

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory I'm But a Stranger Here arr. Behnke
Prayer of Dedication

Anthem Gloria José Franco Alderete

*Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace to men.
For your great glory we praise You, we bless You, we glorify You,
we give you grace heavenly King, Lord God, Heavenly King
God, Father all powerful. Lord's only son, Jesus Christ, Lamb of
God, Son of the Father. You who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us. You who takes away the sins of the world, listen
to our supplications. You who are seated at the right hand of the
Father, because only You are holy.
Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father*

The Lesson Mark 1:29-39 (PB 813)

Sermon Casting Out the Demons Tom Harder

*Hymn At evening, when the sun had set HWB 628

Work of the Church

Welcome and Introductions
Announcements and Activities
Joys and Concerns
Prayer

*Hymn Healer of our every ill HWB 377

*Benediction

Postlude Cheer Thee, My Soul arr. Lorenz

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 Ann and Mike Fetters. **Nursery workers during worship** are Betty and Bryce Balton; **during Sunday school**, Jeremy and Katie Mitchell-Koch. **Fellowship workers** are Sara Penner and Jane Tanner.

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.)

We welcome **Enrique Alfonso** of Asuncion, Paraguay, composer, director and professor of voice; also **Kathryn** and **Arlo Kasper**, former faculty at Bethel College who now live in Asuncion. Enrique is directing the choir this morning in two Paraguayan numbers. He is the conductor of a choir for the national cathedral in Paraguay and comes to us through the Kansas Paraguay partners. He and Kathryn created and directed music for the choir and orchestra when Pope Francis visited Paraguay in 2015. Tom and Lois also met Alfonso when they were in Paraguay, so they are delighted to have him here with us this morning as well as the Kaspers.

Among our friends:

Being able to share about Namaste India Children's Fund and it's support of the children of Vatsalya was so much appreciated. Thanks goes to Meribeth Buhr, the LAMB board and Peace Committee for preparing the delicious meal. Thanks also for the financial donations totaling \$360.00. LAMC's support of so many missions of service is incredible. Dan Eigsti

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

Please plan to attend the congregational meeting today, following Sunday School and a potluck meal! We will review the annual report, proposed slate of officers and board members and 2018 budget. Childcare is provided. - Ruth Tieszen, Congregational Chair

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!

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.

Anyone interested is welcome to join the **Drop-in TED Talk Discussion Sunday school class** that meets in the choir room. No preparation necessary! This week's topics will be "How to Make Work-Life Balance Work," and "Don't Insist on English." Come join for a lively discussion!

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.*) Family to Family Class: Monday evening class will meet February 12 - April 30, 7:00 - 9:30 pm, at City Life Church (formerly First Baptist Church), 216 E 2nd St (2nd and Broadway Streets), Wichita. Family to Family Class: Thursday evening class will meet March 22 - June 7, 7:00 -9:30 pm, at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, 655 S. Lorraine Ave, Wichita.

REMEMBERING 50 years of the Relief Sale in Kansas

April 14 was the date of the 1973 sale held in Hutchinson at the Fairgrounds. After the devotional service and welcome by Chairman Rudy Schmidt, the sale began with the sale of a “fluffy kitten”. The second ring started selling included the auctioning of a combine as well as a refrigerator. The sale of sausage was completed with the donation of 22 hogs, the purchase of 5 hams, and the donation of eight additional hams. The quilt auction raised \$10,595 with the highest price paid for a quilt being \$1,020. The radio and television outlets in Hutchinson supported the Sale by providing interviews for the local viewing and listening market. The Friday night open house included eleven churches each providing a 15-minute program. This was the 2nd year for the information booth, providing information and making a telephone available for if needed. The theme for the 1973 Sale is found in Matthew 25, ...” whatever you have done for these my brethren...you have done for me.

TODAY– “Fine Arts Collaboration,” a multi-media presentation by Stacey Rhoades (photography), Julia Penner-Zook (writing) and Jenny Regehr (piano), **3 p.m., Administration Building chapel, Bethel College.**

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Bluffton (OH) University students who participated in a cross-cultural experience last semester will present during Forum on Tuesday. Please pray for all students who are studying abroad. Also pray for students who are considering the different cross-cultural opportunities available that they give careful discernment to each program.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Juliet Kilpin of the Anabaptist Network in the United Kingdom. Pray for her as she serves among refugees in Calais, France, through advocacy, presence, and training in nonviolence.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Give thanks for the energy and participation of members from congregations across WDC at the recent kick-off event for WDC’s Year of Evangelism.

Prayers for Peacemakers:

Pray for the sustained courage and creativity of Colombian communities who assume risk and judicial persecution for taking bold and direct actions that speak truth to power.

Land inequality is at the center of the Colombian conflict. According to Oxfam’s latest report, 99% of the population uses 20% of land, while the elite 1% controls 80%. These historical patterns of forced displacement and land control via the use of illegal armed groups or corrupt government mechanisms have solidified the lack of access to land for the poorest, most disenfranchised Colombians.

Prayer Requests from Sabeel:

A new book by Ronen Bergman, the intelligence correspondent for the Israeli Yediot Aharonot newspaper, chronicles Israel’s ‘2,700’ assassination operations. In his book, Mr. Bergman raises moral and legal concerns provoked by state-sponsored killings. Lord, we remember all the people who have been condemned to death by the Israeli government without a fair trial. We pray that the day will come that Israeli decision makers abandon the sword and are held accountable for their crimes. Lord in your mercy...hear our prayers

Visitors last Sunday:

Visitors: Gary Reynolds, Wichita; Bill Vogt, Valley Center; Judy Mitzner, 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.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Wednesday Evening Activities (see below)	
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:30 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Board of Christian Education	11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Activity Schedule

(Supper is \$4.00 per person or \$15 per family)

5:45 – 6:30	Supper	Fellowship Hall
6:30 – 7:30	Children’s Activities	Classrooms/Playground
6:30 – 7:15	Bible Study	Gathering Room
7:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Nursery care for preschool children is provided

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

Drop-In TED Talk Discussions Choir Room
How to Make Work-Life Balance Work” and/or
“Don't Insist on English”
facilitated by Ruth Tieszen

Faith and Issues Class Youth and the Church Fellowship Hall
led by Cindy Thompson

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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Monday is the pastors' day off

Admin. Asst., Barbara Gingrich Tues. 9:30-1:30, Fri. 10:00-12:00

Admin. Asst., Linda Gebert Weds. 10:30 – 2:30, Thurs. 2:00 – 4:00

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