

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 Gerry and Treva Lichti. **Nursery workers during worship** are Marcel Kouame and Leilani Salas. **Fellowship workers** are Gerry and Treva Lichti.

Among our friends...and beyond.

Congratulations to Curtis Robinson who will be graduating May 15, from Northwest High!

Baby Shower for Madeline and Eric Crawford! Ladies and Gents of LAMC are invited to help Madeline and Eric welcome their baby girl into the world! Let's shower them with love and gifts on Saturday, May 26, 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You can find their gift registries at Target and Buy Buy Baby, both in stores and online. Questions? Contact Alison Wenzel.

The youth group and their sponsors will gather at Oak Park in Wichita, Friday, May 18, 5-8 pm, for an end of the school year picnic. Sponsors will provide bread and drinks, but please bring your favorite sandwich fixing and side to share as well as your discs to play a round or two of Frisbee golf. RSVP by May 16 to Mira Coulter at melico87@gmail.com or 316-680-1269.

A Farewell Reception honoring **Libby Schrag**, who served as Offender/Victim Ministries Executive Director for 13 years is Monday, May 21, 7 p.m., at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson, Newton. OVM invites you to join them for reflections of gratitude for Libby's service, an announcement from her regarding her future plans, and light refreshments.

Mark your calendars! **The 13th annual Peace Picnic an Alternative Memorial Day Celebration**, sponsored by People of Faith for Peace, is coming up! Join us in celebrating our shared hope for peace in our world Monday, May 28, noon-2 p.m. at 1st Church of the Brethren, 10th and Jefferson. Bring your own lunch and beverage and lawn

chair or blanket. *Rise Up Singing-Wichita* will lead the singing which begins at 12:30 (and they'll provide the songbooks). Bring a poem or brief story if you'd like, to honor peace friends who inspire you.

You are invited to attend the **MCC Sale Annual Meeting** scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, 6:30, at Tabor Mennonite Church. The cost for the meal is \$15/person and you pay at the door. Please RSVP to our MCC Liaison, Kathy McColpin, by May 23.

Prayer Request from the Western District Conference:

Pray for WDC member Glen Guyton from San Antonio, TX, as he begins in his new role as Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Mennonites in Venezuela teach peacemaking in the Caracas school system. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the more than 500 children, 68 teachers, and 30 administrators who received this training. May they practice these skills to make a difference in their communities.

Prayer for Faith and Learning:

On this Mother's Day, pray especially for single mothers who have to work to provide for their families, often earning 20 percent less than men with equivalent education and experience.

Prayer for Peacemakers:

Pray for a time when Palestinian children in Hebron are free to spend more time learning, playing and enjoying activities with friends instead of contemplating ways to strike back at the oppression under which they live. On Fridays when school is out and many people have a day off work, it is common in Al Khalil (Hebron) for clashes between Israeli occupying forces and local young men to occur. The constant presence of such clashes normalizes the experience for the younger children who live amongst the conflict and observe it in action. The result is that boys, often preteen in age, also choose to participate in these clashes.

Prayer Requests from Sabeel:

According to U.N. documentation there have been one hundred and fifty-nine raids carried out by the Israeli military forces in the Occupied West Bank between March 27th and April 9th. Before dawn on Friday, March 30th, a Palestinian mother in Hebron was assaulted by Israeli soldiers as she tried to prevent them from

detaining her son. As a result of this assault, she has a broken arm. In separate incidents on Monday, April 2nd, at least twenty Palestinians were detained by Israeli forces, including a father and a son, in dawn raids in the West Bank. *Dear God, we pray for an end to the Israeli occupation of Palestine and for an end to the fear and misery it engenders. We remember the Palestinians detained in Israeli military prisons and long for their release. Lord in your mercy...*

Palestinians will be commemorating the Nakba on May 15th. This date reminds them of the catastrophe which began seventy years ago, in 1948 when five hundred and thirty Palestinian villages and towns were destroyed and over seven hundred and fifty thousand Palestinians were forcibly driven out of their homes. A whole generation of Palestinians have now been constrained to live out their lives as refugees. *Lord we cry out for mercy even as we mourn the injustices suffered by the Palestinian people. We pray that you will keep hope alive in the hearts of those who suffer. So many living in occupied territories and abroad, under very difficult circumstances need to come back home. We pray that Palestinians will persevere in their work for peace and that they will remain steadfast in the face of oppression. Lord in your mercy...*

Visitors last Sunday:

Judy Mitzner, Wichita; Michael Hughes and 4 grandchildren, Wichita; Sheryl Wilson, North Newton.

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 Room	4:00 p.m.



Mothers' Day Proclamation
Julia Ward Howe, Boston, 1870

Arise, all women who have hearts, whether your baptism be that of water or of tears!

Say firmly: "We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies, our husbands shall not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience.

We women of one country will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs. From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says, "Disarm, disarm! The sword is not the balance of justice."

Blood does not wipe out dishonor nor violence indicate possession. As men have often forsaken the plow and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel. Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead.

Let them then solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace, each learning after his own time, the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God.

In the name of womanhood and of humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women without limit of nationality may be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace.

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 Gardening & Sharing Fellowship Hall
led by Board of Christian Education

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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