



## Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory                      Aria on “Jewels”                      arr. Wood  
Prayer of Dedication

## Time for Children

Anthem                      Glory Bound                      R. Moody  
*Women’s Ensemble, Reid Kaufmann, guitar;  
Eric Crawford, bass; Anna Harder, violin.*

The Lesson                      Exodus 3:1-15 (PB 44)

Sermon                      I Am Who I Am . . .                      Tom Harder

\*Hymn                      God moves in a mysterious way                      SJ 104

## Work of the Church

Welcome and Introductions  
Announcements and Activities  
Joys and Concerns  
Prayer

\*Hymn                      Eternal Light, shine in my heart                      HWB 518

\*Benediction

Postlude                      My God and King                      Elvey

\*Congregation Stands

HWB = Hymnal, a Worship Book; SJ = Sing the Journey;  
SS = Sing the Story; PB = Pew Bible

**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 Barbara Gingrich and Sherri Stapleton. **Nursery workers during worship** are Beth and Jonas Lichty; **during Sunday school**, Earl Schlabach. (**Nursery volunteers during Sunday School** need to check in with Ellen Ebersole in the preschool room to assist her if needed. The church currently has no babies in the nursery most Sundays.) **Fellowship workers** are Dwayne and Sandy Schrag.

**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**

Many thanks for cards, flowers, phone calls and prayers. It feels good knowing there were people caring and praying for my recovery.  
**Linda Gebert**

**Pray for Carolyn Beck** who returns for surgery at the Spine Hospital on Thursday, September 7, to reattach a bolt that came loose in her shoulder following her recent shoulder and arm surgery.

**LaVona Franz** is no longer able to attend church; sadly, her forgetfulness is too pronounced and her children have asked that she not leave the facility where she lives without one of them. LaVona's spirits are good! She is happily engaged with her surroundings and she always welcomes visitors, calls or cards. Her address is 2300 N. Tyler Rd., #303, 67205. Her phone number is 721.1275. ***LaVona will turn 90 on September 22!***

**Many thanks to Sylvia Schmidt and Linda Doll** who sorted and cleaned in the Hospitality Room as well as the kitchen, re-organizing and creating space in both places! There are still many dishes and containers on the table against the south wall of the Fellowship Hall; please claim what's yours and take it home! Also, special thanks to Linda Doll for replacing the old, saggy benches in the north lobby with lovely, new ones!

**Women's Group is an informal yet somewhat organized gathering of intergenerational women** that meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday mornings of each month. We meet in room 208 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor – off the elevator) from 9:00-11:30 a.m. for coffee and conversation,

mostly focused on when, where and how we've been aware of the Holy Spirit's movement, or ways we long for the Holy Spirit to be moving! Beginning on September 12 we will read C.S. Lewis' *Screwtape Letters* together. Questions? Contact Pastor Lois.

**The minutes from the recent WDC Conference** are on the table outside the office.

**What are YOU doing this Wednesday evening?** We hope you'll be dining with your friends here at LAMC! Wednesday Evening Activities begin this week – there's *yoga* at 4:45 (if you choose), *supper* at 5:45, *Bible study and/or children's activities* at 6:30, *Chancel Choir rehearsal* at 7:15. PLUS, there are 3 remaining dates needing chefs! Sign-up sheet is on the table outside the office.

**Responding to aftermath of Hurricane Harvey:** Please pray for WDC's 14 congregations and church plants in Texas, particularly for those most impacted by flooding in the Houston area. Associate Conference Minister Byron Pellecer is keeping in contact with WDC pastors and with Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS), as we continue to assess how WDC can best offer support. MDS is accepting financial donations for hurricane response at <https://www.mds.mennonite.net>. See also this article from The Mennonite at <https://themennonite.org/daily-news/reports-houston-mennonites-path-tropical-storm-harvey/>

**Dr. Rachel Waltner Goossen**, Professor of History at Washburn University, will give the inaugural presentation in conjunction with the fall special exhibit at Bethel College, exploring the stories of conscientious objectors during WWI. Her lecture, "Voices of Conscience: The Great War and Legacies of Peace Witness" is funded by the Kansas Humanities Council, a nonprofit cultural organization that connects communities with history, traditions, and ideas to strengthen civic life. *Dr. Goossen will speak at Kauffman Museum in North Newton next Sunday afternoon, 3-4 PM.*

### **Camp Mennoscah announcements**

1. Camp Mennoscah invites you and everyone you know to Work & Play Camp from September 29 to October 3! It's a hootin', rootin' good time for folks of all ages. We'll be working on projects and making camp shiny from head to toe. Interspersed with all that fun will be breaks, devotions, and friends to chat with and play games. On Sunday, October 1, we'll break from our routine with worship and the annual meeting. Come for a day or for the full camp. **NO COST** for this retreat! Please let us know you're coming

by registering online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or calling 620-297-3290. This is a fun time!

2. Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting is October 1 at 5:30 pm in the Camp Mennoscah dining hall. Everyone is invited. Please RSVP by registering online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or calling 620-297-3290. More information coming soon!

**M-2 Prison Visitation Volunteer Opportunity** Jesus calls us to visit the prisoner! At Hutchinson Correctional Facility there are over 50 inmates who are waiting for a visit. Through Offender/Victim Ministries' M-2 Program, you have the opportunity to visit an inmate one evening a month. New volunteer training for M-2 will be on Monday, Sept. 18 at 12:00 pm at Hutch Correctional Facility or Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 pm at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. Please contact Ben Kreider for more information at [ben@offendervictimministries.org](mailto:ben@offendervictimministries.org) or (316) 281 5244.

### **Mennonite church announcements**

1. MCC has heard a call from many churches and individuals to work at gun violence prevention, in all forms. Suicide is among other parts of this work, as 2/3 of all gun deaths in the US are suicide. MCC is anxious to hear from others as we begin to work at this. Please share your voice with us in this survey, about your experiences with and perspectives of gun violence, so that we can understand how best to work with churches and communities on this topic. Questions? Contact Mike Martin at [mike@rawtools.org](mailto:mike@rawtools.org) AND/OR Jessica Buller at [jessicabuller@mcc.org](mailto:jessicabuller@mcc.org)

2. In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the “war to end all wars,” the National World War I museum in Kansas City is hosting a symposium on resistance and conscientious objection leading up to and during WWI. “Remembering Muted Voices” is Oct. 19-22 and explores the whole range of people who objected to and resisted WWI, from religious persons to socialists to suffragists. Registration is \$125, with \$99 early bird registration available through Sept. 8. Co-sponsors for the symposium include Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Historical Society, The Mennonite Quarterly Review, and Rainbow Mennonite Church. For more information, see <https://www.theworldwar.org/learn/remembering-muted-voices> (*Note to LAMC: Our own Dr. James Juhnke has been integrally involved in the planning and preparation for this event; he will also be a presenter at the Symposium.*)

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:**

Last month, David and Rebekka Stutzman took children without church backgrounds to a Mennonite summer camp in Germany. Pray that these children will remember that Jesus loves and cares for them in their sometimes difficult life situations. Pray for wisdom for the Stutzman family as they relate to all their neighbors.

**Prayer Request from Sabeel:**

This month, Israel revoked the citizenship of hundreds of Israeli Arab Bedouins and left them stateless. Over 500 citizens lost their citizen-status with a single keystroke and with no further explanation. *Lord, we pray for equality and justice for all the citizens of Israel. Dear God, may your spirit guide the Israeli government to treat all its citizens with respect, equal rights and to put an end to its discrimination of its non-Jewish citizens. Lord in your mercy...*

Muslim Palestinians with millions of Muslim worshipers from around the world, are on their way to Saudi Arabia to perform the annual Muslim pilgrimage of Hajj. At the end of Hajj, Muslims prepare for Eid al-Adha, the most important holiday in the Muslim calendar which falls this weekend. *Lord Jesus, with those who build bridges of interfaith understanding, we pray for our Muslim brothers and sisters that they may celebrate Eid al-Adha next week in peace. We also pray for the safety of those who make this pilgrimage of prayer and devotion. Lord in your mercy...*

**Visitor last Sunday:**

John Harder, Windsor, Ontario

**This Week at Church**

Monday	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Wellness Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Wednesday Evening Activities (see below)	
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:45 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Board of Christian Education	11:00 a.m.

## **Wednesday Evening Activity Schedule**

(Supper is \$4.00 per person or \$15 per family)

4:45	Yoga	Upstairs
5:45 – 6:30	Supper	Fellowship Hall
6:30 – 7:30	Children's Activities	Classrooms/Playground
6:30 – 7:15	Bible Study	Gathering Room
7:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

*Nursery care for preschool children is provided*

## **Elementary and Youth Sunday School Classes**

**Early Childhood (3- 4-year-olds) Shine! Curriculum Room 206**  
Teachers: Ellen Ebersole and Sylvia Schmidt

**Kindergarten – Second Grade Shine! Curriculum Room 201**  
Teachers: Beth Lichty and Jill Robinson

**Third - Fourth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room 202**  
Teachers: Alison Wenzel and Grayce Kaufmann

**Fifth – Eighth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room B-4**  
Teachers: Nadine Reimer Penner, Julie Dunkelberger,  
And Katie Mitchell-Koch

**Ninth -Twelfth Grades Generation Why? Curriculum Rm 208**  
Teachers: Rachel Reimer-Kouame, Joel Ewy, and Jill Robinson

## **Adult Sunday School Classes**

**Empowerers Book Study Lois' Office (Basement)**  
*Radical Hope, letters of love and dissent  
in dangerous times, edited by Carolina de Robertis*

**Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room**  
*led by Rose Moyer*

**Faith and Issues and Young Adult Class Fellowship Hall**  
*TED Talks and discussion facilitated by Ruth Tieszen  
The Danger of a Single Story – TED Talk  
Chimamanda Adichie from Nigeria*

(Next week, the Young Adult class will meet in the Choir Room.)

## 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)*

## Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church

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Pastor Tom Harder

### Office Hours

Tues. to Fri. 9:30-5:00

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Monday is the pastors' day off

Admin. Asst., Barbara Gingrich Tues. 9:30-1:30, Fri. 10:00-12:00

Admin. Asst., Linda Gebert Weds. 10:30 – 2:30, Thurs. 2:00 – 4:00

Bookkeeper, Beth Tanner Weds. mornings

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