

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Sunday

August 21, 2016

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

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”
Ephesians 6:12-13, King James Version

Prelude

Fantasia in A
Erica Schmidt, keyboard

Telemann

*Call to Worship

Nathan Ebersole

Leader: Source of all hope and holiness, we gather this morning to be church.

People: Bless those who are absent, but not from our hearts.

Leader: Bless those who are distant, but not from your love.

All: Bless each of us here that we may choose justice by your Spirit, draw kindness from the well of your mercy, and walk humbly in your path, O God. Amen.

*Hymn

O Holy Spirit, Root of life

HWB 123

Psalm 146:9

HWB 683

Hymn

When the poor ones

SJ 69

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory I Need Thee Every Hour
Prayer of Dedication

arr. Beck

Time for Children

Worship Music

Climbin' Up the Mountain
Men's Ensemble

arr. Smith

The Lessons – Luke 6:20-26, Ephesians 6:10-17 (PB 838, 952)

Sermon *Why Black Lives Matter* Lois Harder

*Hymn Let justice flow like streams SJ 65

Work of the Church Tom Harder

Welcome and Introductions
Announcements and Activities
Joys and Concerns
Prayer

*Hymn There is more love somewhere SJ 109

*Benediction

Postlude Lord of the Dance 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 Karl and Myra Swartz. **Nursery workers during worship** are Joel and Ruth Tieszen; **during Sunday School** Dale Blaine. **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:

Office Changes! Many thanks to Debra Carty for her years of service as the bookkeeper at Lorraine Avenue! She has resigned and Beth Tanner will take up the bookkeeping job – welcome Beth! Beth’s office hours began on August 17 and will be Wednesday mornings. Also, many thanks to Barbara Gingrich for covering additional office hours while Linda Gebert recovered from her knee replacement. Linda is back now, and Barbara is off this week to Chautauqua in New York! Beginning September 1, their Administrative Assistant positions will return to: Barbara, Tuesdays from 9:30 – 1:30, and Fridays from 11:00 – 1:00, and Linda, Wednesdays from 10:00 to 2:00, and Thursdays from 2:00 – 4:00. Finally, Tom and Lois have **changed their day off from Thursday to Monday**. Thanks to Eunice Doerksen for her hours of volunteer time in the office each Monday morning, and Al and Carolyn Beck on Friday afternoons.

From the congregational chair, Ruth Tieszen:

Please join us for a potluck lunch **NEXT SUNDAY**, 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.

Upcoming in Faith and Issues class: This morning, we begin discussing "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. It explores the phenomenon of mass incarceration of people of color, specifically men, and how this affects 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!

There is a hard copy of the minutes from the recent **2016 Western District Conference Assembly** in our church library.

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.)

Bethel College is offering many of its classes for community audit. You pay \$50 per credit hour (compared to the normal audit rate of \$85 per hour) OR, if you're age 62 and older, a flat rate of \$30. For more information, go to www.bethelks.edu/audit, where there is also a "fall course schedule" link. Enrollment deadline is Aug. 30.

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!

The annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride Saturday, September 17, starting at the MCC offices, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Mozambique. Rides of about 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned. Brochures on south lobby bulletin board. Website: mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride.

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.

Visitors from last Sunday:

Georgina and Laura, Wichita; Rami Stucky, St. Simons, GA; Judy Mitzner, Wichita; Delbert and Patty Tieszen, Hesston, KS; Westen Gesell, Bethel College, Olivia Gehring, Wichita

Prayer Request from Western District Conference: Pray that WDC and its congregations might be open to the Spirit's leading in planting new churches and strengthening sister-church partnerships.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network: A mission family, who has worked in Bible translation ministry for many years, has begun to engage more in sign language linguistics. Although the family cannot be named because of their location, pray for them as they start studying American Sign Language.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency: On the first day of classes at Hesston College, remember all the students, faculty and staff who are new to the community. Pray that they would feel welcomed and encouraged as they make a new start.

Prayer for Peacemakers:

Pray for the villagers who are suffering from the impacts of Turkish and Iranian cross-border bombing in Iraqi-Kurdistan with almost no attention from the world community.

Prayer Request from *Sabeel*:

Kamal Tarazi and Hatem Khrais both live in Gaza and are friends for over 15 years. In the past 5 years Khrais lost his eyesight and relies totally on his Christian friend Tarazi to take him to the mosque for daily prayers and to run errands. The two friends and their friendship have gone viral on social media inspiring today's divided Middle East. **Lord, thank you for this beautiful friendship and servanthood. We ask you God to continue to bless their friendship as they walk silently hand in hand echoing loudly your love and honoring your commandments. Lord in your mercy...**

The 2016 Summer Olympics is being held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 5-21 August 2016. More than 11,000 athletes from 206 countries are taking part. Ten refugee athletes are participating in the Olympics to act as a symbol of hope for refugees worldwide, and to bring global attention to the magnitude of the refugee crisis. Also, six athletes are representing Palestine this year. **Lord, we pray, especially, for the Palestinian and the refugee Olympic teams. We pray that the participation of the two teams open the eyes of the world and acknowledge our existence and our aspirations. Lord in your mercy...**

A group of Israeli settlers attacked a Palestinian girl in a west bank village last Thursday. The girl who was herding her sheep in the

village, sustained injuries and trauma from the attack. 11 of her sheep were also reportedly stabbed, several of the sheep died of their stab wounds. **Lord, they beat the shepherd, and her sheep were killed and scattered. The good shepherd stood her ground and laid her life to protect the sheep, but the wolves were more powerful. Lord, what is happening is not pleasing in your eyes. We ask you open our hearts and minds to find nonviolent creative ways of resistance. Lord in your mercy...**

According to a recent report by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), in July 2016 as many as 56 Palestinian structures and homes have been demolished by Israel making 89 people homeless. **The Palestinian people are crying out against Israel’s illegal occupation, Lord; set the oppressed and the oppressor free. Lord in your mercy...**

This Week at Church

Monday	<i>Messenger</i> articles due	
	Centering Prayer – Gathering Room	4:15 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	5:00 p.m.
	NAMI – Gathering Room	7:00 p.m.
Friday	NAMI Faith Net	10-12:00 p.m.
	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Men’s Breakfast	8:00 a.m.

Elementary and Youth Sunday School Classes

Early Childhood (3- 4 year olds) Shine! Curriculum	Room 206
Teachers: Ellen Ebersole and Ruth Wiens	
Kindergarten - First Grade Shine!	Room 201
Teachers: Kelly Cleary and Grayce Kaufmann	
Second - Fourth Grades Shine!	Room 202
Teachers: Allison Wenzel and Beth Lichty	
Fifth - Tenth Grades Shine! – L.E.D.	B4
Teacher: Beverly Baumgartner	
Fifth - Tenth Grades	B5
Faith Formation through Games	
Teachers: Jill Robinson and Judy Ebersole	

Adult Sunday School Classes

Empowerers	Book Study	Lois' Office (Basement)
Learning to Fall – by Philip Simmons		
Uniform Bible Study Series		Gathering Room
<i>Led by Rose Moyer</i>		
Men's Group	Book Study	Library
God's Politics – by Jim Wallis		
<i>Led by Doug Everingham</i>		
Faith and Issues	The New Jim Crow	Fellowship Hall
<i>Led by Willard Ebersole and Karl Swartz</i>		

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

Away until 08/30

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