

MENNONITE CHURCH of the SERVANT

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Fairview Christian Church
1650 Fairview
Wichita, KS 67203

Worship

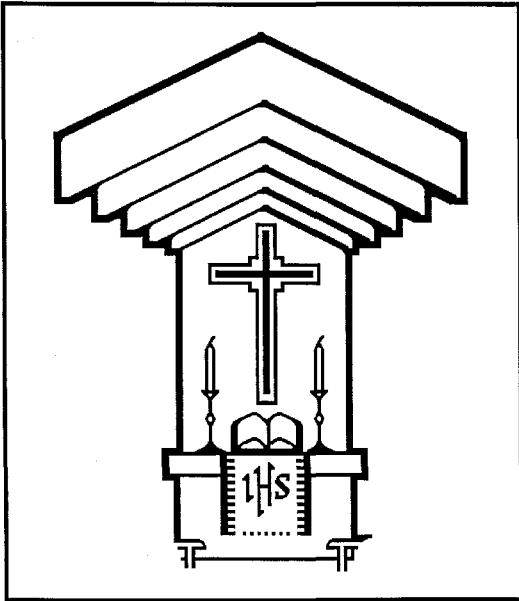
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NEWSLETTER

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AUGUST, 2007

I have set you to be a light...



Worship in August

August 5:
Acts 15

They taught and proclaimed the word of the Lord.
Lois Barrett will give the sermon. Jeanette Stucky will be the worship leader. Communion will be a part of this worship service.

August 12:
Acts 13

"Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."
Pat Cameron will give the sermon. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader. A potluck meal will follow our worship time.

August 19:
Acts 16

Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."
Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Vangie Truex will be the worship leader.

August 26:
Acts 21-28

Let it be known to you then that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen."
Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader. Healing Prayer will be a part of this worship service.

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SEPTEMBER 2:

Sermon on the Mount. Scripture is from Matthew 5:1-6. Lois Barrett will give the sermon.



Bulletin Board

Servant Groups of Mennonite Church of the Servant



AUGUST CHURCH LIFE:

There is no Church Life (decision making) meeting scheduled for the month of August.



AUGUST OFFERING

The offering focus for the month of August will be for **Mennonite Church USA**. If you wish to give to the work of the wider conference, write a separate check or indicate how much is to be designated on your check to the church.



AUGUST CHILD CARE

- August 5 Cici Campbell
- August 12 Karissa Truex
- August 19 Jenny Hurd
- August 26 Adam Cameron

TRANSFORMATION Servant Group will focus on spiritual discernment—learning about discernment through the book "in Tune With God," by Sally Weaver Glick, and through Bible study, as well as practicing discernment in issues in our lives. We will begin each meeting with worship and prayer, including personal sharing, and be open to teaching the art of spiritual discernment to others in the church and/or offer ourselves for clearness meetings with others. Our name, "Transformation," comes from Romans 12:1-2, which says that transformation (not being conformed to the world) is the key to discerning the will of God. Contact Lois Barrett at 264-3686 for information concerning August meeting dates, time, and location.



Worship Attendance

June	24:	14
July	1:	23
July	8:	27
July	15:	29
July	22:	22
July	29:	20



FAITH ISSUES Reading Group

The "Borg sisters" meet on alternate Saturdays in August from 4-5 p.m. They are currently discussing Borg's "Reading the Bible Again for the First Time." All women who want to nurture their faith through intentional, focused discussion of faith issues are invited to join us. Call Vangie Truex at 263-0204 for more information and specific meeting dates.

\$ BUDGET REPORT **\$**

Offerings (monetary giving) for the month of May is as follows:

July	1:	951.00
July	8:	205.00
July	15:	134.35
July	23:	529.00
July	30:	<u>157.00</u>
TOTAL		1,976.35

SHALOM Servant Group

will meet on Wednesday, August 8 from 7:30-9:00 P.M. at Jeanette Stucky's home, 5204 Plaza Lane. This will be a planning meeting for the coming six months. Several have been given invitation to meet with this servant group to discuss format and agenda. You are welcome to join for this meeting with out committing to be a part of the group. Contact Pat Cameron (262-2644) for more information.-----

*But to all who received him,
who believed in his name, he
gave power to become children
of God. Jn. 1:12*

Mennonite Church of the Servant Wichita, KS

is a member congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

Pastor

Jerry Truex

<http://www.mcswichita.net>

Church phone number is (316) 260-9095.

Mennonite Church of the Servant

welcomes all people into a community covenanted
to follow the way of Jesus Christ through

- practicing peace and reconciliation,
- sharing our lives in love and
accountability, and
- bringing the good news of the reign of
God to the world.

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Song of the Month

O Lord
Jesus
enfold me
in your
arms



from the PASTOR

*A word to the congregation of
Mennonite Church of the Servant
from Pastor Jerry Truex*

MCS Website

Our church has a new website at www.mcswichita.net
<<http://www.mcswichita.net>>. It has eleven basic pages: Welcome; About Us; Worship; Servant Groups; Calendar; Newsletters; Sermons; Teaching; Links; and Contact Us. The members page is password protected because it includes our monthly directory and will eventually include pictures of us. Get your username and password from Pastor Jerry.

The website will be expanded greatly over the coming months. At the moment, it has one video, one sermon, eleven teaching articles, and the July 2007 directory. In the future I hope to have more provocative videos, teaching videos, audio sermons, more written sermons and article, pictures, art poems, and more. If you would like to submit poetry, articles, pictures, art, or whatever you would like, let me know and I will upload it to the members section.

Here are the technical details: Our website is hosted by Site Ground at www.siteground.com
<<http://www.siteground.com/>>. Our billing cycle is yearly and began on July 21, 2007. We paid \$83.40 for the entire year, which is equivalent to \$6.95/month, which includes a domain name (www.mcswichita.net) <<http://www.mcswichita.net/>> and 500 gigabytes of space (yes, 500 GB). By the way, that is dirt cheap! Our website was designed and created by Jerry Truex, using Microsoft Front Page 2003.

*Thanks,
Jerry*

HIROSHIMA DAY

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

This day, 62 years ago, was the first time a nuclear weapon was used in war!

More than 100,000 persons died instantly when the United States exploded an atomic bomb over Hiroshima, Japan 50,000 were killed three days later in Nagasaki, when a second bomb was exploded. Tens of thousand in both cities died slowly from radiation poisoning.



This has become a day to remember what happened to the people in those two cities and develop the resolve to see that such weapons are never used again.



ANNOUNCING



PARENT MEETING

MCS parents of youth are meeting from 11:45 - 12:45 on Sunday, August 5 in the church offices. This is a time for information and support giving.



CROP WALK RECRUITERS' RALLY

The Wichita CROP Walk raised over \$22,000 to fight hunger last year. This year, the hope is to raise \$25,000 for global and local hunger relief. Your help is requested to help meet this goal. A Recruiters' Rally and Open House will be held Thursday, August 9 from 4-6 PM at Inter-Faith Ministries, 829 N. Market. This year's CROP Walk will be Sunday, October 14. For more information contact 316-264-9303 or <www.ifmnet.org>.



AMBS GREAT PLAINS SEMINARY

A registration deadline for 3 classes offered by Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary - Great Plains Extension is August 20. The Fall classes include: Reading the Bible: Introduction to Old and New Testaments, taught by Jerry Truex; Thinking Ethically, taught by Duane Friesen; and Human Development and Christian Formation, taught by Kathryn Damiano. All classes are held in this area. Contact Lois Barrett, Director, at <lbarrett@ambs.edu> for more information.



MCC PROJECTS

On Wednesday, August 22, beginning at 7 P.M., a time for sewing bags and assembling supplies for school kits and other MCC Projects will be held at the upstairs location in the church building. Please come and help.



END OF SUMMER PARTY

On Sunday, August 26 from 5 PM to conclusion, Kelly Hayes is hosting an end of summer party at his residence, 228 West 14th Street. Bring a friend. Hamburger for grilling will be provided as well as an open garden of tomatoes, onions, herbs, corn-on-cob, if all goes well. From 5-7 PM the grill will be fired up. From 6:30 to 7:30 there will be a time of family Blues; from 7:30 to 8:00 a group sing; and from 8:00 to 9:30 at time for adult Blues. Rachel Coba and Rob Cardwell will be the musicians.



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP THEME

Beginning with the first Sunday in September, the Worship Committee has proposed a two and one half month series on the Sermon on the Mount from Matthew 5 - 7. This will nearly take us to the beginning of the season of Advent.



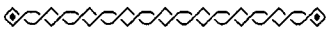
WOMEN'S & GIRLS' RETREAT

September 7-9, 2007 are the dates for the Mennonite Women's and Girls' Retreat to be held at Camp Mennoscah. The featured speaker will be Beverly Baumgartner. The camp pastor will be Mary Herr and featured music will be from the Cousins Four. Please join for activities and programming for girls young (grade 3) and young at heart. Watch your mailbox for registration information.



MCC BICYCLE RIDE

The MCC Flatlander is designed to provide an enjoyable bicycling experience for people at all fitness levels. The Flatlander is a benefit for Mennonite Central Committee. The goal for this year's ride is \$7,500 for water projects. All rides will start from the MCC Center off Highway 15 near 30th street in North Newton. Registration will be from 7 to 8 a.m. Three main routes are planned with lengths of 35, 45, and 65 miles. There will be a family ride of 8 to 16 miles, depending on rider discretion. Contact Fern Rudiger at 316-283-4063 of Fern_rud@hotmail.com for cost and riding information.



IN THE NEWS

TULSA RESPITE

Jerry, Vangie, Karissa, and Cici attended the WDC/SCC annual conference in Tulsa, July 27-29. They arrived back in Wichita on that Sunday afternoon and flew to California on Tuesday morning, July 31. They will return from the west coast on August 9.

MENNOSCAH OUTING

Karissa Truex and Jenny Hurd spent a week in July as campers at Camp Mennoscah for one of the middle school sessions.

BASEBALL VIEWING

Doug, Joyce, and Drew vonEhrenkrook spent several July days each in Cleveland, Ohio and Pittsburgh, PA to experience these cities and their Major League ballparks.

SPENDING MORE THAN RECEIVING?

As of Sunday, June 17, Mennonite Church of the Servant has experienced \$3000 more in spending than in income in 2007.

SENSITIVE SUBJECT VIEWING

MCS's Church Council has viewed the DVD "Safety Tips on a Sensitive Subject: Child Sexual Abuse." The main emphasis of the DVD was on prevention. The church council discussed several steps that MCS should take in this matter.



FROM THE PAST

From August 1987's MCS Newsletter

• Congratulations to Pat Cameron and Geneva Hershberger, who were to be married July 25 in Newton.

- Huang Tswei Ying and Greg Suderman are in Taiwan during August visiting Tswei Ying's family and friends.
- Paul and Cindy Kauffman Zehr with Joel and Nathan will have attended the family Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp.
- Kelly Hayes trip to Mexico ran into snags so he will not go. However, he will be flying to Alaska.
- A whole-house fan is being installed at the Voluntary Service Unit house, to reduce the cost of cooling.
- The August 23 Gathering for worship will follow an open worship format. Come ready to listen quietly to the Spirit and to share what the Spirit is saying to you through a word, a song, or a prayer.



DID YOU KNOW

One major cause of poverty in the U.S. is the erosion of the minimum wage. In the 1950s and 1960s, the federal minimum wage was equal to about half of the average wage for non-supervisory workers. Through the 1970s, a worker with a full-time minimum wage job could still support a family of three above the poverty line. Below are some statements concerning poverty in the U.S.

- 65% of poor children are in families with at least one working parent.
 - One quarter of U.S. jobs pay too little to keep a family of four out of poverty.
 - If your income is below the poverty line in the U.S., you are most likely to be White.
 - American Indian or Alaskan Native ethnic groups have the highest percentage of people living in poverty.
 - In 2005, 37 million people were officially considered "poor." 15 million of these people were living in extreme poverty - with incomes below half of the poverty threshold.
 - 50% of elderly people in the U.S. would be poor if they didn't receive Social Security benefits.
 - 10% of elderly people in the U.S. are poor, even though they receive Social Security benefits.
 - At the 350 largest public companies, the average CEO total direct compensation was \$11.6 million in 2005. It takes 2 hours for the average CEO to earn the annual pay of a full-time minimum age worker.
- FCNL Newsletter, July/August 2007



FUTURE CALENDAR ITEMS

- SEPT. 3 Labor Day
- SEPT. 23 Autumn begins
- OCT. 7 World Communion Sunday
- OCT. 28 Mennonite Heritage Sunday
- Nov. 4 Daylight Savings Time ends

August 2007

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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5 10:00 AM Worship Gathering Communion	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 10:00 AM Worship Gathering Potluck Meal	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 10:00 AM Worship Gathering	20	21	22 7:00 PM MCC Projects Gathering	23	24 Happy Birthday, Erna Jeffries	25
26 10:00 AM Worship Gathering 5:00 PM Kelly's Party Healing Prayer	27	28	29	30	31	