

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 Anne and Kerm Daum.

Among Our Friends:

Pastor Tom Harder is in Elkhart, IN this weekend, playing his classical guitar with the Community Choir, *Camerata*. Hillary Harder is a member of the choir. Tom will return late tonight.

Pastor Lois Harder and her parents, Miriam Nofsinger and Jim Juhnke will travel to central Illinois immediately following the worship service today to attend the memorial service of Miriam's brother-in-law, Lois' uncle, Dale Miller. The services are tomorrow. They will return Wednesday.

Note: There will NOT be a Chancel Choir rehearsal on Wednesday, May 10. Rehearsals will resume May 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Note: There will NOT be Yoga classes from May 8 through May 19.

Sunday, May 14 (Mother's Day), the Board of Christian Education is hosting a **Gardening Panel Discussion during Faith & Issues class**. Several of our experienced gardeners will be sharing their knowledge with us and talking about why they garden and what that has meant for their lives. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers! As part of this class, we will have tables set up in Fellowship Hall for a **Plant Sharing** before and after class. If you have plants to share, please bring them! If you need plants, please take some home!

Mark your calendar to join us for the Camp Mennoscah retreat weekend, June 3rd & 4th! Details can be found in the May Messenger; a couple of highlights – new activities for Saturday, a new cabin to stay in, and cold potluck for Sunday noon. We hope to see everyone there. Contact Ruth Tieszen with questions.

The Kansas African American Museum's excellent exhibit on President Obama's Kansas heritage has been extended till May 27. House Churches, classes and other LAMC groups, please go see this exhibit in the next month. Please listen to Carla Eckels NPR interview with Mark McCormick and plan to go.

<http://kmuw.org/post/new-exhibit-explores-obamas-kansas-roots>

The 2017 Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus presents a concert **tonight** at 7:00 p.m. at Hesston High School, Hesston. Admission is free, however, a freewill offering for Mennonite Central Committee will be taken at the 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.

TODAY– Bethel College Masterworks concert, 3 p.m.: Haydn's *Missa in Angustiis*, Mozart's *Piano Concerto in A major, K. 488* featuring Karen Bauman Schlabaugh, piano, *Memorial Hall*; **FREE ADMISSION** with freewill offering taken.

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!

Want to visit someone in prison!? **There is an upcoming training for new volunteers on Monday, May 15 from 12-4pm at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility, "Old School House."** We are searching for more volunteers to begin visiting inmates through Offender Victim Ministries M-2 program. **We are also forming a choir** at the HCF East Unit. Would you like to sing in this? Do you know someone who could help provide musical leadership? Contact Ben Kreider at ben@offendervictimministries.org for more info on getting involved in M-2 or the choir.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for WDC congregational and conference delegates planning to attend Mennonite Church USA assembly in Orlando this summer, as they prepare and discern action on the "Seeking Peace in Israel-Palestine" resolution.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

After 5 years of working with young adults in African Initiated Churches in Botswana, Nathan and Taryn Dirks are preparing to return to Canada. Pray for the leaders who will continue the ministries they helped to initiate – Bible studies, prison visits, and maintaining a community park and sports program.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray for Bethel College Instrumentalists and choirs performing the annual Masterworks concert this afternoon, and especially for piano soloist, Karen Bauman Schlabaugh, Bethel music professor, who will retire at the end of the school year.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

Palestinian political prisoners enter the third week of their hunger strike. The hunger strike is against torture, ill treatment, and medical neglect of Palestinian political prisoners at the hands of the Israeli authorities, as well as Israel's widespread use of administrative detention, which is only permitted under international law in extremely limited circumstances. ***Lord, we continue to pray for the Palestinian prisoners. May your words on the Mount of Beatitudes "God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied" bring comfort to our Palestinian political prisoners. Lord in your mercy...***

Last week, in the Negev region of southern Israel, Israeli forces demolished the Bedouin village of al-Araqib for the 112th time since 2010. This is the fourth time this year the village is destroyed. ***Lord, bless the people of the village with courage and patience to continue to rebuild their tents and remain steadfast on their land. Lord, we pray that the Israeli decision makers stop this insanity. We long to be in a world where cruelty and madness comes to an end. Lord in your Mercy...***

The Palestinian Authority has declared that it will no longer pay for the electricity Israel supplies to Gaza. Decision to halt payments could lead to a complete power shutdown in Gaza. The decision comes as the World Bank warns of power outages deepening a humanitarian crisis. The World Bank said that power outages were "affecting vital services such as hospitals, clinics, water supplies, and household daily lives." ***We pray for an end to the political divisions among Palestinians. Lord, help the people of good will to reconcile the Palestinian political leadership in both the West Bank and Gaza. May this year be the year that Palestinians stand fully united as they demand their rights and their liberation. Lord in your mercy...***

Thursday the 4th of May, Sabeel held an ecumenical prayer service for Palestinian prisoners at the Little Sisters of Jesus Convent. Also, many Churches throughout the West Bank and Israel continue to hold ecumenical services to lift up prayers in support of the just demands of the Palestinian prisoners' strike. ***Lord, comfort the community as it comes together in prayer. We continue to pray for the rights of Palestinian prisoners to communicate with their families, the right for prisoners to continue their education behind bars, and for the right to have access to proper medical treatment. Lord in your mercy...***

We join the World Council of Churches in praying for the countries of Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. *Lord in your mercy...*

Visitor last Sunday:
Darla Denton, Haysville, KS

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer – Gathering Room	4:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Wellness Committee	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Women’s Group	9:30 a.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Serendipity – Fellowship Hall	1:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:45 p.m.
Saturday	<i>This Will Lead to Dancing</i>	7:00 p.m.

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, Beth Lichty 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 Room 208
Teacher: Jill Robinson

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 Living with Mental Illness Fellowship Hall
Gerry and Treva Lichti and panel

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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