

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Epiphany 6

February 12, 2017

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

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

*You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times,
“You shall not murder”;
and “whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.”
But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister,
you will be liable to judgment.
Matthew 5:21-22*

Prelude	Jesus, Still Lead On <i>Linda Buller, organ</i>	Blackburn
Introit	Call to Worship <i>Chancel Choir</i>	Wood
*Prayer of Gathering	SS 142	Melanie Mitchell
*Hymn	Come and be light for our eyes	SJ 5

Psalm 119:1-8

*Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.
**Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,
who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways.***

*You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.
O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!
*Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.
I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

Hymn I long for your commandments HWB 543

Time for Children

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me Kerr
Prayer of Dedication

Anthem O Love, How Deep Titcomb

The Gospel Matthew 5:21-37 (PB 786)

Sermon Paying the Last Penny Tom Harder

*Hymn The word of God is solid ground HWB 314

Work of the Church

Welcome, introduction of visitors
Announcements and Activities
Joys and Concerns
Prayer

*Hymn Blessed are they SS 41

*Sending SS 150

Postlude Fantasia Pachelbel

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.

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.

Greater Faith Christian Church will join us for worship on Sunday, February 26! Plan to attend and welcome our sister congregation in the Beyond Tolerance movement!

Greeters this morning are Ionka Krumova Krasteva and Kathy McColpin. **Nursery workers during worship** are Dale Blaine and Carmen Tamerius; **during Sunday School**, Rachel Reimer Kouame. **Fellowship workers** are Dwayne and Sandy Schrag.

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.)

Among our friends:

Wes Miller is home after a successful procedure on Tuesday for the first part of the “deep brain massage/stimulus” surgery. He will return to Kansas City this week for the second step; thank you for your on-going prayers for him and Celeste, his wife.

Lois Harder and Miriam Nofsinger have gone to central Illinois this weekend for the funeral of a Nofsinger cousin. They will return this evening.

Sunday night, Feb. 19, **Yonka Krasteva** of our congregation will be speaking on the Immigration Crisis in Europe. She will speak at the Olive Tree Banquet Hall, 2949 N Rock Road, at 7 p.m. The talk is free but if you plan to eat, please contact GLC to reserve your meal at www.globallearningcenterwichita.org or call Yonka at 559-6204 or email her at ikrasteva@butlercc.edu.

Hesston College will host its annual **Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series** conference, **Feb. 17-19**, and discuss dealing with trauma with the theme *When the Unthinkable Happens*. Following the weekend conference on Feb. 20, a bonus event STAR-Lite training will be held, co-sponsored by Hesston College and Mennonite Central Committee Central States, to learn strategies for trauma awareness and resilience. Register and see a full weekend schedule online at hesston.edu/avds.

Welcoming immigrants and refugees as neighbors - Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) U.S. decries the executive actions on immigration enforcement taken recently by President Trump as well as actions on refugee resettlement expected later. In our society, rejection of the immigrant—"the other"—still runs deep. By building walls and turning away refugees we ignore Christ's call to care for those in need and to love the newcomer. We encourage you to consider new ways you can welcome immigrants and refugees as neighbors in your community, and to make your voice heard by contacting the White House and your members of Congress. Pray with us for hearts of love toward one another.

We will be doing a new picture directory soon, and the regular church directory soon after, so **please** send the office any changes to your listing – name, address, phone, email, etc. Also – see Sara in the Fellowship Hall after worship today and subsequent Sundays to schedule your picture appointment. Or call Linda at church on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 5:30 pm to schedule. Photography dates will be Friday, February 17- Saturday 18, and Monday, March 6. Let's see EVERYONE in the new picture directory!

More on the Picture Directory: Parents especially, please email or loan us pictures from children's activities and programs from this past year. Nothing dates a directory more than children's pictures that are outdated. We would also like any good pictures you have of other church activities, like Sunday School classes, Weds. Suppers, house churches, etc. Please email to linda.gebert@lorraineavenue.org.

Wednesday night suppers and activities have begun! AND, there are several Wednesdays still available to sign up to cook! The sign-up sheet is on the table outside the office. (Cook books, like the indispensable "Food for Fifty," are in the kitchen.) Cooking together is a great activity for families, house churches, board and committee members, friends. Looking forward to seeing and sharing with you on Wednesday evenings.

Please contact Beth Lichty if you are interested in joining **the nursery volunteer rotation**. This is a fabulous way to get to know the youngsters in our church! The new schedule will be out soon, so let Beth know if you wish to join!

Early registration for the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 ends on Feb. 28. Early Registration includes a T-shirt, I-Ride trolley pass, servant project and a meal card. Come to Orlando July

4-8 to celebrate “Love is a Verb” with fellowship, worship and activities with Mennonites from around the country. Learn more at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>.

Hopeful Blues, a 5-piece instrumental ensemble from Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita, extends an invitation to a benefit concert March 5 at First Mennonite Church, Halstead, 427 W. 4th Street. The concert will be informal, starting at 7pm. Many of the selections performed originate in the Mennonite Church-USA conference hymnals and songbooks, ranging from traditional to gospel to jazz. A freewill offering will be taken with all proceeds to be donated to Camp Mennoscah. CD’s will be available for purchase, as well. Members of Hopeful Blues are: Eldon Chlumsky (djembe), Galen Fast (saxophone and other woodwinds), Leon Greaser (guitar), Rod Kremer (bass), and Laurie Regehr (piano).

Opportunity for a Genealogy Workshop with focus on Swiss Volhynians - Tuesday, February 21, 2017, 2:30-4:30 and/or 7:00-8:30 p.m. Wellness Center at Pine Village in Moundridge KS, led by Betty Graber Hartzler; \$5 or free if you join SMCHA (\$20/year). This is sponsored by the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA). Contact Kathy Goering, 620-345-8532, kjgo@mtelco.net for more information.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for WDC pastor peer groups which meet regularly for sharing, support and prayer together.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Pray for Mennonite Voluntary Service participants Michael Ghaly, Christina Hofer and Kiengkham Thor as they join host congregations, Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City KS, in ministering through urban agriculture and working with children.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray for Drew G.I. Hart, as he delivers Staley Lectures at Bethel College, and for receptive ears to hear his message of inclusion, transformation, and dismantling racism.

Prayer Request for Peacemakers:

Today, let us celebrate the successful accomplishment of the intensive month-long training for peacemakers that has just ended in Fusagasugá, Colombia. Let us give thanks for the nine wonderful peacemakers from Colombia, Argentina, India, Poland, Australia, Canada and United States who are joining Christian Peacemaker

Teams in our worldwide mission to "build partnerships that transform violence and oppression." Please pray for God's guidance for the new members of the CPT Corps as they discern new commitments with various CPT projects and navigate personal and organizational situations.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

Thousands of Palestinian and Jewish Israelis rallied in Tel Aviv on Saturday in protest of home demolitions targeting the Palestinian citizens of Israel. Demonstrators called the Israeli state’s demolition campaigns against its Palestinian citizens “racist” and an act of “incitement”. *Here in Palestine and Israel, Lord, we feel constant aggravation as we continue to endure the frustration deep inside our hearts. We ask you to give us even more steadfastness to carry this burden in a world blind to injustice. We ask you not to let violence escalate and that both peoples in this land would continue, jointly, to resist and challenge injustice nonviolently. Lord, in your mercy...*

Visitors from last Sunday:

Austin White, Kali Kerr, Charlotte White, Wichita

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer – Gathering Room	4:15 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.
	Wednesday Evening Activities (see below)	
Thursday	NAMI-Gathering Room	10:00 a.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
	Serendipity	1:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:45 p.m.
	<i>knitting4peace</i> – Gathering Room	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.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, Beth Lichty, Ruth Wiens

Kindergarten - First Grade Shine! Curriculum Room 201
Teachers: Kelly Cleary and Grayce Kaufmann

Second - Fourth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room 202
Teachers: Allison Wenzel and Julie Dunkelberger

Fifth – Eighth Grades Shine! Curriculum & Games B4
Teachers: Beverly Baumgartner, Nadine Reimer Penner, Joel Ewy

Eighth-Twelfth Grades Catechism Room 208
Teacher: Lois Harder

Adult Sunday School Classes

Empowerers Book Study Lois' Office (Basement)
Learning to Fall by Philip Simmons

Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room
led by Rose Moyer

Men's Group Book Study Library
Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time by Marcus Borg
(there will also be time for prayer and journaling)
led by Doug Everingham

Faith and Issues Faith Stories Fellowship Hall
Al Beck

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. 3:00 – 4:00

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