



Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Holy Humor Sunday

April 23, 2017

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 A Teeny Prelude PDQ Bach
 Christ is A'risen (really!) L. Dengler
 D. (short for De) Diller, Piano

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 126) Rev 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!**

*Prayer

“Sunday Morning Alive”
Host: Miles Thompson

Welcome

Time for Children

Frog and Toad

Special Music

All God's Critters B. Staines Everywhere
The Cherubs of Lorraine

*Hymn Mit Herr Harder

Herr Harder

Skit	MCC Fellowship Meal	MCC Friends
Bringing our First Fruits Offerings		
Offertory	Piano for Two Hands	PDQ Bach
	<i>D. Diller and D. Diller, piano</i>	
Ein Nother Hymn Mit Herr Harder		
More Special Music	Dem Phones	R. U. Coughin'
	<i>Nathan, Joel, Vern, and Reid</i>	
Weekend News Update		I. M. Coughin'
	<i>Judy and Ann</i>	
Shtille Nother Hymn Mit Herr Harder		
Work of the Church		Frau Harder
Welcome and Introductions		
Announcements and Activities		
Joys and Concerns		
Prayer		
*Von Last Hymn Mit Herr Harder		
*Benediction		Auf Wiedersehen
Postlude	This Joyful Eastertide	Dengler Again
	<i>D. A. Diller, piano</i>	
*Congregation Stands		

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

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 Murray and Nadine Reimer Penner. **Nursery workers during worship** are Ellen Ebersole and Anna Harder; **during Sunday School**, Katie Mitchell-Koch. (**Nursery volunteers during Sunday School** need to check in with Ellen Ebersole in the preschool room to assist her if needed. The church currently has no babies in the nursery most Sundays.) **Fellowship workers** are Robert and Sylvia Schmidt.

Among our friends:

Madeline Harder Crawford will play her senior recital (cello) tomorrow, Monday, April 24 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Wiedemann Hall on the campus of WSU. You are all cordially invited to attend!

The 2017 Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus presents the first concert April 30, 4:30 p.m. at Pressor Hall on the Bethany College Campus in Lindsborg. The second concert will be May 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Hesston High School, Hesston, Admission is free, however, free will offerings for Mennonite Central Committee will be taken at each concert. There will be a summer concert on June 25, 3:00 p.m. at Grace Cathedral 701 SW 8th Ave, Topeka, KS. Darrel Doerksen, LAMC Contact Man.

Do you know someone who is graduating this spring? Please let the church office know! We will be happy to share this good news in the May Messenger and we don't want to leave anyone out. Deadline is Monday, April 24.

HELP NEEDED! Volunteers are needed at the Day House for Family Promise on the weekends. If you can help, please visit www.familypromisewichita.org/volunteer. Thanks!

Prayer Request for Peacemakers:

In the last three months, the government of the United States of America bombed Yemen, Syria and Afghanistan. Tensions in the Middle East, Russia, North Korea and around the world escalate rapidly. The numbers of killed civilians grow every day. We need to do something!

Last weekend, the Christian community celebrated Easter: Jesus has risen defeating death. Following the example of Jesus, let us arise

and act for peace and to stop death. Let us support or take part in peacemaking initiatives and organizations. Let us advocate for all who seek refuge from bombs. Let us pray for all who suffer in the wars in Syria and other countries. Let us pray for each one of us and that our creativity and strength would persist.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for God's wisdom and grace to surround WDC participants gathering this Saturday for a resourcing event on congregational ministry in the face of sexual abuse and domestic violence.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Lauren Francisco works as an expressive arts counselor at Eastwood Primary School in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. Pray for her as she listens to stories of victims of neglect and trauma, and empowers them to be creators.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Thank God for the gift of music as the Eastern Mennonite University Chamber Singers give their spring concert this evening. Pray that all those attending are blessed.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

Monday, April 17th, was the day dedicated for Palestinian Prisoners. In commemoration of this day, over 1,200 Palestinian prisoners launched an open-ended hunger strike to protest Israeli measures and demand for their basic human rights to be respected. We watch with great expectation of God's mercy on six thousand Palestinian political prisoners held in Israeli jails. *Lord, the writer of Hebrews asks us to remember those in prison as if we were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if we are the ones suffering (Hebrews 13:3). Lord, grant Palestinian prisoners the courage to continue with their strike until their rightful demands are met. Lord in your mercy...*

We pray to an end to the routine humiliation during roll-calls and transfers of Palestinian prisoners by the Israeli prison guards. Lord in your mercy... We pray to an end to the arbitrary denial of family's rights to visit Palestinian prisoners. Lord in your mercy... We pray to an end to the inhumane use of solitary confinement towards Palestinian prisoners. Lord in your mercy...

Christians celebrated Easter last Sunday, marking the events of Christ's crucifixion, death, and resurrection. The weekend was marked with much jubilation and excitement in Jerusalem and

surrounding areas. There were many processions throughout the Old City and along the Mount of Olives, recalling the paths Jesus walked on these holy days. *Lord God, we are filled with hope at the announcement of your Son's resurrection at Easter. The celebrations of this day remind us that the victory has already been won, and that good will always and ultimately triumph over evil. However, for Palestinians living here, sometimes it is hard to see the light of the resurrection when every day they are surrounded by the darkness of the grave. Instill hope in their hearts, God, and grant them the perseverance to continue on. Lord, in your mercy...*

Visitors last week:

Debbie and Michael Dempsey, Dallas, TX; Kathy Dempsey, Manhattan, KS; Nancy Helms, Jim Fetters, Hutchinson, KS; Rebeca Hasse, Wichita; extended Daum family – Shelton's, Tulsa, OK; Epperson's, Wichita; Johnston's, Stillwater, OK; Katherina Williams; Tim and Kathy Wiens, Newton; Mark Janzen, Jr., Seattle, WA; Randy, Barb, Ben, Dan Clinkscales, Hayes, KS; Sally Huber, Jennifer J., Belinda Cheaney, Wichita; Jake and Tammy, Braylen, Addilyn Gunden, Hesston; Jon Huber, Wichita; Becky Coleman, Tayton Antalek, Cheyenne Coleman, Lily, Cody, Wichita; Jenna VanEchaute, Wichita; Mikayla Bomgardner; Harley and Debi Davis, Tulsa, OK

This Week at Church

Monday	<i>The Messenger</i> articles due	
	Centering Prayer – Gathering Room	4:15 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	LAST Wednesday Supper & Activities	5:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	LAMB (Mission Board) Meeting	5:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:45 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Trustees' Work Day	9:00 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, Beth Lichty, Ruth Wiens

Kindergarten - First Grade Shine! Curriculum Room 201

Teachers: Kelly Cleary and Grayce Kaufmann

Second - Fourth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room 202

Teachers: Allison Wenzel and Julie Dunkelberger

Fifth – Eighth Grades Shine! Curriculum & Games B4

Teachers: Beverly Baumgartner, Nadine Reimer Penner, Joel Ewy

Eighth-Twelfth Grades Catechism Room 208

Teacher: Lois Harder

Adult Sunday School Classes

Empowerers Book Study Lois' Office (Basement)

Laughter Is Sacred Space by Ted Swartz

Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room

led by Rose Moyer

Men's Group Book Study Library

Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time by Marcus Borg

(there will also be time for prayer and journaling)

led by Doug Everingham

Faith and Issues Project Independence Fellowship Hall

Lael Ewy

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

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Admin. Asst., Linda Gebert Weds. 10:30 – 2:30, Thurs. 3:00 – 4:00

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