

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Epiphany 4

January 28, 2018

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

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

*But take care that this liberty of yours
does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.
I Corinthians 8:9*

Prelude Prairie Sunrise Melody Bober
DeAnn Diller, piano

*Call to Worship Psalm 111:1-3 Barbara Gingrich

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in
the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord,

People: Studied by all who delight in them.

Leader: Full of honor and majesty is God's work,

All: And God's righteousness endures forever.

*Prayer

*Hymn Great is the Lord HWB 87

The Psalm Psalm 111:4-10 (PB 490)

Hymn Praise to the Lord HWB 37

Time for Children

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory For the Beauty of the Earth arr. Keveren
Prayer of Dedication

Anthem Praise We Sing to Thee Haydn

The Lesson I Corinthians 8:1-13 (PB 930)

Sermon Liberty or Service? Knowledge or Love? Tom Harder

*Hymn Will you let me be your servant HWB 307

Work of the Church

Welcome and Introductions
Announcements and Activities
Joys and Concerns
Prayer

*Hymn As I went down to the river to pray SJ 79

*Benediction The Lord lift you up SJ 73

Postlude Gavotte in D Major Bach

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 Kristina Everingham and Alana Ewy. **Nursery workers during worship** are Grayce and Reid Kaufmann; during Sunday school, Erica Schmidt. **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.) You may have your **blood pressure checked** in Room B-3 in the basement.

Among our friends:

Pastor Lois and Anna have gone to Goshen, IN, this weekend where Anna is auditioning and interviewing for scholarships at Goshen College. They will return today.

Our love and condolences go to Carolyn Smoker, whose brother, Rusty, died Tuesday, January 23, from complications of a long-term heart problem and recent pneumonia. He would have been 64 on his birthday, January 31. He leaves a wife, two adult daughters, a son-in-law, and grandson.

...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.

AND, the week following Dan's presentation, **Wednesday night supper & activities begin!** ONLY *three* Wednesdays are open for chefs! The sign-up sheet is on the table outside the office. Looking forward to being together mid-week!

Sign up and attend the 2nd Tasting Meal! Together with our sister congregation, Greater Faith Christian Church, we will taste several of the recipes (and hear the stories about them) that have been submitted for our joint cookbook! *Friday evening, February 2, at 6:00.* NOTE: CHANGE OF LOCATION! It will be here, at Lorraine Avenue because our kitchen is much better equipped to handle this kind of event. Come and join in this fun, community-building evening!

It's **Directory** time – kind of like “the harvest” – when we gather in important information and update our lists. There is an “Updating the Directory – 2018” slip in your church mail box; you may use that to make sure we have the correct information in the directory. Or, you may email updates and corrections to secretary@lorraineavenue.org. We would like to have all the information into the office by February 14 (your valentine to us). Thanking you in advance, Linda and Barbara.

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.

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.*)

This evening! 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:

Thank God for the gift of music as the Bethel College Concert Choir presents their home concert this evening, following their every-four-years interterm tour to Europe.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton serve as coordinators of the Ecuador Partnership that includes North and South American churches. Pray for them as they participate in the ministries of the Mennonite churches in Quito, serve as mentors for Journey International participants, and parent their two young daughters.

Prayers for Peacemakers:

Only when peace lives within each of us, will it live outside of us. We must be the wombs for a new harmony. **So, we pray:** Dear God, we give thanks for places of simplicity and peace. Let us find such a

place within ourselves. We give thanks for places of refuge and beauty. Let us find such a place within ourselves. We give thanks for places of nature's truth and freedom, of joy inspiration and renewal, places where all creatures may find acceptance and belonging. Let us search for these places: in the world, in ourselves and in others. Let us restore them. Let us strengthen and protect them and let us create them. May we mend this outer world according to the truth of our inner life and may our souls be shaped and nourished by nature's eternal wisdom. Amen

Prayer Requests from Sabeel:

On Sunday, vice-president Mike Pence, began a visit to Israel after meeting King Abdullah in Jordan. King Abdullah appealed for an effort to "rebuild trust and confidence" shattered by US recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital. On Monday, while addressing the Israeli Knesset, Pence said that a new United States Embassy to Israel would open in Jerusalem before the end of 2019. ***Lord, help the Palestinian people to continue to be persistent in demanding justice from the powerful. We pray for the long overdue peace that is based on justice, equality and international law for the people of Palestine. Lord in your mercy...***

Last Wednesday, an Israeli military court ordered that Ahed al-Tamimi, a 16-year-old Palestinian activist, remain in custody indefinitely, until she faces trial for charges relating to slapping and kicking an Israeli soldier after he refused to leave her house. ***Lord, we pray for Ahed al-Tamimi, as she sits vulnerable in jail, awaiting the injustice of the Israeli military court. We ask for courage from all people of conscience to help Israel see that this is not the way to treat a child. Lord in your mercy...hear our prayers.***

On Sunday, several dozen Israeli worshipers who visited an ancient tomb in the village of Awarta, hurled stones at Palestinian homes and vehicles, causing property damage. Hundreds of Israelis, guarded by the Israeli army, were said to have taken part in the prayers at the tomb. A field worker for the Rabbis for Human Rights NGO said five Palestinian cars were damaged due to the rock-throwing. He added that graves at the Palestinian cemetery adjacent to the Jewish holy site were also desecrated by the Israeli worshipers. ***Lord, extremists continue to use violence in your name. we give thanks for the members of Rabbis for Human Rights that glorify your name through exposing the injustice perpetuated against our people. Lord in your mercy...***

Visitors last Sunday:

Thad, Kara and Max Henderson, Wichita; Ryna-Ria Ignacio, Wichita; Yvonne Slingerland, Wichita

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	LAMB & Peace Committee	
	Present Dan Eigsti on travels to India	5:30 p.m.
	Chancel Choir rehearsal	7:15 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lorraine Ave. Mission Board meeting – GR	5:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:30 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
	Tasting Meal #2 with GFCC - FH	6:00 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 Grayce Kaufmann 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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