

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Sunday

July 30, 2017

9:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Worship
Brunch

*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness...
Romans 8:26a*

Prelude

O Word of God Incarnate
DeAnn Diller, keyboard

arr. Berry

*Call to Worship

Madeline Harder Crawford

*Leader: God has created us to become brothers and sisters with
Jesus Christ in the family of God.*

People: Nothing can separate us from the love of God!

*Leader: God has called us to become agents of the divine
purpose.*

People: Nothing can separate us from the love of God!

*Leader: God has loved us that we might mirror that love to one
another.*

People: Nothing can separate us from the love of God!

*Leader: God has made Christ to bear our image that we might
bear the image of God to the world.*

People: Nothing can separate us from the love of God!

All: Let everything that breathes praise our God!

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn

Come, let us all unite to sing

HWB 12

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

Time for Children

Grayce Kaufmann

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory
Prayer of Dedication

Reflection

Mark Hayes

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 Miriam Nofsinger and Jim Juhnke. **Nursery workers during worship** are Kelly Cleary and Beth Lichty.

You may have your **blood pressure checked** in Room B-3 in the basement after the worship service.

Among Our Friends

Tom, Lois, Hillary and Anna Harder have gone to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp to resource Family Camp II. Camp begins this afternoon and runs through Friday noon. After a few vacation days Tom will return to work on Saturday, August 12. Lois will fly from Denver to L.A. where she will officiate at a wedding in Santa Barbara. She is marrying Ben Toews and Sami Gross, folks the Harders have learned to know over the years at Camp! Lois will return to work on Tuesday, August 15.

We extend our love and sympathy to **Melvin and Sylvia Epp** as they are in Scottsdale, PA this morning where they attended funeral services yesterday for Mel's brother-in-law, David Cressman, husband of Mel's sister, Phebe. They will return to KS mid-week.

Jeff White had a "surprise" pacemaker put in on Tuesday. He and his family are grateful for circumstances that offered the right people in the right places at the right times so that medical attention that was needed was available. He is recuperating at home.

Don't forget **LAMC's Deacons Member Assistance Fund!** Money from this fund is used to help one another in the congregation when there are unexpected medical (or other) expenses. Typically, the

pastors and deacons double the money in this fund when they write matching grants to Everence. Thank you for your generosity!

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

BOCE will be hosting alternatives to Sunday School. Today is potluck brunch and if you forgot, please stay anyway; there's always plenty. August 6, "bring-a-friend to lunch day"; and August 13, the Deacons are sponsoring Kathy Wiens' presentation on Safe Sanctuary. This is for the entire congregation; child care will be provided. **Safe Sanctuaries training** helps congregations understand the prevalence of childhood sexual abuse and why the church is at risk. Information is provided on ways to protect children as well as how to develop a safety policy. Kathy leads many such workshops in the area and is passionate about keeping our churches safe for both children and adults. She has graduate degrees in education and counseling.

Wednesday night suppers are returning, beginning September 6 and running through October 25! The "season" is 8 weeks instead of the usual 12 weeks, so don't delay! Get your house church together to plan, prepare and serve a meal – your family, your friends. We look forward to eating together – and, if you have been the "chef," you KNOW how much fun cooking together can be! There is a sign-up sheet on the table outside the office window. Looking forward to dining with you in the fall.

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.

Did you know? The Greater Faith Christian Church and LAMC worked together on a Habitat for Humanity house in Wichita yesterday! About 5-7 people from each congregation comprised a team of volunteers, working side-by-side. Want to know more? Ask Chuck Graber, Chuck or Rose Moyer, or Bryce Schmidt. Special thanks to Chuck Graber for making the arrangements and to Linda Doll for bringing lunch for the group!

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 *this evening* 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 film free of charge, and open to the public: *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".

From Bethel College: **Save the date: Tues., Sept. 12**, nationally syndicated columnist and author **Leonard Pitts Jr. will speak at Bethel College at 7 p.m.** in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College as part of KIPCOR's 30th-anniversary celebration.

Registration is now open for the **Women & Girls Retreat (3rd grade and up) at Camp Mennoscah September 8-10**. The theme is "Together: Rooted and Reaching" with Barb Krehbiel Gehring as our featured speaker. Retreat schedules and registration forms are available on the table outside the church office. 100 years of Mennonite Women organizations will be celebrated through stories and a hymn sing Friday evening. There will be no separate girls programming this year, so girls should register for Saturday morning and afternoon activities and seminars. Hope to see you all at Camp Mennoscah!

Have you heard? Everence is moving to new offices in North Newton! Finishing touches are now being made and we'll be in our new building starting Aug. 21, 2017. Everence will now be located at 3179 N. Main St., North Newton – just north of the Mennonite Central Committee offices. Feel free to stop by anytime! Our phone numbers are the same: (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294. And for your convenience, we're maintaining a satellite office at Schowalter Villa, 200 W. Cedar, Hesston – in addition to our Hutchinson office.

There will be **no Yoga** this week at church.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:
Pray for all who will travel to WDC Annual Assembly in Arlington,

TX, next weekend, and for all who are planning and leading assembly activities.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Austin Roberts currently works with Youth with a Mission in Northern Ireland. Pray for him as he explores a longer-term vision for ministry. His desire is that Christ be at the center of all his work and life.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray for the youth who are on the Eastern Mennonite University campus in Harrisonburg VA this summer for basketball, baseball, volleyball and soccer camps. May they rejoice in fun and fellowship as they grow in skills and passion for their sport.

Prayer Request from *Sabeel*:

Since last Friday, there have been mainly nonviolent protests in Jerusalem as a result of Israel's decision to impose new security measures on worshippers entering Al-Aqsa mosque, changing the status quo of the site. Palestinian Muslims have refused to enter the mosque and are nonviolently praying in the surrounding streets. Israeli police have responded violently, injuring at least 300 Palestinian protesters and killing three. Some protests have also turned violent. One Palestinian was shot by a settler and three Israelis were killed in their home. *Lord, we thank you that the majority of the protests were nonviolent, and we are grateful for our brothers and sisters in the Muslim community who are using the power of prayer to protest injustice. We mourn for all people who have been killed or hurt. Although it is often difficult to act with nonviolence in the face of injustice, we pray that the protesters will have the courage to continue in prayer and nonviolence rather than returning evil for evil. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer...*

Palestinian Christians have been joining in protests by praying with Muslims in the streets of East Jerusalem. There was also an interfaith protest in front of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Participants emphasized that they are protesting increased Israeli control which is meant to assert Israel's sovereignty over occupied East Jerusalem, including Al-Aqsa mosque, something that concerns all Palestinians and which is not primarily a religious conflict. *God, we thank you for interfaith protests and prayers that resist attempts to divide Palestinians along religious lines. We pray for an end to the occupation which affects all Palestinians regardless of religion. Lord, in your mercy...*

Palestinian political factions, including Fatah and Hamas, have agreed to join together in creating a Palestinian unity government shortly after both parties called for unity in response to increased Israeli control of Al-Aqsa. There have been other actions of solidarity around the world, including protests in Jordan and Lebanon, and prayers in the United Kingdom. *Lord, we thank you for actions of unity and solidarity. We pray that the unity government devotes itself to helping the oppressed and working against injustice rather than using power for personal gain. Lord, in your mercy...*

Visitors last Sunday:

Judy Mitzner, Wichita; Jessica and Jon Huber, Wichita; Barb and George Fridley, Elkhart, IN; Samantha and Johnny Steele, Wichita

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Stewardship Committee – Gathering Room	5:30 p.m.
	Shakespeare Rehearsal – Gathering Room	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Wellness Committee	7:00 p.m.
	Shakespeare Rehearsal – Gathering Room	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Shakespeare Rehearsal – Gathering Room	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Serendipity – Fellowship Hall	1:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:45 p.m.
	Shakespeare Rehearsal – Gathering Room	7:30 p.m.

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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