

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Sunday

August 28, 2016

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Fellowship

10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

*For my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns that can hold no water.
Jeremiah 2:13*

Prelude

His Eye is on the Sparrow
We have met to Worship
DeAnn Diller, piano

arr. Mier
arr. Berry

*Call to Worship

Leader: Who shall shout for joy to the Lord our God?

People: Who shall find refuge in the arms of our God?

Leader: They who hear and heed the voice of the Lord.

People: They who learn and walk in the ways of the Lord.

Leader: From the love of God they shall never be separated—

People: Though they travel the world, they shall not be alone!

*Prayer

Hymn

Here in this place

HWB 6

Psalm 112

Hymn

Who is so great a God

HWB 62

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory

Before the Throne of God

arr. Keveren

Prayer of Dedication

Time for Children

Special Music

I Hope

Dixie Chicks

Women's Ensemble (2nd Verse Ann Fetters)

The Lesson		Jeremiah 2:4-13
Sermon	Cracked Cisterns or Living Fountain?	Tom Harder
*Hymn	Praise, my soul, the God of heaven	HWB 63
Work of the Church		Lois Harder
	Welcome and Introductions Announcements and Activities Joys and Concerns Prayer	
*Hymn	When long before time	SJ 25
*Benediction		
Response	In the Highways	Maybelle Carter
Postlude	Great is Thy Faithfulness	arr. Hayes
*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 Miles and Cindy Thompson. **Nursery workers during worship** are Jonas and Beth Lichty; **during Sunday School** Kathy McColpin. **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.)

From the congregational chair, Ruth Tieszen:

Please join us for a potluck lunch TODAY, after Sunday School followed by a **special congregational meeting!** Come to the meeting even if you forgot to bring food. There will be plenty. Childcare will be provided

Supper and activities will begin Wednesday, 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.

Chancel Choir rehearsals will resume Wednesday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m. that night only. When all Wednesday activities and supper commence on September 7, choir rehearsal will be at 7:15 p.m.

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

The first 50 to sign up will get to go worship at the Greater Faith Christian Church from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Sunday, September 11 as part of our Beyond Tolerance partnership. Sign -up sheets are in the south lobby. Greater Faith is located at 6249 E 21st N Suite 119/122 (southwest corner of 21st and Woodlawn, just east of the Kentucky Fried Chicken) It's at the south end of a strip-mall, in a store front.

Special Report:

Our 2016 budget was balanced to only expected maintenance expenses. With the higher air conditioner repair costs and the desire for an early pay-off of the 633 house loan, our cash balance is lower than planned. We need at least \$87,000 in additional contributions by Dec. 31. So far, 31 individuals have designated \$32,415 of special giving. More information will be provided at today's special congregational meeting.

On April 15, we started using our church air conditioning system for the first time this summer, and found it not working because a fitting on the compressor in the boiler room had come loose and let the R22 refrigerant gas escape from the system. On May 3 our A/C

maintenance vendor, Fahnestock HVAC, re-sealed the fitting and added extra measures to make sure it will not come loose again. They checked the integrity of the sealed system and re-filled with new R22 refrigerant, at a cost of \$7,410.00. The labor was covered under our service contract.

On July 5, there was a power failure at the church when we lost one phase of the three-phase power coming in from Westar. The 220-volt 3-phase motor which drives our air conditioning compressor was damaged when it tried to run with only 2 phases of the 3-phase power. The motor/compressor unit had to be replaced at a cost of \$10,894.00, and the labor, which was considerable, was again covered by our service contract with Fahnestock. They also added a “phase monitor” device which will protect our equipment from this kind of damage in the future by immediately disconnecting the motor when there is a loss of any part of the 3-phase power. We filed a claim with our church insurance carrier to try to recover this loss, but our claim was denied. We are talking with our insurance agent about an additional rider that would cover this kind of equipment damage in the future.

There have been some additional maintenance issues with the separate, smaller a/c systems that serve the offices, the north lobby, and the MennoKate parsonage, but none of significant expense.

- Roger Kaufman, Chairman, Board of Trustees

Adventures in Learning – Fall Session 2016 – begins soon at East Heights Methodist Church, 4407 E. Douglas. Registration is \$60, payable by September 7 or as soon as possible. You may attend as many classes as you want for this fee during the eight weeks. Call Life Ventures office at 682-0504 to inquire about a limited number of \$30 scholarships available. Lunch fees are separate. See the flyer on the south lobby bulletin board for more details.

Urgent Need - Come to the MCC Kit Bag Assembly Party on Friday, Sept. 9, 9am-3pm at MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th), lunch will be provided. Cutting, ironing and sewing stations will be set up to help meet the need. Call 316-283-2720 to RSVP. Please indicate if you can bring a sewing machine or serger that day. Donations of medium weight cotton fabric at least one yard in length and neutral thread are needed. Please no heavy denim or double knit. Bring your friends and come join in the fun!

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 began 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 August 30.

Our "**Beyond Tolerance**" weekend with Greater Faith Christian Church has been **postponed** to Saturday, September 10 (a BBQ/cookout to be 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:

G. Elizabeth Evans, New York, NY.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Robin Gingerich is beginning a new school year at LCC International University in Lithuania. Pray for her as she builds relationships through teaching and administrative responsibilities that help prepare faithful Christians and knowledgeable leaders in the 28 countries that send students to LCC.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray for members of the incoming class at AMBS 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:

Pray for the 3,000 indigenous protectors of the land and water at encampments in North Dakota who are preventing the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline. The North Dakota Homeland Security Director has cut off their access to drinking water today. Pray that the media will cover their courageous nonviolent witness and that people will respond to their call to stand in solidarity with them.

Prayer Request from *Sabeel*:

1.2 million Palestinian students and 65 thousand teachers return to school after a long summer holiday this week. It is also worth mentioning that a Palestinian businessman also donated a generous amount to build a school in the North of the West Bank.

Palestinian children in the West Bank and Jerusalem are returning to school this week. Lord, give them safe passage as some cross checkpoints or travel near settlements or walk along busy roads. Loving God, provide Gaza with safe school structures and the capacity it desperately needs so that the children there too can return to school and enjoy their childhood. 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.
	Aposento Alto Support Group	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Chancel Choir rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
	Serendipity Group	1:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	5:00 p.m.
	NAMI class – B-3, B-4	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.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, Nadine Reimer-Penner
- 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**
Led by Rose Moyer
- Men's Group** **Book Study** **Library**
God's Politics – by Jim Wallis
Led by Doug Everingham
- Faith and Issues** **The New Jim Crow** **Fellowship Hall**
Led by Willard Ebersole and Karl Swartz

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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