

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Epiphany 3

January 21, 2018

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

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

*"I do want to point out, friends, that time is of the essence. There is no time to waste, so don't complicate your lives unnecessarily. Keep it simple – in marriage, grief, joy, whatever. Even in ordinary things – your daily routine of shopping and so on. Deal as sparingly as possible with the things the world thrusts on you. This world as you see it is on its way out."
I Corinthians 7:29-31, The Message*

Pre-service drumming

Doug Everingham and friends

Prelude

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven
Erica Schmidt, organ

arr. Behnke

*Call to Worship (Psalm 62:5-12)

Gerry Lichti

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God.

**People: God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
All: I shall not be shaken.**

Leader: On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

People: Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God; God is a refuge for us.

Leader: Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

People: Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do you set your hearts on them.

Leader: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.

All: For you repay to all according to their work.

*Prayer

*Hymn We sing to you, O God SJ 1

Time for Children

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

 Offering Prayer Lorenz

 Prayer of Dedication

Anthem Suite Antique, I. Prelude John Rutter

Grayce Kaufmann, flute DeAnn Diller, piano

The Lesson Jonah 3-4 (PB 753)

Sermon You want me to do *what?* Lois Harder

*Hymn If you but trust in God HWB 576

Work of the Church

Tom Harder

 Welcome and Introductions

 Announcements and Activities

 Joys and Concerns

 Prayer

*Hymn All glory be to God on high HWB 122

*Benediction

Postlude In Thee is Gladness arr. Manz

 HWB = Hymnal, a Worship Book; SJ = Sing the Journey

 PB = Pew Bible; SS = Sing the Story

*Congregation stands

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 Julie and Kelly Dunkelberger. **Nursery workers during worship** are Don and Mildred Franz; during Sunday school, Rachel Reimer-Kouame. **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.)

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

On Wednesday, January 31, **come 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.

Tasting Meal #2 with Greater Faith Christian Church is coming up, Friday, February 2! 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.

Please plan to attend the **congregational meeting on February 4th**, following Sunday School and a potluck meal. Please read your annual report prior to the meeting, so we can quickly review it and note any corrections. We will also review the proposed slate of officers and board members and 2018 budget. Bring a dish to share for the potluck; we will use the church table service. Childcare will be provided. - Ruth Tieszen, Congregational Chair

Youth MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) Service Project and Pizza Party on *Saturday, February 10th* from 10:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 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 10:15 a.m. and then carpool to North Newton and the MCC Center from there. Pick up will be at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church at 1:30-1:45 p.m. 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.

REMEMBERING 50 years of the Relief Sale in Kansas - The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale was known originally as the Mid-Kansas Mennonite Relief Auction Association. They organized and sponsored what was known as the MCC Sale. There had been an on-

going debate concerning the collection of Kansas sales tax at the Sale. At the 1969 sale, held in Hillsboro, sales tax was collected. Levi Goossen, our Attorney at that time, appealed this circumstance and asked for an exemption. The Sale was incorporated on Jan. 23, 1971 and we received the initial tax exemption letter from the IRS on Dec. 10, 1971 with final confirmation under IRC 509 on March 22, 1973. This exemption continues, although we have had to handle a challenge or two along the way. The act of charity in the name of Jesus is the on-going purpose of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. A community coming together to promote “Praising God through Service”.

Looking for some hopeful news? Please read the wonderful article from Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT), brought to our attention by Willard Ebersole! It’s a report from Palestine. The article, titled “Tent of Nations – hope in the hills of Bethlehem”, tells about an extended family whose hundred-acre family farm has been illegally overtaken by the Israeli settlements. The family’s response has truly been a creative, non-violent one. Hard copies available on the office table and in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

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)

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.*)

Bethel College Announcements:

TODAY is the final chance to see “Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War,” the special traveling exhibit at Kauffman Museum on conscientious objection by Mennonites and others during the First World War. The exhibit closes today (Sunday museum hours are 1:30-4:30 p.m.). There is an admission charge for non-museum members.

Saturday, January 27 – Kauffman Museum’s annual Kansas Day event, 1-4 p.m., special activities in and around the museum; theme is “On the Trail Again,” rounding out a year-long celebration of 150 years of the Chisholm Trail.

Sunday, January 28 – Bethel College Concert Choir home concert (following their tour in Europe – France, Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland – during January), **7 p.m., Memorial Hall**

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray for parents, teachers, and all who interact with young children. May these adults provide understanding and tools needed for children to learn cooperation and peacemaking in God’s all-inclusive family.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Mary Beyler accompanies the Hokkaido Mennonite congregations. Pray for her as she teaches, preaches, leads music, facilitates English Bible classes, and serves as a director of the conference education and research center. May her lifetime of service communicate God’s love in ways that are understood in Japanese culture.

Prayers for Peacemakers:

Pray for members of the CPT Iraqi Kurdistan project, for the activists and communities that the team partners with, and for a miraculous transformation of the forces and powers behind the volatile and

destructive political situation.

Prayer Requests from Sabeel:

On Monday the 15th, Sabeel Jerusalem and Nazareth offices held a one-day retreat in Bethlehem to strengthen fellowship among our staff and volunteers. *Lord, we pray for the staff and volunteers of Sabeel Jerusalem and Sabeel Nazareth. We pray for the Sabeel Board of Directors, Executive Committee and the General Assembly. We give thanks for all the Friends of Sabeel groups around the world. Bless their lives and work. Lord, in your mercy...Hear our prayers*

Rev. Ibrahim Azar, Pastor of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem, was consecrated as Bishop of the Lutheran Church. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) is one of the Lutheran World Federation member Churches, serving approximately 3,000 local members. *Lord, we give thanks for the ministry of Bishop Dr. Munib A. Younan, and his long service of the Evangelical Church in particular, and for the entire Palestinian people in general. We also hold the new Bishop, Ibrahim Azar, in our prayers as he takes on the new position in your service. May your spirit, Lord, empower him to remain the humble, loving and honest good shepherd we know. Lord in your mercy...*

Visitors last Sunday:

Byron and Keaton Rupp, Wichita

This Week at Church

Monday	<i>The Messenger</i> articles due	
	Library Committee meeting	p.m.
	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Chancel Choir rehearsal	6:45 p.m.
Thursday	NAMI – Gathering Room	9:00 a.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:30 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Men’s Breakfast – Fellowship Hall	8:00 a.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 Doug Everingham Fellowship Hall
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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Tues. to Fri. 9:30-5:00
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Monday is the pastors' day off

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