

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Education Sunday

August 14, 2016

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

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.
Hebrews 12:1*

Prelude Christ is made the sure Foundation arr. Johnson
Linda Buller, organ

*Call to Worship Melanie Mitchell

Leader: We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith.

**People: We come seeking the cloud of your presence,
as we travel the way.
We come seeking your pillar of fire,
to light our darkness.**

*All: Shine in our hearts, O God, with the light of your love.
Make your presence known through Jesus the Christ.
Amen.*

*Hymn Come and be light for our eyes SJ 5

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 (PB 470)

Hymn Rain down SJ 49

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory Search for Peace McCoy Tyner
Joel Linscheid, Mike Fetters, and Tom Harder

Prayer of Dedication

Time for Children Beth Lichty

Presentation of Bibles; Recognition of Teachers BOCE
(Board of Christian Education)

Special Music	Sermonette	Cannonball Adderly
The Lesson	Hebrews 11:29-12:2 (PB 978)	
Sermon	Heroes of the Faith	Tom Harder
*Hymn	For all the saints	HWB 636
Work of the Church	Lois Harder	
Welcome and Introductions Announcements and Activities Joys and Concerns Prayer		
*Hymn	Guide my feet	HWB 546
*Benediction		
Postlude	Sunday Morning	Grant Green
*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 Allan and Beth Tanner. **Nursery workers during worship** are Meribeth Buhr and Erica Schmidt; **during Sunday School** Kristina Everingham. **Fellowship workers** are Bob and Sylvia Schmidt.

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:

Roland and Marjorie Krause would like to invite everyone to help celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary with cookies and punch during the Fellowship Time today. Congratulations to Marjorie and Roland!

We welcome Angel Campo and his wife, Luz, to Wichita for a candidating visit this weekend. They are spending the majority of their time with the Aposento Alto family, worshiping with them on Sunday and having other gatherings with them at Mennonite Church of the Servant. They will also be meeting with the church planting support group. **OUR BIG CHANCE to meet Angel and Luz will be during our Fellowship time this morning.** They will then head to Mennonite Church of the Servant for a potluck with Aposento Alto. *Everyone is welcome to also attend worship at Aposento Alto at 5:30 today; Angel will bring the message and they will assist in the rest of the service.* (See the August 9 E-News for biographical information on the candidate.)

From the congregational chair, Ruth Tieszen:

Please join us for a potluck lunch on August 28 after Sunday School followed by a special congregational meeting! The agenda will be a report from the Aposento Alto search committee, including their recommendation regarding the pastoral candidate. In order for the search committee to move forward they need to receive feedback from the supporting congregations regarding possible funding. Marv Zehr and Nita Nikkel, representatives of WDC Church Plant Commission, will be here. We will also have a financial report from our treasurer. Please come to this meeting prepared to share your questions, concerns and ideas and to listen carefully to one another and to The Spirit as we discuss and discern together. ***Bring food to share and your table service.*** Childcare will be provided.

Inquiry Class! Next Sunday, August 21 beginning with lunch together (provided by the 4 Corners house church) and going through the afternoon (until 3:30 p.m.-ish) we will meet in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about Mennonites in general and the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church specifically. All inquirers are welcome! Please let Pastor Lois know by Friday, Aug. 19 if you'd like to participate. lois.harder@lorraineavenue.org

Surveys were sent electronically a few weeks ago, asking about our congregation's interest in/willingness to become a host congregation for Family Promise. About a dozen responses were received. The LAMB would like to receive more responses! There are hard copies of the survey in your mailboxes; there are only 6 questions. Please give this some thought and take a few moments to respond. Return them in the box on the office table. Thank you!

Upcoming in Faith and Issues class: August 14 - National Alternative Service presentation by Willard Ebersole; August 21 - Book study begins: "The New Jim Crow" by Michelle Alexander. Led by Willard Ebersole and Karl Swartz. The book is available from various online sources, both new and used, and also as an economical e-book. The book explores the phenomenon of mass incarceration of people of color, specifically men, and how this is affecting our society.

As the summer winds down, school starts, people are married, we take off Labor Day to celebrate "work" – Wednesdays are going to perk up! **Supper and activities will begin September 7 and continue through November 16.** Get your house church, your family, your friends together to plan, prepare and serve a meal. 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!

Since 1974, Bethel College has sponsored Life Enrichment, supported by volunteers, registration fees, and the generosity of speakers who share their talent and expertise without compensation. This series is especially designed for adults, age 60 and over. The sessions are on Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., and the registration cost is \$2 per week or \$20 per semester. The Fall Session begins August 24, with Perry White, Amanda Casper, and Willmar Harder telling you everything you want to know about Bethel College, Magical Modes of Music, and Low German Mennonites in Bolivia. (Brochures are also on the south lobby bulletin board.)

Our "**Beyond Tolerance**" weekend with Greater Faith Christian Church has been **postponed** to Saturday, September 10 (a BBQ/cookout held here at LAMC) and worship at GFCC on Sunday, September 11. Watch for more details!

Experiencing Grief – Nadine Reimer Penner will facilitate 4 sessions on Thursday evenings in September (8, 15, 22 and 29). If

you're interested in attending, plan to attend all 4 sessions. Let Nadine know at nadine@reimerpenner.com. These sessions will be in the Gathering Room, 7:00-8:30.

Family Promise Day House Work Day (LAMC folks take note; this is referring to The Lorraine Center!)- Mark your calendars and spread the word about the upcoming work day: Saturday, August 20th, 8:30am - 11:30 am. Cleaning and painting are at the top of the list, as well as some other small jobs.
<http://www.familypromisewichita.org/how-you-can-help/>

MCC Central States is hiring a Workroom Supervisor in North Newton, Kan. The workroom supervisor oversees the processing of material aid donations and coordinates the collecting, assembling and distribution of relief kits, which requires the supervision of many volunteers. The position requires a person with energy, ideas, good organizational skills and people skills. To see a full job description and to apply, mcc.org/serve-cs-mrc, call 316.283.2720 or email heidihuber@mcc.org

Welcome Andrew Wright as MCC Central States Director of Programs! Andrew will be responsible for the direction and oversight of all MCC Central States Programs. He will connect with constituent churches and groups, as well as like-minded organizations to provide information about MCC. This is a new position for MCC Central States and we look forward to Andrew exploring ways to further develop relationships between program staff and partnerships within the Central States region to reflect the commitment to diverse constituent groups. Minneapolis MN will be his home base.

Visitors from last Sunday:
David and Joan Wasser, Wichita

Prayer Request from Western District Conference: Give thanks for Robert Yutzy, whose ordination service is this afternoon at First Mennonite Church (Halstead, KS) where he is interim pastor.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Hesston College students arriving on campus for a week of practices, team community building, orientation and a jump start on classes. May their interactions be blessed as they build friendship with each other.

Prayer for Peacemakers: Give thanks for the life of Kryss Chupp who has dedicated almost three decades of her life to the work of CPT. She celebrated her 57th birthday during CPT’s administrative team’s Strategic Directions retreat this week. Please hold her and the rest of the Administrative Team in prayer as they plan for the future.

Prayer Request from *Sabeel*: Israeli lawmakers have legalized the imprisonment of Palestinian minors as young as 12 in-case they are convicted of grave crimes such as “acts of terrorism against the state of Israel.” The so-called Youth Law has already faced criticism in Israel and abroad. **Lord, the children shouted in the temple courts “Hosanna” (save us now) with faith when you overturned the tables of the money changers and challenged the injustice. The children today shout “Hosanna” from unjust systems that ignore The Convention on the Rights of the Child. Lord, we pray Israeli lawmakers will treat Palestinian children as they treat their own children. Lord in your mercy...**

An Israeli border police officer was suspended after being caught on camera throwing a Palestinian eight-year old girl's bike into a thorny bush. A second officer caught on camera confiscating the bicycle goes unpunished. The officer claimed he was trying to prevent the eight- year old from entering a Jewish street. **Lord, in the rest of the world children have fun and enjoy riding their bikes. In segregated Hebron, bike rides are a dangerous thing. Lord, we pray you would help the children being bullied by the Israeli army, and strengthen the international presence in Hebron to defend them. Lord in your mercy...**

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer – Gathering Room	4:15 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Church Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	NAMI – Gathering Room	10:00 a.m.
	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	5:00 p.m.
	<i>knitting4peace</i> – Gathering Room	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Board of Christian Education	11:00 a.m.

Elementary and Youth Sunday School Classes

Early Childhood (3- 4 year olds) Shine! Curriculum Room 206
Teachers:

Kindergarten - First Grade Shine! Room 201
Teachers: Kelly Cleary, Jill Robinson, and Alison Wenzel

Second - Fourth Grades Shine! Room 202
Teachers: Julie Dunkelberger and Beth Lichty

Fifth - Tenth Grades Shine! – L.E.D. B4
Teacher: Catherine Everingham and Ann Fetters

Fifth - Tenth Grades B5
Faith Formation through Games
Teachers: Beverly Baumgartner, Joel Ewy, Kristina Everingham

Adult Sunday School Classes

Empowerers Book Study Lois' Office (Basement)
Learning to Fall – by Philip Simmons

Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room
Led by Rose Moyer

Men's Group Book Study Library
Better Dads, Stronger Sons
Led by Doug Everingham

Faith and Issues National Alternative Service Fellowship Hall
Led by Willard Ebersole

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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Thursday is the pastors' day off

Away until 08/30

Thurs. afternoon

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