

Sermon Go and tell that fox Lois Harder

Confessing and Reconciling (based on Psalm 27)

All: Hear, O Lord, when we cry aloud. Be gracious to us and answer us. Do not turn your servants away in anger, you who have been our help. Do not cast us off. Do not forsake us, O God of our salvation!

(pause for silence)

Leader: Teach us your way, O Lord, and lead us on a level path.

All: We will wait for you, Lord; we will be strong and our hearts will take courage. We will wait for you.

*Hymn The Lord is my light SJ 97

Work of the Church Lois Harder

Welcome and Introductions
Announcements and Activities
Joys and Concerns
Prayer

*Hymn Jesus, be the center SS 31

*Benediction

Postlude You are the way arr. Lovelace

*Congregation stands

HWB = Hymnal, a Worship Book; SJ = Sing the Journey
SS = Sing the Story; PB = Pew Bible

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.

Greeters this morning are Andrea and Tom Unzicker. **Nursery workers during worship** are Daniel and Natasha Buller; **during Sunday School**, Barb Morrison. **Fellowship workers:** Sara Penner and Jane Tanner.

Following the worship service, you are all 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:

Today, you are invited by Marjorie Krause's family to help her celebrate her 90th birthday (which is actually Thursday, the 25th) during Fellowship time downstairs. (Who is going to call to wish YOU a happy birthday, Marjorie?)

Marie and Roy Krehbiel's 50th wedding anniversary is February 26. You are invited to help celebrate the event at an open house on Saturday, February 27, at *Pioneer Balloon Company, 5000 E. 29th St. N., Wichita, 2-4 p.m.*

From **Lila Osborne**: My sister-in-law **Grace Osborne** (66) of Newton was born on February 24, 1949 and died on February 18, 2016, at Newton Medical Center. She has been a resident of Northview, then ResCare for many years. Because Grace was born with Down Syndrome, her parents, Chester and Eva Osborne and other parents of developmentally disabled children, founded a training school which later became Northview Developmental Services in Newton. Grace was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Conrad.

Your LAMB (Lorraine Avenue Mission Board) is making good use of your LAMP donations! This past week, 11 household kits were delivered to the IRC (International Rescue Committee) and 9 more will be delivered in the next 2 weeks! At this point, we are planning to deliver 10 kits per month – keep those donations coming for the immigrant families arriving in Wichita!

We hope **April 8 & 9** are marked on your calendar as days you'll be in Hutchinson at the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale! There's a TON of work that goes into the "getting ready" part: *Quilters' corner Opportunities – volunteers are welcome and needed each Tuesday*

evening, 6:30-8, at the MCC Center in North Newton to help sort and price items for the Sale (as well as March 19, between 9:00 and 3:00). Quilting donations are also welcome and needed. Service Opportunities – by tithing a little bit of your time each year, you have an amazing opportunity to impact your world, furthering the work of MCC. Committee openings include *Children's Activities*, *Feeding the Multitude* cashier chairperson, *Table Waiters for Feeding the Multitude* on Friday night, *New Year Cookies*, *Bohne Beroggi Baking committee*. **Check with Catherine Everingham or Kathy McColpin for details.**

Life Enrichment program at Bethel College in North Newton will cover a wide range of topics on Wednesday, February 24 from *Caring for children and youth* and the *Youthville operations* to *Julia Child* to *Helping Lions in Kansas* – it's ALL good! The sessions begin at 9:30 and run until 12:00. This is the 41st year of the program which is especially for adults, 60 years and older. These programs are informative and entertaining – and all for \$2/Wednesday (or \$20 for the entire Spring Schedule). Brochure is on the bulletin board in the south lobby.

Devotionals for children—at home or at church: Living Ink, the 2016 Lent At-Home devotionals from Mennonite Church Canada, is now available as a free download. This illustrated devotional will appeal to families with children. Created by Elsie Rempel, this booklet is perfect for at-home, but also could be used for Sunday morning worship (children's time) or for a special Lent emphasis for children on Wednesday. It can be found at http://www.commonword.ca/FileDownload/21831/2016_Lent_at_Home_-_Living_Ink.pdf

Today– KIPCOR Film Series continues with *Groundswell Rising*, 3 p.m., about citizen opposition to fracking, *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College*. Talk-back session with a panel including filmmaker Renard Cohen, and a reception with music, follow.

Prayer for *Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto*:

Please continue prayers and support for our Wichita Latino brothers and sisters of *Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto* as we join with them in missional community as they grow in Christ. - LAMC Support Group

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for Jenny Schrag, youth pastor for Buhler, Inman and

Hoffnungsauf Mennonite churches, as they join this Wednesday evening in a licensing service for Jenny's Credential for Specific Ministry.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Nathan Penner, former Mennonite Voluntary Service director, recently accepted a position as senior strategy specialist at Habitat for Humanity. Praise God for Nathan's past three years of leadership, and pray for wisdom for current director, Neil Richer.

Prayers from *Sabeel*:

Resistance to the occupation and its repressive measures continues, in many instances violently. On Sunday alone there were eight alleged attacks in the span of 12 hours, resulting in the deaths of five Palestinians, three of whom were under the age of 16. The situation continues to worsen as despair among young people increases, and as excessive force to curtail attacks becomes the norm.

God of all, we plead for an end to this violence and for an end to the occupation that is the root cause of it. We weep for the lives that have been lost, and for those that will yet still be lost in the near future. Help us to see a way out of this madness we are living in, and to find hope within you when it does not seem present in the world around us. Lord, in your mercy...

Approval was recently granted to begin construction to expand the plaza at the Western Wall for Jews to pray. This threatens to disrupt the already fragile status quo, as this construction will involve tunneling beneath the Muslim Quarter, and will turn land set aside as a secular archeological site into Jewish religious property. This is yet another instance of Israel creating facts on the ground within Jerusalem, in violation of international law.

Lord, we know you stand on the side of the weak and oppressed; that your Son preached that the last would be first and the first last. Yet it is sometimes hard to believe in this when one encounters the harsh realities on the ground here. Grant us reassurance, God, that you remain present with those who suffer at the hands of injustice. Lord, in your mercy...

Many exciting programs are happening at Sabeel. The Women's Group in Jerusalem attended a Lenten Bible study in Jericho on Tuesday of this week, while Sabeel Nazareth continues their Bible study focused on Liberation Theology.

Lord, we give you thanks for the ability to reach out and connect with the local Christian community here in Palestine/Israel. Help our ministries continue to grow and allow them to provide strength and unity among those who attend. Lord, in your mercy...

Visitors from last Sunday:

Leslie, Marissa and Paxton Branson, Wichita; Robert and Jenny Wall, Wichita; Ken Hawley, Chicago, IL (AMBS)

This Week at Church

Monday	<i>The Messenger</i> articles due	
	Library Committee meeting	1:30 p.m.
	Centering Prayer	4:15 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	11:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Wednesday Evening Activities (see below)	
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies	5:00 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)

5:30-6:00	Shining Lights Choir Rehearsal (children)	Sanctuary
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: Linda Doll, Ellen Ebersole

Kindergarten - First Grade Shine! Room 201
Teachers: Kelly Cleary, Jill Robinson, and Alison Wenzel

Second - Fourth Grades Shine! Room 202
Teachers: Julie Dunkelberger and Beth Lichty

Fifth - Tenth Grades Shine! – L.E.D. Room B4
Teachers: Catherine Everingham and Ann Fetters

Fifth – Tenth Grades Room B5
Faith Formation through Games
Teachers: Beverly Baumgartner, Joel Ewy, Kristina Everingham

Adult Sunday School Classes

Empowerers Book Study Lois' Office (Basement)
still deciding

The Seekers Book Study Room 208
Living More with Less
Doris Janzen Longacre

Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room
Led by Rose Moyer

Faith & Issues Stewardship of Money Fellowship Hall
Led by Andrea Unzicker and Everence staff

Men's Group Book Study Library
Better Dads, Stronger Sons
Led by Doug Everingham

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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Mon. & Wed. 9:30-5:00

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Thursday is Lois' day off

On temporary leave

Tues. 9:30-1:30, Fri. 11:00-1:00

Weds. 1:30-5:30, Thurs. 2:30-4:30

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