

**Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church**  
Wichita, Kansas

Epiphany 6

February 11, 2018

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

Worship  
Fellowship  
Sunday School

*Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it.*  
*I Corinthians 9:24*

Prelude

Cantilena  
*Linda Buller, keyboard*

Rheinberger

\*Call to Worship

Miles Thompson

*Leader: If the fiend of fear darkens your step, if the demon of pride dogs your trail,*

**People: Retreat into the hiding place; God shall surround you with love.**

*Leader: If the frost of winter nips at your heels, if the chill of death sits on your bones,*

**People: Come unto the hiding place; God shall wrap you in deliverance.**

*All: Blessed are they who hide in the Lord, for nothing is hidden that shall not be revealed. Blessed are they who trust in the Lord, for they shall find refuge and strength.*

\*Prayer

\*Hymn

God is our refuge and strength

SJ 26

Psalm 30

Hymn

Great is the Lord

HWB 87

Time for Children

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory

If Thou Art Near

Bach

Prayer of Dedication

SJ 29



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

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](mailto: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.

**Attend the Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) conference** February 23-25 at Hesston College to become an effective change agent. You'll find or create a small group that shares your passion and begin to learn strategies for fighting injustice alongside others in your congregation and community. The Kansas Leadership Center and Dr. Drew G.I. Hart of Messiah College will help to clarify our purposes and strengthen our Biblical theology of justice while small groups will engage to develop meaningful responses. Register now at [hesston.edu/avds](http://hesston.edu/avds). \$100/person, \$75/person for two or more. Contact the church office for car-pooling or scholarship information.

**For those wanting to volunteer at the Lord's Diner: new Food Handler's classes:** Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Pleasant View Baptist Church in Derby, KS – 1335 N. Buckner St., 9:30 a.m.; and February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Catherine of Siena, 3636 N. Ridge Road. (Please arrive a bit early to complete paperwork).

**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:** In 1974 the Quilt and Comforter Committee reported 208 numbered items that brought a total of \$18,096 to be used by MCC. The highest price received for a quilt was \$820. The amount sent to MCC in '74 was \$68,400.23 which was a substantial increase from the '73 donation of \$45,787.43. The indoor auction was started after music by the Ebenfeld Mennonite Church Men's Quartet and words of encouragement and prayer by Pastor Paul Isaac of Bethel Mennonite Church, Inman. The outside Sale of farm machinery and miscellaneous items began at 10:00 AM. The 5th Annual Open House on Friday was considered a great success. The Sale went beyond expectations thanks to the people who came with generosity in their hearts. Chairman Kroeker thanked people in his report with the phrase "May our Lord bless you richly as you do it 'in the name of Christ'".

**However you spell it, enjoy verenike, verenike, veranika, vareniki, varenyky, verenike, vareniky,** ham gravy, sausage, green beans, zwieback, cherry moos, and pie on February 24, 4:30 - 7 pm, First Mennonite Church, 427 W. 4th, Halstead, 316.835.2282.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:**

Thank God for Bethel College alumni who share their musical gifts with the college community, such as Roseann Penner Kaufman, organ, presenting a recital, "Moved by the Spirit," in Bethel's chapel this afternoon.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:**

Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for the growth of Christ's body in Israel. A mission worker reports that when the nation was founded in 1948, only 12 Jewish people counted themselves believers. Now, there are about 25,000-30,000 believers in approximately 300 Arab and Messianic congregations.

**Prayer Request from Western District Conference:**

Pray for WDC's Gifts Discernment Committee as they begin to consider nominees to fill leadership roles on WDC's Executive Board and commissions next year.

**Prayers for Peacemakers:**

*Pray for the liberation of refugees from the brutal violence that the EU and Turkey subject them to. Pray for the transformation of the*

***oppressive and violent situation on the Greek Islands to a peaceful and just togetherness.*** There is a growing number of paperless refugees who have fallen out of the system due to the rejection of their asylum applications and the threat of deportation. Many hide in the forests and abandoned building of Lesbos.

### **Prayer Requests from Sabeel:**

Last Wednesday, the United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) released a report identifying 206 companies from around the world, that are doing business linked to Israeli settlements that are built in the occupied West Bank in violation of international law. ***Lord, we give thanks for all the righteous around the world who expose the greedy who benefit from the suffering of Palestinians. May the companies who profit from Palestinian stolen resources repent and make their ways ethical. Lord in your mercy...Hear our prayers***

Last week, Israeli forces shot and killed a 16-year-old Palestinian during protests in the district of Ramallah. Layth Abu Naim, from the al-Mughayyer village, was shot in the head with live ammunition during clashes that erupted in the village. ***Lord, we remember the mother of Layth as she weeps for her child. We pray for an end to the occupation that continues to deprive our youth of life and safety. Lord in your mercy...***

Last Wednesday, Israeli settlers uprooted dozens of olive trees on Palestinian lands in the northern occupied West Bank district of Nablus. ***Lord, we remember the Palestinian farmers who continue to lose their source of income because of settler hatred and extremism. We pray for the theology of love to overcome hatred and extremism. We continue to ask for your spirit to give us strength to replant trees of hope, regardless of the violence of our neighbors. Lord in your mercy...***

On Friday, Sabeel held a one-day retreat for the Nablus, Rafidia and Jericho Bible study groups. The 40 young people visited the Jordan River, the Mount of Temptations and the home of Zacchaeus in Jericho. ***Lord, we give thanks for the young people who continue to gather around your word and learn your teachings of inclusivity, justice and nonviolence. We continue to pray for all our Bible study groups and the facilitators who lead them. Lord in your mercy...***

On Sunday, Israeli forces demolished two classrooms in a Palestinian school near Jerusalem. With a helicopter flying overhead, the Israeli forces brought down the two classrooms inside the school in the Abu

al-Nawwar Bedouin community, which is surrounded on all sides by illegal Israeli settlements. *Lord, we pray that our children will be granted the needed education to support their steadfastness and resilience in their besieged village. We pray that the students, equipped with education, will get the chance to pursue the dreams they have. May the actions of the Israeli forces awaken their conscience to the unjustifiable injustice they continue to inflict against our Palestinian communities. Lord in your mercy...*

**Visitors last Sunday:**

Thad, Kara and Max Henderson, Wichita; Amira and Analaura Hernandez Ruiz, Wichita

**This Week at Church**

Monday	Library Committee	1:30 p.m.
	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Deacons Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	“Fat Tuesday” on Wednesday supper	5:45 p.m.
	Ash Wednesday Service – Sanctuary	6:30 p.m.
	Music Committee	6:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:30 p.m.
	<i>knitting4peace</i> – Gathering Room	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
	Peace Committee – Gathering Room	4:00 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*

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

**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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Pastor Lois Harder  
Pastor Tom Harder

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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

Bookkeeper, Beth Tanner Weds. mornings

Minister of Visitation Linda Buller 722-0390

Youth Minister Alex Muñoz 620-660-8181

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