

Heart-felt thanks to Michelle Armster for bringing us the message this morning! Presently, she is the Transitional Executive Director for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Central States. Previously, Michelle worked for MCC for 12 years. During her employment, she was the director of Mennonite Conciliation Service (MCS) and co-director for the Office on Justice and Peacebuilding (OJP). In her positions, she provided resourcing, consulting, and training for churches, agencies, and communities on conflict transformation and restorative justice. She has many years of extensive training and experience in meditation, facilitation, conciliation, restorative justice, arbitration, victim/offender mediation, anti-racism, and alternatives to violence. She has served on various community boards, such as the Lancaster YWCA, The SpiritHouse Project, Inc., Lancaster Mediation Center, and Lancaster NAACP. She graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary's Masters of Divinity program in 2007. For 4 1/2 years, she served as a co-pastor of St. Andrew United Church of Christ in Lancaster, PA. For 2 years, she served as the associate pastor for community outreach at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church in Lancaster, PA.

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 Debra and Stephen Carty. **Nursery workers during worship** are Betty and Bryce Balton and Anna Harder; **during Sunday School**, Katie Mitchell-Koch. **Fellowship workers** are Delores and Gordon Funk.

Following the worship service, you are all invited downstairs to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and casual conversation until the bell rings for Sunday School to begin.

In our community, our city, and beyond:

Family Promise and the Interfaith Hospitality Network: Come to the **Church Council meeting on Tuesday, May 17 from 7:15-7:45 p.m.** to learn more about the Family Promise organization and the LAMB's vision of how **The Lorraine Center will be used as a day center** in this program. Family Promise organizes 13 congregations to host families for one week at a time in their church buildings. The **Day Center** is used by guests (the families) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to shower, care for pre-school children and seek employment. Many guests are employed during the day and go to work. During the school year, children go to school. The **day center provides** guests with a mailing address and a home base from which to conduct their housing search. It also serves as the office for the director of the program. Refer to the May Messenger article for more details – come to the Council meeting with your questions, ideas, suggestions!

We Need Your Contributions to Pay Off the 633 House Loan in 2016! Thank you to the 10 contributors who have given to this above-budget project already! Total interest if paid off over the full 10 years = \$39,008 If paid monthly in 2016 with a final payment in December = \$6,024 If paid with monthly early payments of \$6,825 = \$3,674. See the May Messenger for more details.

WDC Assembly Gathering – July 29-30 at Bethel College. Theme is “Held Together in Mission”. Lorraine Avenue is looking for members who will attend as delegates. Please contact the pastors or the church office if you're interested.

Need an air-conditioner? The trustees have a GE window air conditioner that is looking for a good home: 110-V, 12,000 BTU, with remote control. It works! See it in the basement hallway next to the Fellowship Hall south door. And check with Roger Kaufman if you're interested.

The library has subscribed to TIMBREL: Women in Conversation Together with God. It's published by Mennonite Women, USA. The library has received its first copy of this title.

A “don't miss” opportunity! Meals for 8 (more or less) The deacons are organizing folks into groups to meet in homes for food and fellowship. You can sign up to be a **guest** or a **host** or **both**. If you sign up to be a host, there will be a slot to enter the number of guests you are comfortable hosting. The host will be responsible for coordinating the food for the meal and setting the time and date; guests

may be asked to bring food. If you sign up to be a guest, you will be assigned to a host's home by the deacons for your get-together. Sign-up sheets will be in the north and south lobbies until May 29. You will be notified in June as to who your guests are if you are hosting or who your host will be if you are a guest. Please feel free to contact any of the deacons if you have questions. They are Mike Fetters, Adella Ozor, Myra Swartz, Sylvia Schmidt, Cheryl Schmidt, Miles Thompson, and Susan Unruh.

Needed! A few more sound system operators for Sunday morning church services. Do you like to play with knobs and switches? Enjoy being "in control"? You could be a sound system operator for our Sunday morning church services! Benefits: Excellent view of the sanctuary, and the only reserved seat in the house! No experience necessary... we will train you! Contact Ron Glanzer or Roger Kaufman

Mennonite Disaster Service is calling for volunteers - Your help is needed to respond to the clean-up and rebuilding efforts following the spring wildfires in the Medicine Lodge area. There are several miles of fence to clean up, some brush removal, many corner posts to remove & replace and installing new fencing. Volunteers are needed for Saturday May 14th and Saturday May 21st. We are looking for approximately 50 volunteers each day. Lunch and transportation will be arranged. Please contact Jordan Miller 316-212-3255 or jordan@millerconstruction.org for more information.

Prayer Request from Aposento Alto: Pray for discerning God's missional direction for Aposento Alto and for its pastoral transition and its various ministries. Also, pray for the newly formed/forming pastoral search committee. Amber Schroeder is LAMC's rep.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission meeting this week, as they work to support the growth and vitality of the church.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network: Many Mennonite churches around the world who host Journey International participants permit the Holy Spirit to move in powerful ways. Pray that North American youth will be prepared to experience the gifts of the Spirit and integrate them into their lives for a more robust faith.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency: Praise God for the wonderful commitment and support of staff, families and community that make it possible for Sarasota (FL) Christian School to exist and carry out its mission.

Prayer for Peacemakers: pray for David Jones and Michael Himlie, who will be riding one hundred miles in each of the fifty states of the United States over fifty consecutive days to raise \$100,000. They plan to donate that money to Christian Peacemaker Teams and other organizations working for nonviolence. Give thanks for the Christian Peacemaker Teams Palestine/Israel delegation that brought them together last year.

Prayer Request from *Sabeel*: Israeli leaders are contemplating unilateral actions and threatening to annex 60 percent of the West Bank territories. Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked is leading a renewed charge to apply Israeli civil law to the West Bank settlers, a move that would indicate more than just “annexation” but a fatal and irreversible change to the status quo.

Lord, our oppressors continue to dig the grave deeper every day to bury our dreams of independence and freedom. Please do not abandon us. We ask you to be present with all the people of this land who work for a just peace and true reconciliation. Lord, in your mercy...

Visitors from last Sunday:

Shana Adams; Matt, Abby, Brody, Mya, Payton Hoffman; Junior Spilker, Wichita; Kathy Wiens, Newton; Beth, Brad, Lauren and Bella Gibson, KS City

This Week at Church

Monday	Library Committee	1:30 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	11:30 a.m.
	Church Council	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Serendipity	1:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.
	knitting4peace	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
	Peace Committee	4:00 p.m.
Saturday	Board of Christian Education	11:00 a.m.
	TLC & Mennokate Backyard Pop Up	9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Elementary and Youth Sunday School Classes

Early Childhood (3- 4 year olds) Shine! Curriculum **Room 206**
Teachers: Linda Doll, Ellen Ebersole

Kindergarten - First Grade Shine! **Room 201**
Teachers: Kelly Cleary, Jill Robinson, and Alison Wenzel

Second - Fourth Grades Shine! **Room 202**
Teachers: Julie Dunkelberger and Beth Lichty

Fifth - Tenth Grades Shine! – L.E.D. **B4**
Teacher: Catherine Everingham and Ann Fetters

Fifth - Tenth Grades **B5**
Faith Formation through Games
Teachers: Beverly Baumgartner, Joel Ewy, Kristina Everingham

Adult Sunday School Classes

Empowerers **Book Study** **Lois' Office (Basement)**
Between the World and Me
Ta-Nehisi Coates

The Seekers **Book Study** **Room 208**
Living More with Less
Doris Janzen Longacre

Uniform Bible Study Series **Gathering Room**
Led by Rose Moyer

Faith & Issues **Trouble I've Seen** **Fellowship Hall**
Led by Katie Mitchell-Koch

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

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