



**16th Annual
Holy Humor
Sunday 2018**

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Holy Humor Sunday

April 8, 2018

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

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed.
Gen. 17:17

Prelude Pre-service drumming
Doug Everingham, Alex Muñoz, Bill Anquoe

Introit I Will Call Upon the Lord O'Shields

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 126) Tom Harder

*Leader: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.*

**People: Then our mouths were filled with laughter,
and our tongues with shouts of joy.**

*Leader: Since the Lord raised Jesus from the dead,
we are like those who dream.*

**People: Now our mouths are filled with laughter,
and our tongues with shouts of joy!**

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoice.

**All: May all those who have sowed in tears
reap with shouts of happy hilarity.
Hip hip hooray!**

“Sunday Morning Alive”
Host: Miles Thompson

Welcome Miles Thompson

At the Sonic Drive-In

*Hymn Christ has arisen HWB 267

Back at the Sonic

Bringing our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory

Hymn of Dedication

HWB 118 (a.k.a. 606)

Still at the Sonic

Sunday Morning News Update

Judy Ebersole, Jon Huber

*Hymn

Proclaim the tidings

HWB 282

Work of the Church

Lois Harder

Welcome and Introductions

Announcements and Activities

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

*Hymn

I Will Call Upon the Lord

SJ 19

Benediction

Tom Harder

Postlude

I Will Call Upon the Lord

O'Shields

Instrumental Jam

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 Don Klaassen and Dan Eigsti. **Nursery workers during worship** are Melanie Mitchell and Leilani Salas. **Fellowship workers** are Robert and Sylvia Schmidt.

Children's Sunday school classes will meet in Fellowship Hall this morning to play games. Faith and Issues class will join them, and the other adult Sunday school classes may join in, too!

Among our friends...

Let us remember Samantha Steele and her family as they mourn the death of her grandfather. Samantha coaches a "stomp"-style performing group that was scheduled to be part of this morning's service.

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

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus will be presenting its annual concert on two different Sundays in April. The chorus features around 250 enthusiastic singers performing for around an hour and a half. You will hear a variety of classic hymns and more modern compositions. The first concert is **TONIGHT** at 7 PM at Wichita Central Community Church (6100 W Maple). The second concert is at 7 PM in Memorial Hall, *next Sunday, April 15*, on the campus of Bethel College. Also, to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale, the chorus will be performing as part of a special program on the Friday (April 13th) evening of the sale around 7PM in the Bretz Law Arena. All performances are free, with an offering taken to support MCC.

Do you shop for some of your needs/wants at Dillon's? If you do, be sure you are enrolled in the Dillon's donation program. Your enrollment will support the Missions program of LAMC. If your receipt says "**...donating to Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church**" then you are enrolled. If not, consider enhancing your shopping experience by enrolling your Dillon's loyalty card at the website www.dillons.com/communityrewards. If you need assistance in doing so, let me know and help will be provided. Dan Eigsti

From LAMB: We at Lorraine Avenue have been invited to join **LOVE Wichita for a day of service** on April 28, 2018. LOVE Wichita works to help community members address problems stemming from code violations. They work with home owners to fix small things like painting, trimming trees and mowing grass. They partner with the City of Wichita to work on larger projects that require more expertise. If you'd like to participate on the morning of Saturday, April 28, sign up on the sheet on the office table.

Mennonite Central Committee is offering three free webinars this spring for churches who want to learn more about how to address sexualized violence within their congregation and how to encourage healthy sexuality and healthy masculinity among members. The webinars will be led by church leaders and others with expertise in the topics. All three webinars will start at 2 pm and end at 3 pm CST. The first webinar, *Healthy sexuality in our congregations* will be on April 11. Kathrine Goerzen and Benjamin Reynolds will lead the discussion focusing on what role the church can play in fostering and supporting healthy views of sexuality. May 9's webinar will focus on *Sexualized violence – how should churches respond?* And then on June 13, *Healthy masculinity*. **Learn more and register for the webinars at mcc.org/wwso.** Contact karinkaufmanwall@mcc.org with questions.

The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel College will host “Restorative Kansas” on the Bethel campus Thurs.-Fri., April 19-20 – the first-ever statewide conference on restorative justice in Kansas. For more information and to register online, go to kipcor.org.

Don't forget! Darrel Doerksen is participating in the annual 5K (3.1 mile) Run for Relief in Hutchinson on April 14. 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. (You may put your check in his church mailbox.)

Prayers for Peacemakers:

Pray for the children of Al-Khalil/Hebron, Palestine. Pray for them as they walk to school through checkpoints. Pray for them as their backpacks are searched by Israeli border police. Pray for them as they run in fear from soldiers.

Pray that in the midst of this all-encompassing occupation of their lives and land that their *sumud*—steadfastness, perseverance, and resistance— is strengthened. Pray that the tear gas and guns and checkpoints and soldiers disappear. Pray that the children of Al-Khalil will one day walk freely to school.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

The month of April is busy for Lancaster Mennonite School (PA) with middle and high school drama productions, fundraising auctions, pastor breakfast, drop-ins, and grandparent visitation days.

Pray that all will be successful and that faculty and students can enjoy these special events while remaining focused on their classes.

Prayer Requests from Sabeel:

Last Friday, seventeen Palestinians were killed and more than a thousand Palestinians were wounded by Israeli fire as thousands of protesters marched to Gaza's border with Israel. The protest on Friday, named the 'Great March of Return', was planned by several Palestinian civil society organizations and backed by all political factions to mark forty-two years since the first commemoration of Land Day in Palestine. *Lord, on Friday we were again forced to recognize that the guns of the Israeli occupation forces continue to be louder than the resolutions of the United Nations. We pray for our people in Gaza, especially the 1.3 million refugees. We grieve for the families of the victims and pray for the recovery of the wounded. May the tens of thousands who marched with courage on Friday be a powerful reminder to those in positions of power of our cry for justice. Lord in your mercy...*

It is now official that the United States of America has ceased to fund the Palestinian Authority (PA). This decision will not affect the budget which the United States provides for the Palestinian Authority's security and intelligence forces, which is distinct from the funding which goes towards dealing with civilian issues within the PA. *Lord, we continue to suffer humiliation at the hands of the powerful as they force us to choose between charity and justice. Grant our people the courage to withstand coercion and to carry the cross towards liberation from the Israeli military occupation. Lord in your mercy...Hear our prayers.*

On the 9th of April we celebrate Orthodox Easter with all Christians in Palestine and Israel and around the world. *Lord, we come to you with joy in our hearts as we have the opportunity to celebrate your resurrection. We hear the words proclaimed, "al-Mesih qam; hakkan qam!", (The Lord is risen; He is risen indeed). And yet, while we rejoice in this glorious event, we are saddened too as we remember those who are unable to celebrate in their holy places as the Israeli authorities have denied them permits or imposed travel restrictions or 'security' measures. Lord, in your mercy...*

Visitors last Sunday:

Walter and Carol Friesen, Hesston, KS; Dorothy Bernson, Mulvane, KS; extended Daum family – Eppersons, Wichita, Sheltons, Tulsa, OK; Johnstons, Stillwater, OK; Chris, Katy and Asher, Wichita; Karla, Brad, Bentley, Nova Hagerman and Israel DeLeon, Wichita; George and Barb Fridley, Elkhart, IN; Jonathan, Julie, Olive, Molly and Ivan Fridley, Cassopolis, MI; John Harder, Windsor, Ontario; Patricia Harding, KC, MO; Tim Hiebert, Cary, NC; Jeffery Birch, Wichita; Brad, Beth and Isabella Gibson, KC, MO; Becky Coleman, Wichita; Ryna-Ria Ignacio, Wichita; Lois and Jim Kaufmann, New Paris, IN.

This Week at Church

Monday	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.
	Music Committee Meeting	6:15 p.m.
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – FH	5:30 p.m.
	NAMI – B3, 4 & 5	6-10 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
	<i>MCC Sale begins in Hutchinson!</i>	

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)

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
655 S. Lorraine Avenue, Wichita, KS 67211: (316) 682-4555

Staff:

Pastor Lois Harder
Pastor Tom Harder

Office Hours

Tues. to Fri. 9:30-5:00
Tues. to Fri. 9:30-5:00

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

Deacon on Call Mike Fetters 719-9046

Trustee on Call (04/08-04/14) Eugene Kaufman 992-7817

Custodian William Ozor

Choir Director Andrew Voth

Organists Linda Buller, Erica Schmidt

Pianist DeAnn Diller

E-mail: Lois Harder lois.harder@lorraineavenue.org

Tom Harder tom.harder@lorraineavenue.org

Alex Muñoz alex.munoz@lorraineavenue.org

Barbara & Linda secretary@lorraineavenue.org

Treasurer murray@reimerpenner.com

Beth Tanner bookkeeper@lorraineavenue.org

Website address: www.lorraineavenue.org

Pay-to address for electronic contributions through PayPal:

treasurer@lorraineavenue.org