

Many thanks to Peter Emery for bringing the message this morning! He will also lead the Faith and Issues class in a sermon discussion.

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 Anne and Kerm Daum. **Nursery workers during worship** are Ellen Ebersole and Nathan Ebersole; **during Sunday School**, Melanie Mitchell. (**Nursery 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 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. (Please see the list of classes below.)

Among our friends...

Tom and Lois will travel from Michigan on to the MCUSA Convention in Orlando and return on Monday, July 10. While they are away, the Deacon on Call for July is *Adella Ozor*. *Peter Emery* is available for pastoral needs.

Surround the Mennonite Church USA 2017 Convention in prayer as it begins July 4 in Orlando, Florida, and continues through July 8. More than 3,000 youth, delegates and others are expected to attend.

Beyond Tolerance continues! Another opportunity to worship with the Greater Faith Christian Church is coming up on Sunday, August 20 at 10:00 a.m.! Sign-up sheet for 50 people is in the south lobby

(on the “sofa table”) since seating capacity at GFCC is limited. There will be worship at 9:30, as usual, here at Lorraine Avenue that morning. Stay tuned for additional activities being planned for our two congregations to participate in together! The way for us to learn to know one another is... to learn to know one another! We will continue to worship together as well as eat and fellowship together, play and pray together. Let us reach “beyond tolerance” towards genuine friendship and camaraderie.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for WDC congregations to witness faithfully to God’s justice, salvation and peace in the face of political, economic and cultural divisions in our nation.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

A couple working in a highly sensitive location in Asia has been experiencing some health crises. Pray for complete healing, and for their ministry that seeks to create harmonious relationships between tribal groups and the national government.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray for the five Hesston College Disaster Management students serving in field experience terms with Mennonite Disaster Service in several locations across the country. Pray that their work and presence would help bring hope and healing to those with whom they work and serve.

Prayer Request for Peacemakers:

We are sending you this Urgent Prayer Action for the community of **El Guayabo**. This is a community of 250 families that Christian Peacemaker Teams has accompanied since 2013. For over 30 years approximately 60 families farm land neighboring the community. In the 1980's Octavio Lopez owned the land and after encountering economic problems he decided that he would leave the land to local families to use. Thirty years later Rodrigo Lopez, a man claiming to be Octavio's son, wants to take the land from these families.

Prayer Request from *Sabeel*:

There have been a string of attacks by Israeli settlers in the West Bank recently, particularly in the region of Nablus. At the same time, the Knesset has just approved the preliminary reading of a bill to annex some of the settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, which would further solidify the system of applying Israeli civilian law to settlers and military law to Palestinians living in the same areas. *God, we lament the violence that comes from the settlements*

and the ways that the Israeli government excuses and condones this theft of land. We pray that the words of international law will be more than just rhetoric and that people around the world will act for justice and accountability. We pray that Israeli authorities will take responsibility to stop this violence, and that the eyes of the settlers who perpetrate this violence will be opened and that they will see the harm they are causing. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer...

In the past months, there have been many women who have been killed by their family members both in Palestine and Israel, as well as around the world. Some of these women had previously filed domestic violence complaints or asked for legal or social service help in other ways. ***Lord, we lament the violent deaths of women around the world. We pray for legal and societal changes which will curb the tide of violence and discrimination against women, and that law enforcement and social services will be attentive to the needs of the vulnerable people who ask for their help. We pray that perpetrators of violence against women will be held accountable for their actions, and that no more men will see the lives of the women closest to them as expendable. Lord, in your mercy...***

Inside Palestine and Israel, freedom of the press is being restricted and news sources are being blocked. Many of the groups and organizations being restricted have been critical of their governments or associated with their political competitors. NGOs reporting human rights abuses are also particularly at risk of being suppressed. ***Lord, freedom of the press has been threatened by both Palestinian and Israeli authorities. We pray that all journalists are able to tell their stories without fear of suppression, and we thank you for the work of people who try to provide the public with fair and accurate information and speak truth to power. Lord, in your mercy...***

Israel has restricted water access across the West Bank this month, with some areas, including Ramallah and Kufr Aqab, having been deprived of water for over two weeks. Many people have run out of stored water. At the same time, people living in nearby settlements have enough water to fill swimming pools. ***Lord, many thirst and feel weak. We lament the water shortages caused by unjust distribution and misuse of limited resources. Access to clean water is the most basic and essential of human rights. We pray that the Palestinian people whose water is being stolen and denied to them will soon be able to meet their needs. Lord, in your mercy...***

We join the World Council of Churches in praying for the countries of Kenya and Tanzania. *Lord, in your mercy...*

Visitors last Sunday:

Walt and Elisabeth Heinrichs, Beaverton, OK; Don Custis, Gainesville, GA; Sylvia Houston, Amanda Richards, Wichita.

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Wellness Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Serendipity Group	1:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:45 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Board of Christian Education meeting	11:00 a.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, Grayce Kaufmann

Second - Fourth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room 202
Teachers: Alison Wenzel and Julie Dunkelberger

Fifth – Eighth Grades Shine! Curriculum & Games B4
Teachers: Nadine Reimer Penner and Joel Ewy

Eighth-Twelfth Grades Room 208
Teachers: Jill Robinson and Judy Ebersole

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

Faith and Issues Sermon Discussion Fellowship Hall
led by Peter Emery

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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