

**Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church**  
Wichita, Kansas

Third Sunday of Epiphany

January 17, 2016

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

Worship  
Fellowship  
Sunday School

*"Our only hope today lies in our ability to recapture the revolutionary spirit and go out into a sometimes hostile world declaring eternal hostility to poverty, racism, and militarism."  
-- Martin Luther King, Jr., "Beyond Vietnam"*

Prelude	Prelude and Fugue in C minor <i>Galen Shriner, organ</i>	JS Bach
*Call to Worship	SS144	Janet Kaufman
*Prayer		SS 145
*Hymn	Let justice flow like streams	SJ 65
Isaiah 62:1-5		PB 604
Worship Music	Where Will You Stand? <i>Doug Everingham</i>	Healy/Payne
Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings		
Offertory Prayer of Dedication	We give thee but our own	arr. Culli
Time for Children		Beth Lichty
The Lesson		John 2:1-11 PB 863
Sermon	I will not keep silent	Michael Poage
*Hymn	How can we be silent	SJ 61

Work of the Church

Lois Harder

Welcome and Introductions  
Announcements and Activities  
Joys and Concerns  
Prayer

\*Hymn                      Lift every voice and sing                      HWB 579

\*Benediction

Response                      Precious Lord, Take My Hand                      Dorsey  
*Doug Everingham*

\*Congregation stands

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

Many thanks to Rev. Michael Poage for bringing the message this morning! Lois Harder will preach next Sunday, January 24, and Katie Mitchell-Koch will preach on Sunday, January 31.

**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 Iris and John Siemens. **Nursery workers during worship** are Rachel Reimer Kouame and Erica Schmidt; **during Sunday School,** Grayce and Reid Kaufmann. **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.)

## **In Our Community:**

*The Wichita Ministerial League Martin Luther King program will be tomorrow, January 18, at the WSU Metro-Plex (29<sup>th</sup> & Oliver), at noon.*

**In honor of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., Bethel College** offers two special events: **Today**, 7 p.m. – screening of *In Prison My Whole Life*, an award-winning 2007 documentary on the court case of imprisoned political activist Mumia Abu-Jamal, with open discussion to follow with Jerrell Williams, director of Prison Ministries for OVM-Newton; **Monday, Jan. 18, 7 p.m.** – “**The New Jane Crow,**” a program with keynote speaker **Michelle Armster**, executive director of Mennonite Central Committee-Central States. Both events are in *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*, and both are free and open to the public with a freewill offering taken Monday to support the work of Newton Community for Racial Justice.

**Our congregation's annual meeting** will be Sunday, February 7, after a fundraiser meal prepared by the Mission Board. Child care will be provided.

**The Men's Mentoring group** will meet in the library for Sunday School, after being off for four weeks. Doug Everingham will present “Better Dads – Stronger Sons.”

**Beginning Sunday, January 24**, Andrea Unzicker will facilitate a 10-week stewardship series in the Faith and Issues Sunday School class. Developed by Everence, it is called "Stewards of Grace". The series will include stewardship of time, finances, health and the environment and will be led by various LAMC and guest presenters. As a prelude to the series, today, we will hear updates from the following three committees: Marie Krehbiel - Lord's Diner and Harbor House, Barbara Gingrich - women4women knitting4peace, and Linda Doll - Operation Holiday.

**Life Ventures is throwing a party – a Kansas Day Birthday Party!** On January 26, you're invited to join them at East Heights United Methodist Church, 4407 E. Douglas, for a program with Sierra Scott, lunch, and music with Ellan Muyskens. Doors open at

9:00 and the cost is \$12.50 per person. (Flyer is on the south lobby bulletin board.)

**WDC Women in Mission will sponsor a Sister Care Weekend** at Bethel College Mennonite Church, 2600 College Ave in North Newton on January 29 and 30. Come spend Friday evening (7-9 pm) and Saturday (9 am-4:30 pm) at a seminar that will provide tools for ongoing personal healing, for recognizing and celebrating God's grace in our lives, and for responding more confidently and effectively to the needs of others. Registration can be found on the WDC website (<http://mennowdc.org/sister-care-seminar-january-29-30-2016/>) or contact: Pam Schrag 317-217-1448; schraggs52@gmail.com OR Nancy Krehbiel 620-245-2471, stevekrehb@mtelco.net.

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. *More information and registration forms are on the bulletin board in the south lobby. If you would like to car-pool to the Sister Care and/or the Hesston AVDS event, please let the church office know.*

**The 2016 Annual Meeting of Global Learning Center will be held January 31, 2016, at Olive Tree Banquet Hall**, 2949 N. Rock Rd. Following dinner at 6:00 and the annual meeting, Sonja Bontrager will speak on "Service Learning in Guatemala." *RSVP by January 27* to Michael Aumack michaelaumack@gmail.com or (316) 616-5538 so they can order enough delicious food. Cost is \$12 for member, \$14 for non-members, \$10 for students, or you may listen for free.

**It's Fellowship Meals time out here on the prairie.** These are shared experiences in giving – hosts invite someone to their home to "come and dine" and guests visit another family's home. This is a fund-raiser for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, which also helps facilitate the dining experience. Forms to participate are on the table in front of the office and need to be returned to appropriate address before February 8.

**Serve Mennonite Central Committee and your local community by volunteering at Newton Et Cetera Shop!** Currently needed: volunteer clerks (especially 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday); volunteers to check electronics, tag clothing, shoes, housewares,

other. Times are flexible. For more information, call **316-283-9461**.

There are still Wednesdays available for chefs to shine! **Wednesday night supper and activities begin February 3.** The sign-up sheet is on the table, under the office window. Cooking together is fun for families, house churches, friends, committees. Looking forward to eating with you!

Did you decide to become more involved in the community and work of Lorraine Ave Mennonite Church in 2016? One way is to **join the LAMC “Lord’s Diner” team!** The next food handler class, which is required, is *Saturday, February 13, 9:30, at Pleasantview Baptist Church, 1335 N. Buckner, Derby.* Then contact Marie Krehbiel to be part of our team.

**Your life story is an unrepeated journey that only YOU can tell!** First Mennonite Church in Newton is sponsoring two life stories workshops this year called "Story Matters" led by Laurie Oswald Robinson which will provide tools to help people write their own stories or the stories of a loved one. The workshops will be held February 19-20 (6:30 - 9 pm Friday and 8:30 - 3:30 Saturday) and April 1-2. Choose the one that best fits your schedule. The cost is \$60 per person which includes workshop materials, snacks and lunch. The workshops are partially funded by a Loaves & Fishes Grant from Western District Conference. To register, send an e-mail to Wendy Funk Schrag at [pwschrag@cox.net](mailto:pwschrag@cox.net). Registration is due February 1 for the February workshop.

### **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:**

Pray for God’s wisdom and energy for interim pastors who serve WDC congregations in the midst of transition.

### **Prayers for Peacemakers:**

Give thanks for the gift of water. Give thanks for the Indigenous peoples defending clean water around the world today. Pray that governments and corporations will abandon resource extraction projects that threaten watersheds.

### **Prayers from *Sabeel*:**

Lord, the Christmas season has come and gone, and a New Year now lies before us, full of fresh possibility. Yet for those living in Palestine, it is hard to sense that any real change is on the horizon. Lord, almost half a century of Israeli occupation is stirring violent resistance especially among youth who see no ray of light in the never-ending tunnel of the Israeli occupation. It is a new month dear Lord, a new year, grant us hope in the midst of this despair, show us your light in the midst of all this darkness. Lord in your mercy...

God of mercy, there are now 407 Palestinian children (12 - 17 years) held in Israeli military detention - an increase of 138 percent since September, and the highest number since March 2009. Five of these children are being held without charge or trial in administrative detention. Reports of physical abuse and the denial of basic legal rights persist confirming UNICEF's 2013 findings. Be with them God, help them to know that you alone are ultimately in control. God, we pray for an end to this unbearable situation that makes victims of these children. Lord in your mercy...

We pray alongside the World Council of Churches for the countries of Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

### **Visitors from last Sunday:**

Margaret Enns, Chicago, IL; Greg, Jan, Noah, Josh, Katie Osborne, Katie's friend, Tegan, Wichita; David Hansen, his wife and two exchange students, Wichita; Terra Wiens, Tim and Kathy Wiens, Newton, KS; Isabella Arredondo, Wichita; Leslie, Marissa and Paxton Branson, Wichita

### **This Week at Church**

Monday	Library Committee Meeting	1:30 p.m.
	Centering Prayer	4:15 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Lifestyle Strategies- Fellowship Hall	11:30 a.m.
	Church Council Meeting	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.
	<i>knitting4peace</i> – Gathering Room	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Men's Breakfast	8:00 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 Church Committee Reports Fellowship Hall**  
*The Lord's Diner, knitting4peace, Operation Holiday*

**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)*

## Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church

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Mon. & Wed. 9:30-5:00

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Thursday is Tom and Lois' day off

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Weds. 1:30-5:30, Thurs. 2:30-4:30