

**Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church**  
Wichita, Kansas

Sunday

January 24, 2016

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

Worship  
Fellowship  
Sunday School

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.  
I Corinthians 12:12-13*

Prelude

As The Hart With Eager Yearning  
*Linda Buller, organ*

Fedak

\*Call to Worship

Willard Ebersole

*Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord,*

**People: Whose law revives the soul.**

*Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord,*

**People: Whose testimony instructs the mind.**

*Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord,*

**People: Whose precepts gladden the heart.**

*Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord,*

**All: And the Lord our God shall bless us!**

\*Hymn

O bless the Lord, my soul

HWB 80

Old Testament Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

PB 379

Psalms 19:1-11,14

HWB 813

Response

SJ 138

*Leader: Divine Teacher, may your word be a lamp for our feet and a light for our path.*

**People: As children of the light, may we walk in the sure ways of your sacred teaching all the days of our life.**

**All: To you be glory for ever and ever. Amen**

*Hymn	Lamp of our feet	HWB 312
Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings		
Offertory Prayer of Dedication	In Heavenly Love Abiding	arr. Hobby
Anthem	Come, Ye That Love The Lord <i>Chancel Choir</i>	arr. Parker
Time for Children		Beth Lichty
The Lesson	Luke 4:14-21	PB 835
Sermon	Hearing the Word at the Water Gate	Lois Harder
*Hymn	There are many gifts	HWB 304
Work of the Church		Lois Harder
Welcome and Introductions Announcements and Activities Joys and Concerns Prayer		
*Hymn	The word of God is solid ground	HWB 314
*Benediction		
Response	Gaelic Blessing	Rutter
Postlude	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee	arr. Broughton
*Congregation stands		

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

Katie Mitchell-Koch will preach next 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 attendee. 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 Angie Smith and Sherri Stapleton. **Nursery workers during worship** are Dale Blaine and Ruth and Joel Tieszen; **during Sunday School,** Earl Schlabach. **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, our city, and beyond:**

**Notice the new hymnal covers?** Thanks to Don Steelberg for his generous contribution and to Roger Kaufman, Linda Buller and Murray Reimer Penner for their time spent in the painstaking process of putting them on! Two books were of tantamount importance to our Anabaptist forebears: The Bible and the song book. There was life-giving theology and instruction contained in both. We continue in this tradition by respecting and taking good care of the books that guide our lives; let us read, sing and absorb what is in these books!

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

**From the Lorraine Avenue Mission Board:** Please take a few minutes to make sure that your Dillons' card has been re-enrolled in the Community Rewards Program. Go to

<http://www.dillons.com/communityrewards>:

1. Sign into your online account, or create a new account if needed.
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page to Community Rewards.
3. Click on Enroll Now.
4. Find and select Lorraine Ave either by name or our Organization Number 10257.

Thank you for supporting the missions of Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church!

**Beginning today**, 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.

**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; schragps52@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 next Sunday evening, 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](mailto: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.

There are only **FIVE** 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. Don't miss this opportunity! 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. 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 youth leaders, mentors, Sunday school teachers, pastors and others who nurture faith formation within WDC congregations.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:**

Annette and Paco Castillo have welcomed former child soldiers and children without family support to be part of a Christian village in Ivory Coast. Pray for them as they share Jesus' love and prepare these young lives for a future through education and vocational skills.

**Prayers for Peacemakers:**

Give thanks for the people in Iraqi Kurdistan who want to reach outside ethnic groups and class divisions and participate in CPT Iraqi Kurdistan's Alternatives to Violence workshop. Pray for their peacemaking efforts as they return to their communities.

**Prayers from *Sabeel*:**

The EU released a resolution this week that distinguishes between the state of Israel and the territories Israel has occupied since 1967. On Monday, U.S. Ambassador Dan Shapiro criticized Israeli settler violence, saying there are two standards of law in the West Bank. Also on Tuesday, Human Rights Watch published a report

listing businesses and corporations which directly benefit from the occupation and settlement expansion in the West Bank.

Lord, we thank you for the recent surge in international recognition about what is happening on the ground here. Please allow these small steps forward to replant the seed of hope in our hearts, God, giving us courage to continue walking on the long road ahead. Lord, in your mercy...

A new law that disproportionately targets NGO's within Israel is up for debate in the Knesset this week. This bill affects mainly left-wing, human rights organizations that receive large portions of their funding from international groups.

God of justice, we know that you stand on the side of the weak and oppressed. Gracious God, remind us that the final victory has already been won. Lord, in your mercy...

The Iran nuclear deal has officially gone into effect, which will hopefully be a step towards a nuclear-free Middle East, and lead to a nuclear-free world.

Lord of all, we rejoice at this first step. We pray that you will replace these instincts of fear with ones of love, forgiveness, and the willingness to grant second chances. Lord, in your mercy...

**Visitors from last Sunday:**

Lee and Alice Balzer, Bella Vista, OR; Leslie, Marissa and Paxton Branson, Wichita; Stacie King, Wichita; Keith and Barbara Martin, Newton

**This Week at Church**

Monday	<i>Messenger</i> articles due	
	Centering Prayer	4:15 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies	5:00 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Lifestyle Strategies- Fellowship Hall	11:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Chancel Choir rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies	5:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.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 and Ann Fetters

**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 Stewards of Grace Fellowship Hall**  
*Facilitated by Andrea Unzicker*

**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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