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those who seek *find*;
and to those who *knock*,
the door will be *opened*.



Luke 11:10

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Sunday

July 24, 2016

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

Worship
Brunch

*For everyone who asks receives,
and everyone who searches finds,
and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.
Luke 11:10*

Prelude

Toccata in A
Erica Schmidt, organ

Kobich, ed. Wold

*Call to Worship

Janet Kaufman

*Leader: O God, we come seeking you in our worship together.
We come to you for truth,*

People: because we are untrue.

Leader: We come to you for strength,

People: because we are weak.

Leader: We come to you for wisdom,

People: because we are unwise.

*All: Move in our midst;
show us your truth, your strength, and your wisdom,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

*Hymn

Here, O Lord, your servants gather

HWB 7

Psalm 138

PB 503

Hymn

My shepherd will supply my need

HWB 589

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory
Prayer of Dedication

Simple Gifts

arr. Harris

Time for Children

Special Music

Balm in Gilead
Vern Zielke, Tenor

Burleigh

The Lesson Luke 11:1-13, PB 845

Sermon The Possibility of Prayer Tom Harder

*Hymn Our Father, who art in heaven HWB 554

Work of the Church Lois Harder

Welcome and Introductions
Announcements and Activities
Joys and Concerns
Prayer

*Hymn Prayer is the soul's sincere desire HWB 572

*Benediction

Postlude Praise the Almighty, My Soul Will Adore Him arr. Behnke

*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 Adella Ozor and Erica Schmidt. **Nursery workers during worship** are Judy and Nathan Ebersole. **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.

In our community, our city, and beyond

Don't forget next Sunday is **invite a friend to lunch** Sunday, following worship service. The **LAMC picnic** is August 7 at Kiwanis Park, an air-conditioned shelter house, 5101 W. 2nd. Everyone is invited to participate – bring food to share and table service.

Building Bridges Sneak Preview/Wichita Common Humanity – you are invited to a preview of the art coming to the Wichita area next month. This “Building Bridges” project is sponsored by People of Faith for Peace with lots of community involvement. The “preview” is **Thursday, July 28, 7:30-9:00 pm**, at Doubletree Hilton at the Wichita airport. Admission is \$15. To RSVP and purchase a ticket in advance: <https://buildingbridges,ticketleap.com/sneakpreview/>. Or you may contact Muhammad Akram, qadaker@hotmail.com, 316-651-6006, OR Floyd Saunders, floyd.saunders@yahoo.com, 680-6468. ***Be sure to read the August Messenger article about the Building Bridges project.***

We heard some wonderful poetry this week at the event hosted by People of Faith for Peace. Wichita has some fine poets and there's one more chance to hear them this summer: Tuesday, August 2, Watermark Books, Douglas & Oliver – come hear Roy Beckemeyer, Kelly Johnston, Tom James, Diane Wahto, Michael Poage, and others. There will be “open mic” so bring your own verse or read your favorite poem. Come early to grab a tasty sandwich – reading is 6:30-8:00.

We would like to invite you to a special evening of fun at **Hope Mennonite on August 7 at 6:30 p.m.** The Book of Jebb will be here performing for about 45 min., and then we will be having an ice cream social. We would love to see some of you at this event!

PLEASE NOTE: **The Peer to Peer Class** for persons living with mental illness which was to begin on this Saturday, July 23, has been rescheduled to begin on Saturday, September 10 and conclude on November 19. Location and meeting time remains the same.

URGENT REQUEST

Sunday, July 17, at church, Michelle Armster, MCC Central States Executive Director, made a plea about the need around the world for **SCHOOL KITS** and **HYGIENE KITS**. She said that MCC 's supply of kits has been depleted and they are in desperate need of more due to the refugee crisis and unrest in various countries. Please help by bringing the following items for kits and place them on the bench in the North Lobby. Lorraine Avenue Mission Board members will see that they get to MCC in Newton as soon as possible.

HYGIENE KITS

Contents (NEW items, in original packaging)

- 1 adult-size toothbrush
- 1 large bar bath soap
- 1 fingernail clipper (good quality)
- 1 hand towel (dark color)



SCHOOL KITS

Contents (NEW items only)

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 1/2 x 10 1/2 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser



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: Pray for WDC Annual Assembly next weekend at Bethel College in Kansas, and for all who travel from far and near to experience worship, fellowship, learning and discernment together.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network: Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton serve as liaison coordinators in Ecuador for a partnership that includes Mennonite churches in Colombia and Ecuador, the Central Plains Mennonite Conference, and Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for wisdom, energy and health as they minister to others and to 2-year-old Aliyah.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for members of the incoming class at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary as they prepare to transition to seminary study. May they sense God's peace and presence as they make space in their lives for new academic challenges, transformative experiences and relationships that will play a part in shaping their calling.

Prayer for Peacemakers: Give thanks for the signing of the peace accords that ended five decades of civil war in Colombia. Pray for the encouragement of all those still struggling for justice, restitution, victims' rights and legal protections guaranteed to them under Colombian law.

Prayer Request from *Sabeel*: Bishop Edmond Lee Browning (March 11, 1929 – July 11, 2016) was the 24th Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America. Bishop Browning played an important role in the founding of Friends of Sabeel USA. Although Bishop Browning passed away on July 11th he still speaks to us today with words of inclusivity and justice. **Lord, we give thanks for the life and ministry of Bishop Browning. Dear God, Bishop Browning resembles to many of us your Simon of Cyrene. We give thanks for all the prophetic voices who journey with us, the Palestinians, and the many others on the margins. Lord in your mercy...**

World Youth Day (WYD) is an event for young people organized by the Catholic Church. The World Youth Day 2016, will be held 25–31 July 2016 in Kraków, Poland. World Youth Day was initiated by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1985. Hundreds of Palestinian youth are on their way to Poland. **Lord, we give thanks for the young people of**

Palestine as they start their journey to Poland. Dear God, as you have commissioned your disciples to be sent in pairs may you bless our hundreds of young people to build fellowship with their brothers and sisters to become aware of our presence and challenges. Lord in your mercy...

Abdullah Issa is a 12 year old Palestinian refugee who was brutally tortured and killed by a fundamentalist Syrian rebel group as an act of revenge. Ugly footage of the beheading is circulating widely on the internet. **Lord, it is the little children whom you loved and called to your side who are paying the heaviest price of our hardened hearts. Lord our hearts weep for all the innocent refugee children, the abandoned children, and those trapped in conditions of war. Lord for the sake of the children we pray that this ugly war in Syria and elsewhere in the Middle East may come to an end. Lord in your mercy...**

Visitors from July 17: Greg Zielke, Omaha, NE, and Ryan Birch, Wichita

This Week at Church

Monday	<i>Messenger</i> articles due	
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.

Lifestyle Strategies classes will return in August.

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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