





*in our community, our city, and beyond...*

**We extend our condolences and prayers to Eldon Epp**, whose mother, Katharina Epp, died Tuesday evening, surrounded by her family; she was 96 years old. Service for her were held yesterday at Buhler Mennonite Church.

**Thank you to these champion State Fair tractor drivers for 2017:** Nathan Ebersole, Tom Ewert, Robert Gaeddert, Earl Schlabach, and Chuck Graber. Tonight from 7:00-9:00, they will each pull trailers of tired fair-goers back to their cars; their effort gives Mennonite Central Committee the use of the fairgrounds for the Relief Sale next spring.

**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 this past Tuesday, September 12 we read C.S. Lewis' *Screwtape Letters* together. Next meeting: Tuesday, September 26. Questions? Contact Pastor Lois.

**Western District Conference invites contributions to support our churches in the Houston, TX, area following the hurricane there.** Contributions to WDC will be distributed directly to WDC congregations in the Houston area, to assist them as they help members and neighbors in their communities. Please make checks payable to WDC, designated for Hurricane Relief, and send to WDC at PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Contributions may also be made online at [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org). Thank you for your generosity!

Saturday, September 30 from noon – 2:00 p.m. **Potluck Fellowship Cookout with Greater Faith Christian Church.** Hosted at LAMC on the east patio, LAMC will grill hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixin's! Bring your favorite dish to share, your table service and lawn or board games! Please call the church office to RSVP so the LAMB knows how many to expect

**GFCC and LAMC Cookbook Project** – Don't forget to submit your recipe(s) along with the significant stories that accompany them! We're collecting recipes from both congregations during September and October. Then, as the cookbook is being edited and compiled we'll have three "Tasting Meals" at which several of the

recipes will be prepared and the stories shared with one another. "Tasting Meal" dates are Wednesday, November 15 at LAMC, Wednesday, January 31 at GFCC, Wednesday, April 11 at LAMC. Refer to the salmon colored sheets in your mailbox (extras on the office table) for all the details.

**Every year, the Wichita affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) holds a Candlelight Ceremony** on the Sunday that begins Mental Illness Awareness Week nationwide. This year, our Candlelight Ceremony to promote awareness of mental illness, will be held on Sunday evening, October 1, 2017 at Newman University, at 6:30 PM., in De Mattias Fine Arts Center. It will feature Ted Swartz, owner and creative director of Ted & Co, a professional touring theater company performing his show *Laughter is Sacred Space*, his own story of grief, loss and ultimately hope. Ted's business partnership (Ted & Lee TheaterWorks) and friendship with Lee Eshleman, came to a tragic end when Lee took his own life in 2007. Following the program, NAMI Wichita will present the actual Candle Lighting Ceremony in which all attendees are welcome to join. The entire event is sponsored by several area mental health agencies and organizations. The program is free and open to the public.

You are invited! Come to the Grace Hill Mennonite Church, Whitewater, for our **2nd ANNUAL HOG ROAST - Sunday, September 24, 5-8 pm**. Come for Food, Yard Games, Fellowship, & Music. Free will donation for area food banks. See you there!

**The Leadership Development office of Mennonite Church USA is seeking applications for an office manager**, currently a two-thirds time position. Primary responsibilities of this position include maintaining the national database (MennoData) and technical support for the "calling system" which assists pastors, congregations and conferences in the pastoral search process. Successful candidates will be detail oriented with strong computer skills and able to work in a confidential environment. We are committed to diversity among staff and welcome people of diverse backgrounds and abilities to apply. To request a copy of the job description and an application form, contact [HR@MennoniteUSA.org](mailto:HR@MennoniteUSA.org) or call 316-281-4257.

**MCC Mini Comforter Blitz, Sept. 29 from 9 am-5 pm and Sept. 30 from 8 am-4 pm** at MCC in North Newton! MCC needs 7000 comforters by November to meet requests from MCC partner organizations in Iraq, North Korea and Syria. We need your help to fulfill requests and spread God's love and warmth to children and

families around the world! Come and go as you are able and bring your friends and family! You are welcome to bring a snack to share. Please bring a sack lunch/supper. Drinks will be provided. RSVP for childcare to Comforter Blitz committee member Kara Klingenberg (text or call) 620.983.9003. Check [mcc.org/comforter-blitz](http://mcc.org/comforter-blitz) for more details, or contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org), 316.283.2720.

**Urgent! MCC Mobile Meat Cannery Volunteer Needed!** MCC urgently seeks a volunteer that is at least 21 years old to work with the meat canner! Truck driving skills are ideal, but MCC is willing to provide training as well. The meat canning season starts up in October, please help MCC fill this vital need. For more information, please contact John Hillegass at [johnhillegass@mcc.org](mailto:johnhillegass@mcc.org) or (717) 859-1151.

**MCC responds to Hurricane Irma damage in Cuba and Haiti:** Hurricane Irma tore roofs from houses in Cuba and dashed houses to the ground. In Haiti, Irma's rain turned into flash floods that rushed into houses and caused families to escape in waist-high water. In both countries, crops, gardens and livestock were destroyed. Your gift to Mennonite Central Committee helps people in Cuba to rebuild and people in Haiti to recover. You can donate online at [donate.mcc.org/cause/hurricane-irma-response](http://donate.mcc.org/cause/hurricane-irma-response). Contributions can also be made by calling 1-888-563-4676 or sending a check to MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

**Prayer Request from Western District Conference:**

Pray for WDC's Resource Commission as they meet this week to discern ministry goals and direction for the coming year.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:**

Pray for Goshen College students and faculty as the new school year begins.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:**

Mediation Northern Ireland works interdenominationally to train mediators for church-related conflict. Pray that those trained will be able to lead others to a viable alternative to adversarial and violent interactions.

**Prayer for Peacemakers:**

Today we are witnessing the horrors of yet another genocide, that of the Rohingya people in Myanmar. Reports talk about the indiscriminate killings, mass rapes, of homes and villages destroyed and deliberately set on fire. Especially revolting are horror stories of

children slaughtered with knives. Abuses are rampant in the form of torture and other punishments. "The brutality is unthinkable. They're killing children. They're killing women. They're killing the elderly. They're killing able-bodied men and boys," a human rights activist reports, "It is indiscriminate. "We urge all peace loving people to come together and pray for Peace in this region of our world today.

**Visitors last Sunday:**

Bruce and Sherry Unruh, Wichita; Steve and Linda Everingham, Rolling Prairie, IN; Kiah Revoal, Wichita; Erica Littlewolf, Elbing, KS

**This Week at Church**

Monday	<i>The Messenger</i> articles are due	
	Library Committee	1:30 p.m.
	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Church Council meeting	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.
	<i>knitting4peace</i> – Gathering Room	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Men’s Breakfast	8:00 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*

**Men's Study Jesus as seen through the eyes Library**  
of Leo Tolstoy  
*(with a sprinkle of Russian Mennonite history)  
led by Doug Everingham and Alex Muñoz*

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

**Young Adult Class Choir Room**  
*TED Talks and discussion facilitated by Ruth Tieszen*

**Faith and Issues Fellowship Hall**  
Dismantling “The Doctrine of Discovery”  
*Presented by MCC staff  
Michelle Armster, Karen Kaufman Wall and Erica Littlewolf  
(Runs until October 1)*

## 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

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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

Minister of Visitation Linda Buller 722-0390

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