

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Stewardship Retreat Sunday

October 30, 2016

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Fellowship

10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

*God's divine power has given us everything needed
for life and godliness, through the knowledge
of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.
2 Peter 1:3*

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision
DeAnn Diller, piano

arr. Larson

Introit

Jubilate Deo
Chancel Choir

Patterson

*Call to Worship

Jim Juhnke

Leader: Let all who are thirsty come;

People: Let them drink of the water that has no price.

Leader: Let all who are hungry come;

People: Let them eat of the bread that has no cost.

Leader: All without money, come, buy, and eat!

People: Drink what is good, and delight in the Lord!

*Prayer

*Hymn

Praise the Lord who reigns above

HWB 54

Psalm 97

Hymn

Make music to the Lord most high
(vss. 1, 2, 5, 6)

HWB 73

Stewardship Moment

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory What Gifts Can We Bring

Prayer of Dedication

Marshall

Time for Children

Heidi Unruh

Anthem Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace Lawrence

The New Testament reading Revelation 22:1-2

The Old Testament reading Isaiah 55:1-3

Sermon The River Heidi Unruh

*Hymn O, let all who thirst HWB 495

Work of the Church Lois Harder

Welcome and Introductions
Announcements and Activities
Joys and Concerns
Prayer

*Hymn I saw a tree by the riverside SS 116

*Benediction

Postlude Hornpipe 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.

We are privileged to have **Heidi Unruh** here this morning! ***Worship is on the theme of God's river of abundance*** and the divine design for "life to the fullest" as well as the shadow side of the mythology of abundance.

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?

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.

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 Dan Eigsti and Barbara Gingrich. **Nursery workers during worship** are Aimee Leisy and Earl Schlabach; **during Sunday School**, Grayce and Reid Kaufmann. **Fellowship workers** are Sara Penner and Jane Tanner.

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.) You may have your **blood pressure checked** in Room B-3 in the basement.

Among our friends

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for our pastors, present and retired, and the congregation for your loving affirmation and support on our wedding day and through the years. CB and Linda

Marjorie Krause died Friday morning, October 28. Our thoughts and prayers continue with the family.

The Memorial Service for **Estella Headings** will be held Saturday, November 5, 4:00 p.m., at Journey Church, South Hutchinson.

Assorted coats and jackets have been gathered from different coat racks around the church, and are now hanging in the north lobby rack. Please see if any are yours. They will be donated to Operation Holiday in December if not claimed.

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.

Note: On the south bulletin board there is an updated letter from **Mary Raber**, Bible teacher working in Ukraine, with the Mennonite Mission Network, as well as a letter from the new Interim Executive Director at Inter-Faith Ministries, Garland Egerton.

Bethel College Announcements:

Today - **Bethel College Philharmonia concert**, 7 p.m., *Memorial Hall*

Sunday, Oct. 30 & Monday, Oct. 31 – **Menno Simons Lectures with Perry Bush**. Tonight's lecture at 8 p.m. (*note change from printed calendars*): "Grasping the Hand of Politics: Mennonites and the Common Good"; Mon., Oct. 31, 11 a.m.: "Saying Yes and No to the State: Mennonites, History and Social Responsibility"; 7 p.m.: "Guy Hershberger, Unions and the Challenge of Kermit Eby." All lectures in *Krehbiel Auditorium, Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College*.

Thursday & Friday, Nov. 3-4 - Mojo's and Krehbiel Auditorium **Bethel College Visiting Writers Series** presents poet and filmmaker Diane Glancy. Public reception Nov. 3, 6:30-8 p.m., Mojo's Coffee Bar; convocation presentation, Nov. 4, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

Friday, Nov. 4 – **Artist reception for "Candles: Paintings by Rachel Foster,"** 6-8 p.m., *Regier Art Gallery, Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College*.

Saturday, Nov. 5 – **Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk.** Join experienced birders Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel in the museum parking lot at 8 a.m. for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep.

Sunday, Nov. 6 – **Bethel College Sings,** featuring Women’s Chorus, Men’s Ensemble, Woven, Open Road and Concert Choir, 3 p.m., *Bethel College Mennonite Church.*

This week at Bethel College’s “**Life Enrichment**” – “*tramping*” in *New Zealand* with Gordon and Jeanne House and Kansas Humanities Council presentation on *The Harvey Girls*. The sessions begin at 9:30, *Wednesday morning, November 2,* in Luyken Fine Arts Center and the registration cost is \$2 per week. (Brochures are on the south lobby bulletin board.) Only TWO more sessions this fall!

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for wisdom and courage for WDC congregations giving witness to God’s love, peace, and justice during this election season.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Dustin and Moriah Steiner and their children serve in Uganda. Pray for Dustin as he coordinates local networking and community development projects, and for the entire family as they work with a local orphanage.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray for Perry Bush, professor of history at Bluffton University, as he delivers three Menno Simons Lectures at Bethel College today and tomorrow.

Prayer Request for Peacemakers:

Pray for the teachers and other public servants in Iraqi Kurdistan who have not receive salaries for months and are on strike. Pray also for the activists and organizers facing persecution and violence from the Kurdish Regional Government authorities.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

On Friday Israeli settlers confiscated 300 Dunums (133 acres) of Palestinian land in the Jordan Valley, shortly after the meeting of the UN Security Council in which all 15 members including the US agreed that the settlements have been an obstacle to peace for too long and must end. ***We pray that the Security Council will be able to go beyond statements and live up to its responsibility and***

mandate to remove that obstacle, so that all the people of our region will at long last live in peace. Lord in your mercy...

The 29th of October commemorates the 60th anniversary of the Kufr Qassem massacre in the Galilee when the Israeli military opened fire on Palestinian farmers and their families coming home from olive-picking, not realizing that a curfew had been imposed after they had left the town in the morning. Forty-nine people were killed and around sixty injured in that massacre. *We pray for all the families who lost dear ones on that day and for all the survivors who continue to be haunted by the memory of that massacre. For many of them the suffering and discrimination continue. We pray for all Palestinian Israeli citizens who are constantly struggling for their equal rights in a state that claims to be democratic. Lord in your mercy...*

Visitors from Last Sunday:

Bailey Barker, Jamison Unruh; Michael, Myles and Liam Gebert, Chicago, IL; Patricia Harding, Kansas City, MO; Jordan and Julie Harding, New York, NY; Lyndsay Harding and Dave Huth, Portland, OR; Tim King, Matt King, Stacie King, Tom Koehn, Justin Balbierz, Liz Moeller, Wichita; Lisa Kelley, Overland Park, KS; Jacob Krehbiel, Wichita

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer – Gathering Room	4:15 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Mission Board	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	1:30 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	5:30 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
The Men's Group will meet with Faith and Issues today

Faith and Issues Sermon Discussion Fellowship Hall
with Heidi Unruh

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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Pastor Tom Harder

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Monday is the pastors' day off

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Admin. Asst., Linda Gebert Weds. 2:30 – 5:30, Thurs. 2:00 – 4:00

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