

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Sunday

October 23, 2016

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

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

*I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.*
Joel 2:25

Prelude

Sheep May Safely Graze
Linda Buller, organ

Bach

*Call to Worship

Katie Mitchell-Koch

Leader: O sinners, let us cleanse our hearts!

People: O people, let us purify our minds!

Leader: Come, let us submit ourselves to the Lord,

People: and humble ourselves before our God!

*Leader: Let us pray and sing and seek God's face, and turn from
our selfish ways,*

**All: That God might hear and forgive our sin, and heal our
wounded world!**

*Hymn

God is here among us

HWB 16

Psalm 65

PB 459

Hymn

We plow the fields and scatter

HWB 96

Stewardship Moment

Bringing Our First Fruits

Offertory Love Divine, All Love's Excelling arr. Burkhardt
Prayer of Dedication

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 Eric Friesen and Donna Froese. **Nursery workers during worship** are Judy and Nathan Ebersole; **during Sunday School**, Melanie Mitchell. **Fellowship workers** are Sara Penner and Jane Tanner.

Among our friends

We extend our love and prayers to **Deborah and Allan Shorthill** – her mother, Marjorie Tribbey died October 10; private service was held this week.

Longtime former church member **Estella Headings** passed away early Sunday morning, October 16, in Lincoln, Nebraska. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Hutchinson.

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.

Stewardship Retreat Day! Next Sunday, October 30, 2016

Worship will be led by Heidi Unruh on the theme of God's river of abundance. We will explore the divine design for "life to the fullest" as well as the shadow side of the mythology of abundance. The message will be based on texts from Isaiah 55:1-3 and Revelation 22:1-2.

Sunday school in the Faith and Issues class will move into application of this theme to begin taking stock of Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church's assets for a life of abundance (hint: it's not just money!). The asset discovery process builds on 2 Peter 1:3 as a cornerstone - "God's divine power has given us everything we need to experience life and to reflect God's true nature ..." What "holy currency" has been entrusted to this church to invest in Kingdom purposes? Suggested reading prior to the retreat: Luther Snow's book *The Power of Asset Mapping* and/or Eric Law's *Holy Currencies*.

Heidi Unruh is a vivacious and broadly-based Christian theologian, writer, trainer, dreamer and strategist. The director of two Lilly Endowment grants on faith-based community involvement, she has years of experience in working with a wide range of organizations, from Evangelicals for Social Action to World Vision to Baylor University to the Compassion Coalition. Heidi has written curriculum, co-authored several books, and worked on many collaborative community projects with various congregations. In this season of stewardship, she will work with us on discernment, focus and energy; how do we, together, discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us, focus on that direction and gather/spend our gifts and energy moving toward it? Heidi is married to Rev. Jim Unruh; they have three children and live in Hutchinson, KS.

Sun., Oct. 30 & Mon., Oct. 31 – Bethel College's annual Menno Simons Lectures with Perry Bush, professor of history at Bluffton (Ohio) University, on the overall topic "American Mennonites, History and the Common Good." Please note that ***the first lecture will be at 8 p.m.*** Sun., Oct. 30, ***different from previously printed calendars.*** Second and third lectures, Oct. 31, **11 a.m. and 7 p.m.** – all lectures in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Give thanks for WDC pastors who participated last week in training for prevention of clergy misconduct, and pray for congregations and leaders to practice healthy relationships in their lives and ministries.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Linda Oyer continues to nurture an Anabaptist perspective in biblical studies, missions, and spiritual formation in France. Pray for her as she teaches, writes, accepts speaking engagements, and collaborates with French-speaking organizations to help church leaders deepen their faith.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray for the world's children who are marginalized through opportunity gaps of adequate food, water, health care, shelter and quality education. Pray that God will open the eyes of the family of faith to the inherent dignity and worth of these children and to extend love, justice and equality for all by meeting children's needs to reach their God-given potential.

Prayer Request for Peacemakers:

Pray for the young men of Hebron, Palestine who wish to worship in the Ibrahim Mosque on Friday. The Israeli military has banned men between the ages of fifteen and thirty-five from attending Friday noon prayers.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

The olive harvest has started in Palestine. Many Palestinian communities, who earn their living from this harvest, are unable to reach their olive groves due to the separation wall, or their proximity to illegal settlements, or because of military intervention.

God, we lift our prayers for Palestinian farmers who are taking the risk to harvest their produce. We give praise to you lord God, who through the mouth of your prophet proclaimed that one day "...they shall sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees and no one shall make them afraid" (Micah 4:4) Lord in your Mercy...

B'Tselem, an Israeli human rights group, is urging the UN Security Council to take decisive action now to end Israel's occupation of Palestinian territory. With the 50th anniversary of the occupation approaching next year, Hagai El-Ad, executive director of B'Tselem, said "the rights of Palestinians must be realized, the occupation must end, the UN Security Council must act, and the time is now."

God, we give thanks for all who speak truth to power. We are grateful for all who break the silence surrounding injustice. Dear God, inspire all who have something to give for a just peace, to deliver it now with courage. Lord in your mercy...

Sabeel-Nazareth, will host a lecture and discussion for the community by Monsignor Agapios Abu Saada from the Melkite

Church. The title of the lecture will be " The Orient, Cradle of Christianity- Past, Present and Future " This is an important subject as many challenges continue to surface around the body of Christ in Palestine and the wider Middle-East.

Dear God, we pray for your Church in the Middle East. Stand with the vine that your right hand has planted and protect us from disintegration. May our women, men and children who are your body in this land, and are the temple of the Holy Spirit continue to shine forth with the light of your love, truth, grace and goodness. Lord in your mercy...

After thirty-five years of military service, Maj. Gen. Gadi Shamni, the self-described 'general of the occupation,' slams the politicians for the Israeli-Palestinian impasse. There is, he says, a solution and a partner, but first Israel must release itself from the grip of extremists. *Lord, let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair into hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation. God, let the violent encounters be replaced with loving embraces. May your spirit continue to transform enemies to friends and adversaries into partners. Lord in your mercy...*

Visitors from Last Sunday:

Joseph Rondziola, Wichita; Chris and Laith Hasan, Halstead, KS; Shafiq Hasan, Newton, KS; Gary Harms, Wichita; Daniel, Lucy and Daisy Buller, Newton, KS; Nancy Brown, Americus, KS

This Week at Church

Monday	<i>Messenger</i> articles due	
	Centering Prayer – Gathering Room	4:15 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Wednesday Evening Activities (see below)	
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
	Serendipity	1:30 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	5:00 p.m.
	NAMI class – B-3 - B-5	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.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 Serendipity & the Cemetery Fellowship Hall

Alana Ewy and Willard Ebersole

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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