

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

The Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Fellowship

10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

*For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom,
and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.
I Corinthians 1:25*

Prelude

O Lord Most Holy
Beautiful Savior
Erica Schmidt, organ

Abt
arr. Paxton

Introit

God of the Earth, the Sky, the Sea
Longfellow/Hemy
Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

Matt Lehman Wiens

*Leader: Come, rule makers, rule breakers, and you who are still
finding your way.*

People: Come!

*Leader: Whether you speak with wise words or with wisecracks,
you are made in the image of God.*

People: Come into God's house!

*Leader: Hear God's word. Prepare to meet your Maker and
your match.*

**All: For the foolishness of God is wiser than human
wisdom, and God's weakness is greater than human
strength.**

*Leader: Some of us like certainty and structure. Some of us
don't. We come by different roads, yet we are here
together. We want to know God, and to be known
by God. We are here to worship the Lord.*

**People: Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my
name, I am there." We are here and Christ Jesus is
here. We join our hearts in worship.**

*Hymn

Come, now is the time to worship

SJ 9

*Benediction

***We are people of God!
We go in God's love to live out God's promises!***

Postlude

Forth in thy name

Wesley/Dykes

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 Eric Friesen and Ron Glanzer. **Nursery workers during worship** are Catherine Everingham and Leilani Salas. **Fellowship workers** are Marie and Roy Krehbiel.

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...

Good news from Delores and Gordon Funk! We had very good appointments with the Oncologist at MD Anderson Cancer Center. They have confirmed that Delores has Mantle Cell Lymphoma, which he is confident he can treat. He spoke with her local oncologist in Wichita via phone and has formulated a treatment plan and would like to start ASAP in Wichita. We returned to Wichita on Tuesday. They seemed very positive and encouraging about all of the results and news...this is an answered prayer!! God continues to be good. Thank you for your ongoing prayers.

This afternoon, 3:00 p.m. at Century II – Anna Harder will play the Mendelssohn violin concerto with the Youth Symphony, as the winner of the Youth Talent competition.

Happy 13th birthday on March 9 to **Sam Unzicker!**

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

Youth Group Activity: the youth group will meet Saturday, March 10th, 2018 from 2-6pm for ice skating at the Wichita Ice Center (505 W. Maple) and then a snack/early dinner at the Old Mill Tasty Shop (604 E. Douglas). The cost is \$10 for entrance to the ice rink and skate rental (if you have your own skates, the cost is only \$7) plus whatever you want to eat the Old Mill Tasty Shop. Youth may be dropped off at the ice center at 2 p.m. and picked up from the Old Mill Tasty Shop around 6 p.m. If your youth only wants to skate, they will need to be picked up by 4 p.m. at the ice center. Please let Rachel Reimer-Kouame know if your youth will be attending and if they will be attending all or only part of the activity. If cost is an issue, please let Rachel or one of the pastors/sponsors know as we do not want anyone missing out due to cost. As usual please let Rachel know if you have any questions/concerns. She can be reached at 316-836-7223 or rreimer83@gmail.com.

Sarah Thompson, former Executive Director of Christian Peacemaker Teams, currently the 2018 Generations Fellow at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center in Atlanta, GA, will be our preacher and sermon discussion facilitator in the Faith and Issues class on **Sunday, March 18**. She will preach from I Corinthians 12 and Revelation 6, a sermon titled “MLK and the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse”. She will also lead in a **workshop from 1:30-3:30 p.m.** on nonviolent direct action – how she has seen it work, its strengths and advantages, how we, as followers of Jesus are called on to continue to be proponents and practitioners of nonviolent direct action. Suggested reading for Sarah’s day with us: *The Movement Makes Us Human; An Interview with Dr. Vincent Harding on Mennonites, Vietnam, and MLK* by Joanna Shenk. Please let Pastor Lois know by Sunday, March 4 if you’d like her to order you a copy. Cost is \$18. There will be a simple soup and bread lunch immediately following Sunday School, provided by the Peace Committee. ***Lunch is free, but there is a \$10 donation suggested for the workshop (if you’re able – please don’t let that prevent you from attending). Please RSVP to the church office for both lunch and the workshop by Wednesday, March 14.***

Darrel Doerksen is participating in the annual 5K (3.1 mile) Run for Relief in Hutchinson on April 14. His goal is to raise as much money as possible for MCC to help those in need at home and abroad. All money goes directly to MCC. If you wish to sponsor

Darrel, make check payable to: KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE and RUN FOR RELIEF on the memo line. No amount is too small or too large. Last year's pledges ranged from \$5.00 to \$400. Pledges are for a one-time amount (not per mile, or time). Please get checks to him between now and April 13. Pledges can be placed in his church mailbox, or mailed to his home, 9414 Pebble Brook, Wichita, KS 67207.

REMEMBERING 50 years of the Relief Sale in Kansas

In 1976, the Sale was still using the State Fair Bison Arena on the State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, as the main building for auctions and sales. According to the annual report it was the first time that soft ice cream was sold and it sold very well. Fifty-nine bales of wood shavings were used to cover the dirt floor and control the dust around the quilt display. Approximately 1,100 pies were sold. The annual report for 1976 recognizes the contributions of many volunteers who "Work in the name of Christ". As we celebrate our 50th year, may we remember those who have made the Sale successful through Service to God.

Registration deadline for the academic conference "Mennonites and the Holocaust" is **March 9**. The conference on the Bethel College campus is **March 16-17** with speakers and scholars from Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Ukraine and the US. See mla.bethelks.edu/MennosandHolocaust for more information or to register online. (see E-News for February 28 for details on sessions)

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for WDC congregations as they seek to follow Jesus' way of peace in response to the many forms of violence in our communities, nation, and world.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Pastors and their wives who minister in Ukraine's militarized zone look forward to a retreat this month. Mary Raber of MMN, serving as a resource person, requests prayer for a restful gathering for those who have given their all to congregations for several stress-filled years.

Prayers for Faith and Learning:

Pray for a meaningful discussion on culture, empathy, and respect when KIPCOR at Bethel College shows the film, "The Empathy Gap: Masculinity and the Courage to Change," this afternoon.

Prayers for Peacemakers:

Pray for the people of Hebron who are remembering the mass shooting in the Il Ibrahimi mosque by settler Baruch Goldstein this week. Twenty-four years after he sprayed men and boys at prayer with automatic weapons fire, the people of Hebron’s Old City, who had loved ones murdered on that day and family members permanently disabled, have seen their home increasingly turned into a prison by the Israeli authorities. These apartheid restrictions show the children of Hebron’s Old City every day that settler lives are worthy of protection and Palestinian lives are disposable.

Prayer Requests from Sabeel:

Last Wednesday, Israeli forces demolished three structures and a home in the Shufat and Beit Hanina neighborhoods of occupied east Jerusalem, leaving a family of 6 homeless. *Lord, we continue to pray for the people of Jerusalem as they live under Israeli occupation. We remember the family that has lost its home, especially the children, during this winter season. Lord in your mercy...*

Visitors last Sunday:

AnaLaura and Amira Hernandez Ruiz, 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. 206	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	BOCE Meeting	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 Book Study Library
*Reviving Old Scratch:
Demons & the Devil for Doubters & the Disenchanted*
by Richard Beck
led by Doug Everingham and Alex Muñoz

Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room
led by Rose Moyer

Faith and Issues Class Fellowship Hall
"Everything Happens for a Reason, and Other Lies I've Loved"
a Fresh Air podcast and discussion

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

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