation. *Lord, we pray for all human rights organizations of the world who stand firmly for justice and peace in Palestine and Israel. May this action by the State of Israel only serve to embolden those human rights defenders to continue their work for justice and peace. Lord in your mercy...*

Visitors last Sunday:

Byron and Keaton Rupp, Andover; Keith Jantz, M.D., Leawood, KS; Margaret Enns, Chicago, IL; Elizabeth Evans, Brooklyn, NY; Gloria Hegge, Wichita

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Women’s Group – Rm. 208	9:00 a.m.
	Church Council meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Chancel Choir rehearsal	6:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:30 p.m.
	<i>knitting4peace</i> – Gathering Room	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
	Peace Committee meeting	4:00 p.m.

Elementary and Youth Sunday School Classes

Early Childhood (3- 4-year-olds) Shine! Curriculum Room 206
Teachers: Ellen Ebersole and Sylvia Schmidt

Kindergarten – Second Grade Shine! Curriculum Room 201
Teachers: Beth Lichty and Jill Robinson

Third - Fourth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room 202
Teachers: Alison Wenzel and Grayce Kaufmann

Fifth – Eighth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room B-4
Teachers: Nadine Reimer Penner, Julie Dunkelberger,
and Katie Mitchell-Koch

Ninth -Twelfth Grades Generation Why? Curriculum Rm 208
Teachers: Rachel Reimer-Kouame, Joel Ewy, and Jill Robinson

Adult Sunday School Classes

Empowerers Book Study Lois' Office (Basement)
*Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom,
Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants*
by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Men's Study Jesus as seen through the eyes Library
of Leo Tolstoy
led by Doug Everingham and Alex Muñoz

Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room
led by Rose Moyer

Young Adult Class Choir Room
TED Talks and discussion facilitated by Ruth Tieszen

Faith and Issues Class Fellowship Hall
Joel Ewy – Faith Story

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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Pastor Tom Harder

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