

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Sunday

September 4, 2016

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

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

*The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand,
and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.*
Jeremiah 18:4

Prelude In Thee is Gladness arr. Wood
 Chorale & Fugue on "A Mighty Fortress" arr. Denton
 Erica Schmidt, organ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Once we were slaves, and God's word came upon us;

People: Now we are free in the Lord!

Leader: Once we were freeborn, and God's word fell upon us;

People: Now we are bound to the Lord!

Leader: Let us not return to the chains of the world,

**People: But rejoice in our freedom,
bought at such a great price!**

Leader: Let us not break the fetters of the Lord,

**People: But give thanks for our yoke,
forged by such a great love!**

*Prayer

*Hymn In thy holy place we bow HWB 2

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Hymn Lord, thou hast searched me HWB 556

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory Sonata in G Major: Adagio J. S. Bach
Prayer of Dedication

Time for Children

during Sunday School, Ruth and Joel Tieszen. **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.)

Supper and activities will begin THIS 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 – *plenty of Wednesdays still available!*

Our Beyond Tolerance weekend with Greater Faith Christian Church is coming up this Sat. - Sun., September 10 -11. For Saturday's BBQ potluck, every LAMC household of 2 or more members is asked to bring a bag of chips, a green salad or fruit salad, and a dessert. We will have a few tables set up with chairs for the meal but, in order to have sufficient seating for all, please plan to bring lawn chairs and blankets. See you for a time of relaxation, fun and fellowship for all ages this coming Saturday, Sept. 10, 11 am to 3 pm.

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.

In response to the Mennonite Church USA Palestine/Israel resolution in Kansas City 2015 delegate assembly, **Western District Conference will host Rev. Alex Awad at LAMC this evening at 7:00 p.m.**, among other venues during the week. Rev Awad is an evangelical Christian Palestinian leader who has a longstanding and close relationship with Mennonites. He has been long associated with the Bethlehem Bible College, founded with support from Mennonites, and a close partner with MCC, MMN and MCUSA. His topic tonight will be *Christian Zionism and Theology of the Land*. A full list of his speaking engagements can be found on the south bulletin board.

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. **“Enrichment” for September 7 features some intriguing topics:** *Mennonites and the Doctrine of Discovery, Piecing Together a Beautiful Quilt*, and *Bethel College Student Summer Internship reports*. (Brochures are on the south lobby bulletin board.)

Villa Partners invites you to the annual Villa Days celebration at Schowalter Villa on Friday, Sept. 9 and Saturday, Sept. 10. Highlights of the event include a bake sale, Friday night dinner, homemade ice cream and entertainment at Water’s Edge, and breakfast and a live auction Saturday at Dyck Arboretum. Many vintage items, beautiful quilts and gift certificates will be available for bid. For a detailed schedule and more information, visit www.svilla.org or call 620-327-3497.

The annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride Saturday, September 17, starts 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.

Lord's Diner volunteers – if you need to renew your food handlers card, the next class will be Saturday, September 10th at Church of the Resurrection, 4910 N. Woodlawn – Stewardship Hall at 9:30 am (please arrive a bit early to complete paperwork) Please park on the south side of the church and enter at the south door.

Visitors from last Sunday:

Westen Gesell, Bethel College; Olivia Gehring, Wichita; Sylvia Radlinger, Germany; Marv and Jeannie Zehr, Newton, KS

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for Alex Awad, Palestinian Christian leader hosted by WDC for a visit to central Kansas this weekend, speaking today at Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing, KS, and Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, Wichita, KS.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Today, Jason and Tonya Yoder Rupp and their two children are scheduled to fly to Paraguay to begin a one-year assignment at *Colegio Johannes Gutenberg* (a school). Departure was delayed due to Tonya's torn Achilles' tendon. Pray for smooth travel and healing, and a good start to ministry.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Today, Hesston College alumni and friends will enjoy time reconnecting with one another and their Hesston Experience on the Explore Kansas trip. Pray for their safe travels and thank God for their continued commitment to the college.

Prayers for Peacemakers:

Creator of the universe, we rejoice with all our Colombian brothers and sisters who are celebrating the end of the Colombian civil war. We praise you for the strength that you gave those who resisted the violence and degradation of humanity over the last decades. We honor the murdered martyrs who spoke out for justice and simply tried to do their jobs in the face of overwhelming corruption and inequality. We know that the evils of the human heart have not been signed away in Havana. We ask that you bend the will of those in

power toward justice and that you give peacemakers renewed strength for the journey that is to come.

Prayer Request from *Sabeel*:

In a report produced by the Israeli ministry of education, schools run by the Churches in Israel rank on top of the quality list. For the second year running, Christian schools in Israel have not received their promised, rightful, state- funding and are under threat of collapsing financially. **Lord, we are grateful for your Church and its ministries in the land we call holy. Continue Lord to guide schools and teachers to be an inspiration for students to grow up and change the discriminatory system. Lord in your mercy...**

This Week at Church

Monday	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Mission Board meeting	5:00 p.m.
	Wellness Committee meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Wednesday Evening Activities (see below)	
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	5:00 p.m.
	NAMI class – B-3, B-4	7:00 p.m.
	Seasons of Loss – Gathering Room	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Bd. Of Christian Education meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Beyond Tolerance BBQ/Play	11-3 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Activity Schedule

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

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 Ruth Wiens

Kindergarten - First Grade Shine! Room 201
Teachers: Kelly Cleary and Grayce Kaufmann

Second - Fourth Grades Shine! Room 202
Teachers: Allison Wenzel and Julie Dunkelberger

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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Monday is the pastors' day off

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