

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Second Sunday after Pentecost

May 29, 2016

9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m.

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

*Lord, do not trouble yourself,
for I am not worthy to come under your roof.
Luke 7:6*

Prelude The Solid Rock arr. Hayes
DeAnn Diller, piano

*Call to Worship (Psalm 34:1-8) Janet Kaufman

Leader: Spread your open hands toward heaven!

People: Sing to the Lord a new song!

Leader: The Lord is like no other God!

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Leader: Come together to pray and praise!

**All: The Lord has made us—hallelujah!
We belong to the Lord forever—amen!**

*Prayer

*Hymn We sing to you, O God SJ 1

Psalm 96

Hymn Great is the Lord HWB 87

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory Preludio Vivaldi
Alana Ewy and Catherine Everingham, violins
Prayer of Dedication

Time for Children

Special Music O Rest in the Lord Mendelssohn

The Gospel Lesson Luke 7:1-10 PB 839

Sermon	Faith Like the Centurion's	Tom Harder
*Hymn	Healer of our every ill	HWB 377
Work of the Church		Lois Harder
	Welcome and Introductions Announcements and Activities Joys and Concerns Prayer	
*Hymn	For the healing of the nations	HWB 367
*Benediction		
Postlude	Allabreve	Vivaldi
*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 Dwayne and Sandy Schrag. **Nursery workers during worship** are Judy and Nathan Ebersole; **during Sunday School**, Erica Schmidt. **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. You may have your **blood pressure checked** in Room B-3 in the basement.

Among our friends:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob and Sylvia Schmidt and the whole family. Bob's mother, Susie, died last Sunday morning. Services were this week at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church.

Congratulations to **Michelle Armster**, the new *Executive Director of MCC Central States*, effective June 1!

Welcome to Bereket Tekle from Ethiopia who moved into the 633 house on Thursday, May 26! We are anticipating that **Yagub Tede** from Sudan will join Bereket soon.

The Board of Christian Education recognizes the following teachers for their service during the past year: Beth and Jonas Lichty, Andrea Unzicker, Katie Mitchell-Koch, Lois and Tom Harder, Kristina Everingham, Joel Ewy, Myra Swartz, Catherine and Doug Everingham, Julie Dunkelberger, Linda Doll, Ellen Ebersole, Kelly Cleary, Jill Robinson, Ann Fetters, Beverly Baumgartner, Rose Moyer, Cindy Thompson, and Alison Wenzel. Their care and effort are much appreciated – thank you!

We Need Your Contributions to Pay Off the 633 House Loan in 2016! Thank you to the 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.

Our Congregational Meeting is set for June 12, 2016, to begin about 12:30. We'll have a potluck lunch – looking forward to that – so bring food to share. We'll use the dishes here. There will be lots to discuss and discern so please plan to attend! (Child care will be provided.)

NEEDED! Full sized refrigerator and washer/dryer for the 633 house. If you have these appliances or would be willing to donate them the LAMB (Lorraine Avenue Mission Board) would be most appreciative!

Last day to sign up for Meals for 8! 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.

Our retreat at Camp Mennoscah is next weekend, so come one, come all! We will be enjoying good food, fellowship, and time with creation **June 4-5!** There will be a cold salad potluck for lunch on Sunday, so please bring a dish to share but no need for your own table service this year. No RSVPs are needed, but please do check the sign-up sheets in front of the office to help out. See the May Messenger article for further details and a schedule. Questions, ask Ruth or Joel Tieszen.

The Annual Memorial Day Peace Picnic, sponsored by People of Faith for Peace, is **TOMORROW, 12:00-2:00**, at **First Church of the Brethren, 10th and Jefferson**. It will be a great time of singing, led by *Shoulder to Shoulder* and *Rise Up Singing-Wichita*. We'll have the books and you bring a picnic lunch (and beverage) for you and your family; bring lawn chair or blankets (in case the clouds part); **bring friends!**

The **2nd Annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day**, also known as **Wear Orange Day**, is Thursday, June 2, at Pine Valley Christian Church, 5620 E. 21st, 6:30, sponsored by Every Town for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. There will be information, food, music! **Wear Orange** was inspired by friends of Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old Chicago high school student killed by gunfire, who decided to honor her life by wearing orange – the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others. On June 2, 2015, what would have been Hadiya's 18th birthday, more than 200 organizations and influencers asked people nationwide to join them by wearing orange to honor her life, the lives of the more than 90 Americans killed by gun violence and the hundreds more who are injured every day.

Learn about the plight of Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land. The Peace and Social Justice Center, Pilgrims of Ibillin, and the Mercy and Justice Team of the Great Plains Conference of the United Methodist Church will present **Archbishop Elias Chacour** on June 3, 7:00 PM, at College Hill United Methodist Church, 2930 E. 1st,

Wichita. Archbishop Chacour's family and neighbors were internal refugees, displaced from their homes and village when Israel was established in 1948. A kibbutz sits on the remains of the village, Ba'ram. Even though Chacour and his Muslim and Christian students are Israeli citizens, they do not have the same rights and privileges that are endowed to Jewish citizens of Israel. He will speak about the plight of Christians in the Holy Land and interpret current events in Israel and Palestine.

Prayer Request from *Sabeel*: PM Netanyahu has invited Avigdor Lieberman of the extreme right wing party, Yisrael Beiteinu, to step in as Defense Minister in an attempt to bring his party into the government coalition. One of Lieberman's conditions is the implementation of the death penalty in military courts where Palestinians in the West Bank are tried but not in the civil courts which tries illegal Israeli settlers, which would, in effect, be a death penalty only for Palestinians. Another condition, pensions for Russian immigrants, is being debated but has not been approved.

God of justice, every day we see evidence of how some lives are valued more highly than others, not just here in Palestine-Israel but throughout the world. Open our eyes and our hearts to see the sacred value of all life and help us to create a world that places a higher value on human life than it does on economic concerns. Lord, in your mercy...

After many discussions with those deeply involved with the politics of Israel-Palestine, prominent feminist historian, Prof. Catherine Hall of University College, London, declined to accept the Dan David Prize, one of Israel's most prestigious academic awards worth \$300,000. Earlier this year, Hebrew University professor David Shulman chose to donate the \$20,000 he won for the Israel Prize to Ta'ayush, a Palestinian-Jewish Israeli NGO that works with Palestinians in the West Bank.

Lord, we thank you for these people of conscience who put justice above personal gain and prestige. May their actions challenge us to examine our own values to see where we might be asked to make sacrifices so that your justice will be done. Lord, in your mercy...

Prayer Request from Aposento Alto: Pray for the congregation and their support committee as they continue their search for a new pastor.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference: Give thanks to God for Trinity Mennonite Church in Hillsboro, celebrating its 50th anniversary today.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network: Mission Network ministries in Europe offer an alternative community to the prevailing post-Christian society. Pray for seminaries in Bienenberg, Switzerland, Paris, France; Madrid, Spain, and Odessa, Ukraine, where mission workers are helping to train church leaders.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for seniors at Bethany Christian High School in Goshen, IN, as they prepare for graduation today and decide on the next step in their lives: may they choose in light of God’s calling on their lives.

Visitors from last Sunday:

Andrew Shaw, Miles Crawford, Becky Coleman, Wichita; Tia Morrison, Wichita; Florence and Elliot Morrison, Traverse City, MI; Rachel, Adam, Ruby and Natalie Wathen, Gardner, KS; Hannah Wenger, Germany

This Week at Church

Monday	Lifestyle Strategies	5:00 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	11:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
	Serendipity	1:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	5:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Camp Mennoscah Weekend BEGINS!	

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

Men's Group **Book Study** **Library**
Better Dads, Stronger Sons
Led by Doug Everingham

Faith & Issues **The Mennonite** **Fellowship Hall**
Hannah Heinzeckehr, Executive Director

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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Thursday is the pastors' day off

Tues. 9:30-1:30, Thurs. 2:00-3:00

Fri. 11:00-1:00

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