

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2016

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

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

*The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall.
My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.
But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
Lamentations 3:19-21*

Prelude

Concerto in d
Erica Schmidt, organ

Torelli

*Call to Worship

*Prayer

*God of all who thirst,
Our hearts are parched from wandering in dry places
Far from your life-giving springs.
God of all the world's people,
Our souls are torn apart by our brokenness
As we forget your body, broken for us.
Call us to your well.
Lead us to your table.
Let your love overflow in our hearts,
And make us fully alive. Amen.*

*Hymn

Here, O Lord, your servants gather

HWB 7

The First Lesson

Lamentations 1:1-6 (PB 666)

Hymn

If the war goes on

SJ 66

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me arr. Behnke
Prayer of Dedication

Time for Children

Anthem Take Time to Be Holy W. D. Longstaff
Men's Quartet

The Second Lesson Lamentations 3:19-26 (PB 669)

Sermon Wormwood, Gall, and Grace Tom Harder

*Hymn Great is thy faithfulness HWB 327

Coming to the Lord's Table

Words of Welcome
Receiving the Bread and Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn Sent forth by God's blessing HWB 478

*Benediction

Postlude Allegro Vivace Handel

*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 Mike and Ann Fetters. **Nursery workers during worship** are Dale Blaine and Carmen Tamerius; **during Sunday School**, Beth and Jonas Lichty. **Fellowship workers** are Sara Penner and Sharon Pauls.

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.)

Members of this morning's Men's Quartet are: Nathan Ebersole, bass, Roger Kaufman, baritone, Reid Kaufmann, 1st tenor, and Vern Zielke, 2nd tenor.

Among our friends

Long-time member, **Lucille Phillips** fell and broke her ankle badly last week. She was at St. Francis for surgery and scheduled to move to the Catholic Care Center for rehab. Lucille has lived with son and daughter-in-law, Clint and Judy Phillips most recently and has attended their church with them, however, as she reminds me each time I see her, "I will always be a Mennonite and Lorraine Avenue will always be my church!" She would appreciate cards and prayers as she recuperates. Lucille's "rehab" address is *Catholic Care Center, 6550 E 45th St N., Room 404B, Bel Aire, KS 67226*.

Jim Juhnke's new book, "A People of Two Kingdoms II, Stories of Kansas Mennonites in Politics" has been published by Bethel College in the C. H. Wedel historical series. Included are the stories of Don Klaassen's campaign for the U.S. Senate in 1996, Judy Loganbill's service in the Kansas House of Representatives 2001-2013; Eric Yost's campaign for the U.S. House in 1990 and 1992; and Jim Juhnke's campaign for the U.S. House in 1970. Jim will speak about this book in the Faith and Issues class on October 9.

From BOCE: Faith and Issues Sunday School class schedule for October will be as follows: Oct. 2 - Sermon Discussion led by Tom; Oct. 9 - Jim Juhnke will talk about his new book, "A People of Two Kingdoms II, Stories of Kansas Mennonites in Politics"; Oct. 16 - Peace Sunday with Aziza Hasan; Oct. 23 - Presentations by Serendipity (Alana Ewy) and the Church Cemetery (Willard Ebersole). Oct. 30 – Congregational Stewardship Sunday; Asset Based Community Building with Heidi Unruh.

This week at Bethel College's "**Life Enrichment**", you'll learn *EVERYTHING* you need to know about **drones, parlor songs**, and, **living in your home longer**. The sessions begin at 9:30, Oct. 5, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center and the registration cost is \$2 per week or \$20 per semester. (Brochures are on the south lobby bulletin board.)

Group subscription for 2017 to THE MENNONITE. Our church is again offering a discounted group subscription rate of \$37 for our denomination's monthly magazine. The publication is established for three purposes: (1) to provide a forum for the voices within the denomination, (2) to promote the ministries of Mennonite Church USA, and (3) to offer an editorial voice distinct from but collaborative with other leadership voices. Each subscription includes both the print and the digital versions. To subscribe, deliver a check for \$37 payable to LAMC to the church office no later than October 31.

There will be a celebration for Lawrence and Betty Hart in Clinton, OK on Saturday evening, October 8. Hart is a Cheyenne Mennonite Peace Chief who has pastored the Koinonia Mennonite Church near Clinton, OK for 48 years. He and Betty will be honored at a banquet and ceremony, celebrating his 5 decades of ministry and leadership. Cost for the banquet is \$20. Registration can be done online at <https://www.regonline.com/HartDinner>.

You are invited to participate in the *Loss of Turtle Island* event on Monday, Oct. 10 at 7 PM in the Dugan Conference Center at Newman University (3100 McCormick Ave in Wichita). This Doctrine of Discovery event is in conjunction with the Newman Studies Course Stories of Home and Immigration. **Erica Littlewolf and Karin Kaufman Wall from Mennonite Central Committee Central States** will facilitate the participatory exercise. The activity is described by Kaufman Wall as, "A participatory learning experience that depicts the historic relationship between European settlers — including Mennonites — and the Indigenous nations, the original inhabitants, of the land we now call the United States of America. Blankets represent the land and participants represent distinct Indigenous nations who experience colonization, genocide, broken treaties, forced removal, assimilation and termination — all in the spirit of the Doctrine of Discovery." People of all ages are welcome! RSVP for this event to Sonja Bontrager, Assistant Professor of Spanish at Newman University 316.942.4921 ex. 2158.

Joshua Davis, the author of the Hesston College and area community read, *Spare Parts*, **will share with the community in a 7:30 p.m. presentation, Tuesday, Oct. 4**, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. He will also speak at Hesston Public Library at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 5. The presentations are free and open to the public. *Spare Parts* is the true story of four undocumented teenagers from Mexico and living in Phoenix who were inspired by their high school science teachers to be greater than their adversity

and be successful in building an underwater robot to compete against corporate-sponsored collegiate teams.

Sunday, October 9 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program with quilt historian Marla Jackson, “From Slavery to a Free State: The Story of Maria Rogers Martin,” **3 p.m.**, Kauffman Museum, North Newton.

Kauffman Museum at Bethel College seeks artifacts, letters, photos and documents that tell the story of conscientious objectors during World War I. To learn more, or if you have an item for donation or long-term loan, please contact museum director Annette LeZotte at alezotte@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

On this World Communion Sunday, give thanks that WDC is part of the global body of Christ, and pray for our sisters and brothers around the world.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

This month, Journey International teams in Ecuador and Indonesia are starting an Eastern Mennonite University online course, *Cross Cultural Discipleship*. Pray that as they study Scripture, they can respond to God’s call.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

At Bluffton University this fall, we pray that God would grant traveling mercies to students traveling to athletic events, home for fall break this weekend and to student teaching placements and internships.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

Barak Obama told Israel it cannot permanently occupy and settle on Palestinian land in a speech to the United Nations. John Kerry, in a closed meeting in New York, accused Israel of breaking its promises and warned the status quo is unsustainable. ***Lord, Pontius Pilate knowing of your innocence sentenced you to death unjustly. Dear God, we suffer under military occupation by the powerful who know what is just but lack the will to act. We continue to pray for the people of conscience to keep exerting pressure on the rulers of this world to bow down to your will of justice. Lord in your mercy...***

An Arabic film on Bedouin women takes Israel’s top prize, en route to Oscars. Sand Storm, is the first all-Arabic language film to be Israel’s submission for the Oscar’s foreign film category. The film is

a family drama set in the Bedouin community — a largely poor and marginalized Arab community inside the Israeli population. *Lord, you always lift up the humble and for this we follow you. We pray for all the voices that bring attention to your children who are on the margins. May the film open the eyes of the decision-makers in Israel to treat its citizens with respect and equality. Lord in your mercy...*

The Sabeel office in Nazareth is organizing a theatrical play that focuses on Palestinian heritage and identity. The play aims to strengthen the Palestinian narrative and deepen our roots in the land. The play comes at a time the Israeli government is trying to redefine our own identity. *Lord, bless the work of Sabeel locally and internationally. We ask you to be with the young people on stage as they challenge the narrative of the Israeli state by being who they are. Lord in your mercy... We join the World Council of Churches in prayer for the countries of Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine. Lord in your mercy...*

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer – Gathering Room	4:15 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Sunnyside Neighborhood Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	OZ Bike Group	6:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Mission Board Meeting	5:00 p.m.
	Wellness Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Wednesday Evening Activities (see below)	
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
	Serendipity	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.
Saturday	Board of Christian Education Meeting	11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Activity Schedule

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

5:30 – 6:00	Shining Lights Children’s Choir	Room 104
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, Beth Lichty, Ruth Wiens

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

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

Fifth – Eighth Grades Shine! Curriculum & Games B4
Teachers: Beverly Baumgartner, Nadine Reimer-Penner, Joel Ewy

Eighth-Twelfth Grades Book Studies Room 208
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 Sermon Discussion Fellowship Hall
Led by Tom Harder

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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