

*Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.*

**This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

*I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.*

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

*This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.*

***This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

Hymn	Come, ye faithful, raise the strain	HWB 265
Time for Children		Acts 3:1-11
Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings		
Offertory	Song of Peace	Behnke
Prayer of Dedication		
Anthem	Behold, How Good	Trotta
The Lesson		Acts 3:12-21
Sermon	Who Killed Jesus?	Tom Harder
*Hymn	Christ is alive	SS 89
Work of the Church		Lois Harder
	Welcome and Introductions	
	Announcements and Activities	
	Joys and Concerns	
	Prayer	
*Hymn	Lift your glad voices	HWB 275
*Benediction		
Postlude	Hymnus	Fielitz

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 Marcel Kouame and Rachel Reimer Kouame. **Nursery workers during worship** are Jill Robinson and Leilani Salas. **Fellowship workers** are Robert and Sylvia Schmidt.

Among our friends...

We extend our Christian sympathy and love to Janet and Roger Kaufman and Mike and Janice Penner at the death of Joe Penner (Janet and Mike's father) who died on Monday afternoon at age 90. Viewing is Sunday, April 15 at the Broadway Colonial Funeral Home in Newton from 1:00-6:00 p.m. with family present from 4:00-6:00. Service is Monday, April 16 at 3:30 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, Halstead.

Marie Unruh married Adam Hauch on Saturday, April 7 in La Jolla, California. Samuel Voth-Schrag performed the ceremony.

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

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus will present the second of two annual concerts this evening at 7:00 p.m., in Memorial Hall on the Bethel College campus. 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 performance is free, with an offering taken to support MCC.

"The Pastor Wears a Skirt" is Dorothy Nickel Friesen's new book, just published. Dorothy is a previous conference pastor for the Western District Conference. StoryTellers of the Great Plains is sponsoring a Book Signing on *Saturday, April 21, 10:00 – 11:30*, at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton, Kansas. More information on www.writinglink.org.

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.

Reminder: If you would like to join the Lord's Diner team from LAMC, you need a Food Handlers Card. The next training will be Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church – 600 N Greenwich Rd, Wichita, 6:30 P.M. All are welcome to attend. Please plan to arrive a bit early to complete paperwork. LAMC works at the South Lord's Diner from 5:15 to 7:30 pm on the 2nd Friday of the month, and four members work the Truck Diner on the 1st Friday of the month.

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.

Prayer Request from the Western District Conference:

Pray for credentialed leaders in WDC attending Healthy Boundaries training next weekend in Dallas, TX.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

For the past four decades, Janie and Neal Blough have planted Anabaptist seeds through their teaching and lecturing from their base at the Paris Mennonite Center in France. Pray for good fruit to continue to grow from their ministry in Europe and throughout the French-speaking world.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray for alumna Jalane Schmidt, actively involved in organizing against the white supremacist and alt-right groups targeting Charlottesville VA, as she speaks several times on the Bethel College campus today and tomorrow.

Prayers for Peacemakers:

Pray that in the upcoming presidential election, Colombians will vote with a heart of peace and not of stone. On 11 March Colombians voted for a new congress and on 27 May they will vote for a new President. Ivan Duque, right wing presidential candidate supported by former President Alvaro Uribe, a staunch opponent of the

agreement between the FARC and the government, promises to make changes that could drastically derail its implementation. Duque and Uribe argue that the agreement is too lenient, that former guerrilla members did not receive enough punishment for their crimes. They prefer a system where FARC ex-combatants are imprisoned rather than receive an alternative sentence in exchange for telling the truth and providing reparations to victims of the conflict. The international community has called the agreement one of the best in history. This ambivalence has created a climate of uncertainty in Colombia, generating new levels of violence not seen since the signing of the agreement over a year ago. Although the agreement does not resolve Colombia's issues of violence and injustice, it has helped to bring an end to the war and to shift the focus to the root issues of inequality. The Colombians most at risk for violence need the agreement to endure.

Prayer Requests from Sabeel:

Last Friday in Gaza, tens of thousands of protesters took part in the second mass protest of the 'Great March of Return'. This protest calls for the right of Palestinian refugees to reclaim the land they were driven out of by Israel during the 1948 war, known as the Nakba. At the rally on Friday seven Palestinians were killed and a thousand were injured by the Israeli army, B'Tselem, an Israeli human rights organization, launched a campaign urging soldiers to refuse to carry out orders to shoot Palestinian Gaza protesters. *Lord, we pray that the Palestinians in Gaza may continue to express their protest in a non-violent way. Our on-going prayer is for all Palestinian refugees to be restored to their homelands. We remember the Palestinian families as they grieve for those who have been killed and care for those who have been injured. We give thanks for the people of conscience who are prompted to cry out for justice and restitution in the face of the powerful. Lord in your mercy...Hear our prayers...*

Ms. Fatou Bensouda, the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), said in a statement reacting to Israel's recent killing of Palestinian protesters at the Gaza border, "Violence against civilians, such as Israel's use of lethal force against protesters in Gaza, could constitute a war crime." *Lord, we give thanks for all people of courage who take a stand when they see injustice perpetrated. We pray that the international community will thoroughly investigate the crimes against the Palestinians and hold to account those responsible for the crimes. Lord in your mercy...*

Israeli forces killed Yaser Murtaja, a Palestinian journalist covering the Gaza rally after being shot during last Friday's protest, bringing the Palestinian death toll to thirty-one since March 30. ***Lord, your resurrection reminds us that in the end the truth will come out and justice will prevail. We pray for journalists committed to revealing the sober truth about the conditions suffered by the oppressed. We remember the family of Yaser as they mourn their loved one. Lord in your mercy...***

The Israeli authorities have recently deported a Palestinian mother, who is married and was living with her Jerusalemite Palestinian husband and children for the past sixteen years. Ibtisam Obeid, was repeatedly denied her applications for residency in the occupied city of Jerusalem by the Israeli authorities. Ibtisam is the latest victim of Israel's discriminatory policies against thousands of Palestinians and their spouses in occupied Jerusalem. These policies divide families by denying them residency and family unification documents. ***Lord, grant our people faith in your justice as the persecution continues in Jerusalem. We pray for the Obeid family which has been torn apart by the Israeli policies. We pray for an end to the Israeli military occupation and their restrictions on who the Palestinians marry and where they live. Lord in your mercy...***

Visitors last Sunday:

Judy Mitzner, Wichita; Joe and Debbie Schlabach, Wichita; Graham Whitley, Winfield, KS; John Harder, Windsor, Ontario; Ethanielle Vinnett.

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 – Room 208	9:00 a.m.
	Library Committee Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Church Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 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.
	<i>knitting4peace</i> – Gathering Room	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
	Peace Committee Meeting – Gathering Rm.	4:00 p.m.

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

Study Group Book Study South Lobby
*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 Pastoral Transition Fellowship Hall
with Kathy Neufeld Dunn, WDC Minister

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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