

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 Judy and Nathan Ebersole. **Nursery worker during worship** is Catherine Everingham; **during Sunday School**, Carmen Tamerius. (**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

A Year in Song - **Hillary Harder** would like to invite any and all to join in an evening of music on Friday, July 28 at 7:00 pm in the LAMC courtyard (or Fellowship Hall in case of uncooperative weather). Hillary and her mandolin (and occasionally an additional family member or two) will share some original songs, one for each month of the past year, telling the story of a year in song. Feel free to come by before or after Final Friday for music, refreshments, and lounging in lawn chairs (please also bring lawn chairs!). A freewill offering will be taken with proceeds supporting the production of Hillary's forthcoming solo album. Hope to see you there!

In our community, our city, and beyond...

BOCE will be hosting alternatives to Sunday School on July 30, potluck brunch; August 6, "bring-a-friend to lunch day"; and August 13, (new event) sandwich bar and board games! BOCE will provide all the sandwich fixin's. We suggest if your last name is an A-M that

you bring a salad and if your name is an N-Z you bring a dessert to share on the 13th. Bring whatever you wish on the 30th. Thank you!

Campers at Camp Mennoscah from LAMC this past week were: **Hannah Wenzel and Hassan Gutierrez-Everingham** from July 9-13; **Rylee Schmidt Stapleton and Kalyn Lichty** from July 13-15 (first time campers!!) Ask them how their time at camp was - favorite song, best meal, new friends...

Mark your calendars for the **4th Annual Peace Poetry** event, sponsored by People of Faith for Peace. there are two readings – Thursday, July 20, and Thursday, August 17 – both at R Coffeehouse, 11th & Bitting. It'll be a great time! There are wonderful poets right here in Wichita and we have 8 lined up and YOU! (*knitting4peace folks are invited to bring their yarn to the "R".*)

Excited to buy MCC school kit supplies when all the back-to-school supplies show up in stores? Consider helping refugee families in Jordan and Ukraine meet their basic hygiene needs with an MCC relief kit instead! Our partners in the Middle East and Ukraine are asking for more relief kits than MCC has on-hand so we need your help! Our goal is to ship 83,000 relief kits by March 2018. Visit mcc.org/mrc/kits for full kit information and from there click through to our Amazon Wish List for easier shopping and shipping. Just bring or ship kit items to MCC Central States 121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117. Contact katemast@mcc.org, 316-283-2720 with questions or to schedule a kit-packing event at your church!

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. 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.

The 2017 issue of *Mennonite Life*, Bethel College’s annual online journal, is now live at ml.bethelks.edu. This special issue is almost completely devoted to a consideration of “500 years of Anabaptism,” with an essay by Ben Goossen, “Why 500 Years? A Critique of Anabaptism’s Upcoming Anniversary Celebration,” and 13 responses from Anabaptists in the United States and Canada, as well as Colombia and South Korea.

Save the date: Sat., Nov. 18, 4th Biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College; “Seasons of the Soul: Enacting the Mystery of Faith,” with special guest presenter and resource person Ted Swartz. Symposium registration includes Swartz’s performance of “Slightly Left of Normal,” Fri., Nov. 17, in Krehbiel Auditorium (admission charge for non-symposium registrants). For a complete schedule and online registration, see bethelks.edu/worshiparts.

The Jewish Summer Film Series, Wichita Art Museum, 1400 W. Museum Blvd., offers the following films free of charge, and open to the public: *Dough*, Sunday, July 23, 2:00 p.m., is the story of a man trying to save his bake shop, who eventually enlists the help of a refugee Darfur teenager. An unlikely friendship develops between the old Jewish baker, and the Muslim boy. “*Dough* hits a sweet spot” says one reviewer. *Deli Man*, Sunday, August 6, 2:00 p.m. *Deli Man* travels throughout America and beyond in pursuit of the great deli experience and the beloved food. The Washington Post says, “A love letter written on pastrami”.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for our sister conference, South Central Mennonite Conference, meeting next weekend for annual assembly at Hesston (KS) Mennonite Church.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

The Missional Discipleship Initiative uses small groups to encourage discipleship in congregations. Because of its relational nature, transformation spreads to the entire church. Pray for Marvin Lorenzana, the coordinator, and all who open themselves to the Holy spirit’s work through this ministry.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray for participants in Journey, AMBS’s distance-friendly non-degree leadership development program. May God use the program’s focus on spiritual disciplines, theological and biblical studies, character development, mentoring and gifts development to deepen their faith and strengthen their leadership.

Prayer Request for Peacemakers: *Thanksgiving for the suspension of eviction and prayers for further protection of El Guayabo.* Two weeks ago the CPT Colombia team asked for a worldwide prayer support for the El Guayabo community that CPT has accompanied since 2013. The local municipal court issued an order to evict 11 out of 150 families from the land that has sustained their lives for over 30 years. Today, we express our joyful gratitude for the wonderful

news of the seemingly impossible turning into reality. Just days before the scheduled eviction, which appeared to be inevitable, the Inspector General and Public Advocate offices in Bogotá warned that the human rights of the residents of El Guayabo would be at high risk of violation, and thus on the basis of the Colombian constitution suspended the eviction. Let us celebrate with the members of El Guayabo community that they are able to breathe more freely now. Let us give thanks to the Almighty for bringing about this miracle. Let us hold members of El Guayabo in our prayers as they continue the process of resistance and liberation from the local armed actors who want their land and will likely plan to retaliate.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

Ranan, a member of our Sabeel family who works at the office in Jerusalem, got married last Friday. Her wedding was a wonderful celebration with lots of friends and family members. She and her husband, Alex, will be leaving for their honeymoon in Sri Lanka next week. *Lord, we thank you for Ranan and Alex. Please bless and guide them as they begin their married life together, and give them safe travels on their honeymoon. We thank you also for this occasion to celebrate. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer...*

Visitors:

June 25 - Don Custis, Gainesville, GA; Walt and Elisabeth Heinrichs, Beaverton, OR; Sylvia Houston; *July 2* - Samantha, Yalissa, Faith and Johnny Steele, Wichita; Nelson Steelberg, McLean, VA; Rocky, Valerie, Ranon and Cora Munoz, Wichita; *July 9* - Greg Zielke, Omaha, NE; Samantha, Faith, Alissa and Johnny Steel, Wichita; Quinn Windham, Wichita

This Week at Church

Monday	Library Committee meeting	1:30 p.m.
	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Church Council meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Serendipity	1:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:45 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, Beth Lichty, Ruth Wiens

Kindergarten – Fourth Grade *Fruit of the Spirit* Room 202
Teachers: Beth Lichty and Grayce Kaufmann

Fifth – Twelfth Grades Discussion & Games for Youth B4
Teachers: Judy Ebersole, Joel Ewy,
Nadine Reimer Penner, and Jill Robinson

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

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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