

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018

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

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

Me and You and the Creatures Too

Prelude	I Cry to Thee Jesus, Priceless Treasure <i>Linda Buller, organ</i>	Bach Bach
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Introit	Take Thou My Hand, O Father	Silcher
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*Call to Worship

*Leader: The time has come;
the kingdom of God draws near.
Repent and believe the good news.*

**All: We have come.
We are here.
We worship God together.**

*Hymn	In thy holy place we bow	HWB 2
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Confession and Assurance	Psalm 25:1-10
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*To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.*

**Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

*Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.*

**Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!**

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 Donna Froese and Chuck Graber. **Nursery workers during worship** are Dale Blaine and Leilani Salas. **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.)

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

Hesston College's Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) conference February 23-25 will offer ordinary people a chance to effect change in their context. Hear from respected teachers and theologians, including Dr. Drew G.I. Hart of Messiah College, Wichita-area pastors Kevass Harding and Lois Harder, Hesston Bible professor Michele Hershberger and Kansas Leadership Center faculty. Learn about the Doctrine of Discovery through the Ted & Co. TheaterWorks show, "Discovery: A Comic Lament." Events at Hesston Mennonite Church. Talk to Lois for more information.

"Discovery: A Comic Lament" stars Ted Swartz and Michelle Milne. This newest production of Ted & Co. is a play about the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that justifies the theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples. It weaves through time and geography, offering both comic and challenging glimpses into the absurdity of white settler oppression of Indigenous Peoples and the land we live on. Tickets may be purchased at the door, \$12, Hesston Mennonite Church. Saturday, February 24, 7:00 p.m.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist Churches, is opening an MCC Thrift Shop in Wichita! This non-profit thrift shop will support: MCC's work in peace/relief/development, Working Men of Christ workingmenofchristministry.com and peace/relief/justice projects in

the Wichita area. Learn how you can support this new Wichita MCC Thrift Shop! There are many ways to become involved. Join the discussion – Tuesday, March 27, 7:00 p.m., here at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church. For more information, contact Sarah Fleming, MCC Central States Thrift Shop Coordinator sarahfleming@mcc.org or visit mcc.org and thrift.mcc.org.

The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA) will hold its annual business meeting March 11, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. in the First Mennonite Church of Pretty Prairie, 1718 West Pretty Prairie Rd, Pretty Prairie, KS. In addition to the business meeting the speaker will be Rev. Kathryn (Kathy) Goering Reid. She is currently the Executive Director of the Family Abuse Center in Waco, Texas. The Family Abuse Center's purpose is to eliminate domestic violence and to prevent abuse through education and prevention activities. Kathy came to this position in July of 2009. The SMCHA membership is encouraged to attend and the public is welcome to this annual business meeting. Reservations are NOT required. Refreshments will be served.

For those wanting to volunteer at the Lord's Diner: a new Food Handler's class - February 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Catherine of Siena, 3636 N. Ridge Road. (Please arrive a bit early to complete paperwork).

Join us at the 2018 annual Comforter Blitz in Yoder to help in making comforters for MCC to distribute to our brothers and sisters around the world! **March 5th from 10 am - 5 pm; March 6th from 9 am – 5 pm; March 7th from 9 am – 4 pm.** Location: Journey at Yoder, 3605 E. Longview Road, Yoder. Everyone is welcome! Lunch is available each day by donation. Please bring a snack to share. We hope to see you there! **Kate Mast**, Workroom Supervisor, CS Material Resource Center 316-283-2720.

However you spell it, enjoy verenike, veranika, vareniki, varenyky, 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.

The Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring a housewares sorter/receiver for 20-30 hours/week. The sorter/receiver maintains an active presence in the processing area, in both receiving and sorting donations. S/he will be primarily responsible for sorting through houseware donations, placing items in appropriate price categories, recycling and discarding, as needed. The full job

description and applications are available at the store (619 N. Main, Newton) or e-mail at generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com. Applications are due Monday, March 5, 2018, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray for Goshen area youth and their families as they consider schooling options for next year and the benefits of Christian education at Bethany Christian Schools.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Mark and Mary Hurst of Mennonite Mission Network serve as resource people and pastors with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand. Pray for them as they build relationships with people seeking God and a way of living that centers on Jesus' justice and shalom.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for WDC's Stewardship Commission as they meet this week and give oversight to the financial resources and property of the conference.

Prayers for Peacemakers:

Keep Errol Greene's family in your thoughts and prayers, as the inquest investigating his death in custody is taking place in Winnipeg this month.

Prayer Requests from Sabeel:

The blessed season of Lent has begun around the world. Last Friday, Sabeel hosted an event in Jericho that brought 101 people from Nazareth and Jerusalem to connect and reflect on the meaning of Lent in Palestine and Israel. *We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide participants of the programs and that over the season of Lent opportunities will arise to share about this experience with others in the Churches of Nazareth and Jerusalem. May the hearts and minds of local Christians be open to Lent and be prepared for your resurrection. Lord, in your mercy...Hear our prayers...*

On Saturday, Israeli forces prevented a celebration from taking place for retired Palestinian teachers in occupied East Jerusalem. The event was organized by the Palestinian Directorate of Education, with the Palestinian Minister of Education, Sabri Saidam, and several ministry officials set to attend. *Lord, we pray for our teachers, that they may have the freedom that others enjoy in other parts of the world. Dear God, we thank you for all teachers in the world who*

dedicate their lives to provide education to your children. We pray for the city of Jerusalem and its residents who continue to be deprived from a normal life. Lord in your mercy...

Visitors last Sunday:

Jane and Vernon Goering, Mountain Lake, MN

This Week at Church

Monday	<i>The Messenger</i> articles due	
	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.
	Church Council	7:00 p.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	Men's Breakfast	8:00 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”

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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