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Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Sunday

July 1, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Fellowship

10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

*“...my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning.”
Psalm 130: 6a*

Prelude

How Good, Lord, to be Here
Erica Schmidt, keyboard

arr. Behnke

*Call to Worship

Miles Thompson

*Leader: God's love falls on all creation like morning dew.
Therefore, we beseech you, God, grant to us the fullness
of faith,*

People: that we might invest one another with trust.

Leader: Breathe to us the full utterance of your word,

**People: that we might address one another with
understanding.**

Leader: Bring us to the full knowledge of your salvation,

People: that we might liberate one another with truth.

Leader: Arouse in us the full earnestness of your power,

People: that we might uphold one another with strength.

Leader: And surround us with the fullness of your love,

People: that we might embrace one another with compassion.

*Hymn

Let all creation dance

SS 122

Psalm 130:1-6

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear my voice!

*Leader: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my
supplications!*

**People: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who
could stand?**

*Leader: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be
revered.*

(pause for silent reflection)

I wait for the Lord,

People: my soul waits, and in God's word I hope;

*Leader: my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch
for the morning,*

All: more than those who watch for the morning.

Hymn Out of the depths I cry to you HWB 133

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

 Offertory Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart arr. Behnke

 Prayer of Dedication SJ 29

Time for Children

Worship Music Alex Muñoz

The New Testament Lesson Acts 22:22-23:11

The Lesson from the Epistles Philippians 3:1-11

Sermon Lois Harder

 Paul the Pharisee, the Roman Citizen, the Apostle

*Hymn For me to live is Christ SS 111

Work of the Church

 Welcome and Introductions

 Announcements and Activities

 Joys and Concerns

 Prayer

*Hymn If Christ is mine HWB 331

*Benediction

Postlude All Praise to God Who Reigns Above arr. Manz

 HWB = Hymnal, a Worship Book; SJ = Sing the Journey

 PB = Pew Bible; SS = Sing the Story

*Congregation stands

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 Joel and Ruth Tieszen. **Nursery workers during worship** are Kristina Everingham and Leilani Salas. **Fellowship workers** are Chuck and Rose Moyer.

Following the worship service, you all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and casual conversation, until the bell rings for Sunday School. (The list of classes is on the next-to-the-last page.)

Among our friends...and beyond...

Add to your directory:

Eric Friesen's primary cell number is 992-2661.

Don Franz's cell phone is now 316-737-0746

Saturday, July 7 – Kauffman Museum bird walk. Meet at in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours, with experienced birders along to help locate the birds. Please be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep. **Tentative start time: 6:30 a.m.;** see Kauffman Museum Facebook page.

Girls ages 13-18 and women of all ages, please join Mennonite Women USA and Dove's Nest July 26-27, 2018, in Omaha for "Empowering Women: Claiming Healthy Personal Boundaries," an intergenerational gathering to provide practical resources and support on healthy boundary management. Registration cost is \$80. per person and the deadline is July 16. Find out more at <https://dovesnest.net/Claiming-Healthy-Personal-Boundaries> or call 402-577-0866.

The 2018 issue of *Mennonite Life*, Bethel College's annual online journal, is now live at ml.bethelks.edu.

Prayer Request from the Western District Conference:

Pray for WDC congregations and pastors making transitions this

summer, that God's wisdom and peace would surround them as they discern future leadership and ministry.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Youth Venture teams are currently in Japan and Spain. Pray for them as they build cross-cultural relationships through assisting in the ministries of Akiko and Ray Epp at Menno Village in Japan and Alisha and Joshua Garber in Spain.

Prayer for Peacemakers:

Pray for Christian Peacemaker Teams during its hiring process as it searches for its new Administrative Director.

Prayer Request for Faith and Learning:

Pray for EMU students who are returning from summer cross-cultural experiences in Lithuania, Kenya, Paraguay, Bulgaria and Greece, and Washington D.C., that they may be transformed through their travels, studies and service for the common good.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

Last Friday marked the eighty fifth day of the 'Great March of Return'. It has been named officially as the 'Friday of the Wounded'. Since the Gaza protests began on the 30th of March, at least 133 Palestinians have been killed and 14,600 wounded by the Israeli forces. Last week Israeli war planes bombed more than two dozen sites in the besieged Gaza Strip. This action drew retaliatory rocket fire from the Palestinians. *Lord, we continue to pray for the people of Gaza as they raise their voices in protest. May your will be done so that all the people of this land may come to enjoy the fruits of a just peace. Lord in your mercy...*

On the 20th of June two boats which are taking part in the Freedom Flotilla to Gaza arrived in Lisbon, Portugal. The 'Al Awda' (the 'Return') and 'Freedom' have 25 activists on board and hundreds of people greeted their arrival. These boats and several others are heading toward Gaza in a new attempt to break the eleven-year Israeli siege. Two other boats arrived in Paris, but the French police prevented them from landing along the River Seine. Hundreds of supporters waved Palestinian flags while standing on the banks to cheer them on their journey. *Lord, we thank you for people who care about those living under siege in Gaza. We are grateful for the actions of those living abroad who seek to give a voice to those who are oppressed. Lord may they depend on your strength for you are 'a stronghold in times of trouble' Psalm 9:9. Lord in your mercy...*

Israeli activists hung 115 kites along the Boulevard Rothschild in Tel Aviv last Sunday, 17th June. Each kite commemorated a Palestinian who had been killed by Israeli forces during the ‘Great March of Return’ and each kite bore the photograph, name, and birth date of the victim. These tokens of remembrance were displayed to challenge the lack of response from the Israeli public to the killings in Gaza. ***Lord, thank you for those who care about the sanctity of life and for those willing to challenge indifference. Lord in your mercy...***

The World Cup brings hope and joy to people around the world, including the people in Gaza. A rehabilitation center in Gaza has formed a football team for amputees called the ‘Heroes Football Club.’ This team is seen as a glimmer of hope for many young Palestinians who were injured by the Israeli forces during recent wars and the ongoing protests. ***Lord, we thank you for our brothers and sisters who continue to call out for justice, and who refuse to give in to despair. Lord in your mercy...***

Prince William of the UK will visit the West Bank this week and meet Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas at the Ramallah Office. His itinerary includes events that focus on the issues facing refugee communities. He will have the opportunity to experience Palestinian culture, music and food as well as having the chance to meet a number of young Palestinians. ***God, we are so thankful that this young Prince has chosen to visit the West Bank as well as our neighboring countries. We pray that he may enjoy the hospitality of the Palestinian people, while gaining a clearer understanding of their plight. Lord in your mercy...***

Visitors last Sunday:

Tim and Kathy Wiens, Newton; Eric and Melody Kauffman, Wichita; Daniel, Allison and Aven Jantz, Derby; Mark and Laurie Isaac, Vidalia, CA.

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer	8:00 a.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	LAMB (Mission Board Meeting) – Gathering Rm	5:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – FH	5:30 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.

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 Sermon Discussion Fellowship Hall
led by Lois Harder

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

Tues. 9:30-1:30, Fri. 10:00-12:00

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