

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Sunday

July 23, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Fellowship

10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

*. . . but be filled with the Spirit,
as you sing psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs among yourselves,
singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts.
Ephesians 5:18c-19*

Prelude

God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him
Linda Buller, organ

Hamlin

*Call to Worship

Gerry Lichti

Leader: Come, let us worship.

People: for we are the people of God's pasture.

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down,

People: for we are the sheep of God's hand.

*Leader: Come let us worship and bow down
before the Lord, our Maker.*

**All: For the Lord is our Song,
and God desires that we sing it!**

*Hymn

What is this place?

HWB 1

We invite the children to come forward on the last verse!

Time for Children

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory

Pastorale

Wood

Prayer of Dedication

SJ 125

Worship Music

Ride for Jesus

Earl J. Wallace (Blue)

The Prophecy

Isaiah 54:1-3 (PB 597)

Hymn

We sing to you, O God

SJ 1

The Lesson Ephesians 5:15-20 (PB 952)

Sermon Sing a New World into Being Tom Harder

*Hymn Sing a New World into Being Pew Insert

Work of the Church

Welcome and Introductions
Announcements and Activities
Joys and Concerns
Prayer

*Hymn With sweetest music Pew Insert

*Benediction

Postlude Allegretto Purcell

*Congregation Stands

HWB = Hymnal, a Worship Book; SJ = Sing the Journey;
SS = Sing the Story; PB = Pew Bible

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 CB Balbierz and Sara Penner. **Nursery workers during worship** are Rachel Reimer-Kouame and Erica Schmidt; **during Sunday School**, Jonas Lichty. (**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

Carolyn Beck fell and broke her arm. This will complicate the surgery she was scheduled to have on her other arm! Please keep Carolyn and Al in your thoughts and prayers.

A Year in Song - Hillary Harder would like to invite any and all to join in an evening of music on this 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!

Training on Childhood Sexual Abuse – There will be a *Wisdom of the Wounded* training on July 27, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the MCC Center in North Newton. This training is part of the Child Protection Training 2017 Summer Education Series led by Kathy Wiens and takes a personal look at childhood sexual abuse and why traumatized individuals can't "just get over it," even years after the abuse has occurred – what pastors and church members need to know about victims and survivors. Cost: \$20. To register, email: kathywiens59@gmail.com or call: 316-587-7244.

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.

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 internationally acclaimed African Children’s Choir will perform with the Wichita Community Children’s Choir at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church (1550 N Chapel Hill Drive, Wichita KS) on **Sunday, July 30 at 7:00 PM**. Come and enjoy their incredible US Tour! Tickets will be \$10 at the door and proceeds will help support the Music for Life Institute’s international relief and development programs.

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 the WDC Church Planting Commission as they support church planters, emerging congregations and sister-church relationships within WDC.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Linda Oyer, based in France, teaches New Testament and spirituality, and serves in administrative capacities in academic and congregational settings. Pray for her during the summer months as she tries to make space for writing projects.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray that Iowa Mennonite School in Kalona can find the right candidate to fill their Chemistry and Physics teaching position. Pray for continues growth in enrollment and the continues diversity that walks our hallways.

Prayer Request for Peacemakers:

Today, we would like to carry in our prayers Amir Hampay from Iran and Hussein Kozhin and Aresh Bahroz from Iraq who Greek police has held in detention for nearly three months while preparing to deport them from Lesbos. Amir, as a political freedom activist, faces decades of imprisonment, torture and, very likely, an execution by hanging, if returned to Iran. Twenty-three days ago, the three friends began a hunger strike. They ask for political protection and reversal of the deportation order. Their health condition is deteriorating. In act of solidarity and love, Amir's brother, Arash Hampay, has also begun a hunger strike in a public square of Mytilene, the capital of Lesbos. Today marks the 22nd day of his hunger strike. Arash asks for a release of his brother and friends. CPT Mediterranean team on Lesbos accompanies Arash. Other people are also joining the hunger strike in solidarity.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

Last Friday, three men from the Palestinian town of Umm al-Fahm inside Israel were killed after shooting and killing two Israeli Druze police officers at the checkpoint at the entrance to Haram Al-Sharif. As a response, Israel has implemented collective punishment through actions like closing Al-Aqsa mosque, requiring that worshippers go through metal detectors before entering it, and closing the Old City. *Lord, we lament all violence and mourn the deaths of all those killed this weekend. We pray fervently for an end to the injustices which feed the cycle of violence. We pray for a day when the freedom of movement and access to religious sites becomes a reality for Palestinian communities, and when Palestinians as a group are not held responsible for the actions of a few people who use violence. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer...*

The results of the tawjihi exams were released last week, and many families have been celebrating with parties and fireworks. These exams, which are taken at the end of high school, are very important because they determine whether students are accepted into universities. *God, we pray for the thousands of young people who are celebrating their achievement and we remember the students who did not reach their target grades. May the students of Palestine*

use their education to better their communities and to strengthen the society in which they live. Lord, in your mercy...

The Knesset is considering amending one of Israel's Basic Laws to make it more difficult to divide Jerusalem in a potential peace deal. This law is intended to solidify Israeli control over all of Jerusalem, including occupied East Jerusalem. *Lord, we lament the efforts of the Israeli government to further control Jerusalem in violation of international law. We pray for an end to the illegal occupation of East Jerusalem, and we pray that leaders will seek to work for peace with justice rather than against it. Lord, in your mercy...*

The electricity crisis in Gaza continues to worsen. Due to the shortage of fuel, the last power plant in Gaza has been closed. There have been power outages lasting as long as thirty hours, leaving people without relief from the heat and relying on candles for light. *God of justice and mercy, we pray for the people of Gaza, who are suffering from lack of water, electricity, and medical supplies. Give them hope for a better life for themselves, their children and their communities, and an end to their suffering. We pray that the blockade will be broken and the people of Gaza will not be forsaken. Lord, in your mercy...*

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

Visitor last Sunday:

Amanda Richards, Wichita

This Week at Church

Monday	<i>The Messenger</i> articles due	
	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:45 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
	<i>A Year in Song</i> with Hillary Harder	7:00 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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Monday is the pastors' day off

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