



Worship in January, 2010  
Mennonite Church of the Servant's Sunday morning  
worship gathering begins at 10:00 a.m. in the  
Fellowship Hall of the Fairview Christian Church  
facility, 1650 N. Fairview, Wichita, KS.

# Let us build a house Where love can dwell

## **January 3: *Epiphany***

Beautiful star of Bethlehem shine upon us until the glory dawn.

Lois Barrett will give the sermon. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader. Communion will be a part of our worship service. Scripture text is Matthew 2:1-12.

## **January 10: Welcoming the stranger as a spiritual discipline.**

The Spirit of God is upon us, to bring good news to the oppressed.

Jerry Truex will give the sermon. The worship leader is pending. The issue of immigration will be the focus of our worship time together

## **January 17: Welcoming the stranger as a spiritual discipline.**

The Spirit of God is upon us to heal the brokenhearted.

Pat Cameron will give the sermon. Vangie Truex will be the worship leader. The issue of immigration will be the focus of our worship time together

## **January 24: Welcoming the stranger as a spiritual discipline.**

The Spirit of God is upon us to announce freedom for prisoners and captives.

Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader. The issue of immigration will be the focus of our worship time together

## **January 31: Welcoming the stranger as a spiritual discipline.**

When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien.

The Mission and Service Committee will provide the leadership and teaching for this worship service on the immigration issue.

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### Memory Verse

**Leviticus 19:34**

The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

**Transformation Servant Group** will meet from 7:00 to 9:00, Sunday evenings. Our Servant Group is using *Take Our Moments and Our Days; an Anabaptist Prayer Book* for worship. Contact Lois if you would like to order a copy. Our name comes from Romans 12:2: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect."

**Women's Bible Study** A six-session Bible study, "When Godly People Do Ungodly Things," will begin Monday, October 5, 6:30-8:00 p.m., and continue every other week through December 14. The study for women will include a 30-minute DVD session led by Bible study teacher Beth Moore, followed by discussion and prayer. The group will meet at Cindy Snider's home. Call 832-0050 for more information.

**IMMIGRATION FOCUS IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY**

Beginning on Sunday, January 10 and continuing through Sunday, February 14, the focus of our worship together will be "Who Is our Neighbor?" Through this worship theme, we will have opportunities to think about, pray, and act upon our congregation's primary mission focus for this year: immigration.

**FOCUS ON MISSION**

January's Focus on Mission will lift up issues related to immigration, the annual recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Stewardship.

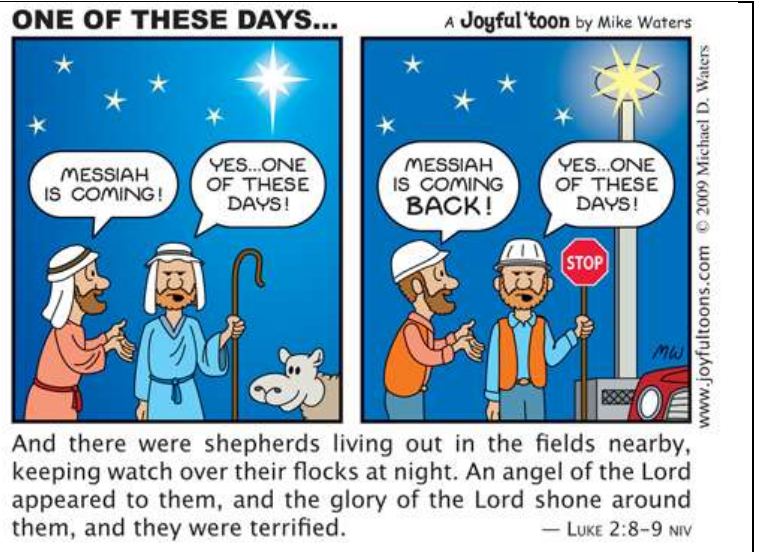
- January 3 - Immigration Post Card Campaign
- January 10 - January 19 Prayer Vigil
- January 17 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend
- January 24 - Stewardship (MMA)
- January 31 - Immigration

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medicare supplement plan is an essential part of your financial strategy. Our MMA advocate- Sally- can connect you with an MMA counselor who can help you determine which plan is right for you.



And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.  
— LUKE 2:8-9 NIV

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The Hope That Banishes Hopelessness

READ: [Philippians 2:5-11](#)

God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. —Galatians 6:14

When atheistic communism was a world-menacing power, it proclaimed that there is no God and that faith in any future life is a deceptive illusion. Leonid Brezhnev had been the Soviet dictator, the embodiment of Marxist unbelief. But something happened at his funeral that contradicted atheism. George H. W. Bush, then vice president of the US, was the country's official representative at the solemn, formal ceremony.

He reported that while the casket was still open, Brezhnev's widow stared motionless at her husband's body. And just before the soldiers were about to close the lid, she reached inside and made the sign of the cross over his chest. What a desperate and significant gesture! That widow evidently hoped that what her husband had vehemently denied might somehow be true.

Thankfully, we can have hope beyond this earthly life! All we need to do is embrace by faith the saving message of the cross: Jesus died for our sins and rose again so that we might live eternally with Him. Do you

believe? Then join with the apostle Paul in affirming that “we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe” (1 Tim. 4:10). — [Vernon C. Grounds](#)

The cross is my hope for eternity—  
No merit have I of my own;  
The shed blood of Christ my only plea—  
My trust is in Jesus alone. —Christiansen

Calvary’s cross is the only bridge to eternal life.

Friends,

If there has ever been a time to come together on an issue that impacts so many families in our community, the time is now.

The next three months are crucial for the immigrant movement, and we need the support of *everybody*. We must come together and participate in the campaign for immigration reform.

Why? Our neighborhoods are being terrorized. Our children are being left without a mother or father. Our churches have a void, impossible to fill, because they are arresting and deporting our neighbors, our friends, our brothers and our sisters in Christ. We see their children at the altars, crying out for parents who have been dragged away, torn from their arms.

To fail to act now is to prolong the suffering, the family separations, the criminalization of those whose only crime is the desire to provide a better life for their families. Stand up and be counted now in the fight against injustice.

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Text “Justice” to 69866 to receive: \*updates from FIRM on actions in your area \*action alerts on Federal Legislation and Campaigns

“Every generation should leave a set of footprints for the next generation to follow, we must ask ourselves if our footprints are worth following” Emira Palacios

## Prayer Vigil

IN SOLIDARITY FOR A COMPREHENSIVE

IMMIGRATION REFORM

January 19, 2010

At the Convent Chapel of the  
Sisters Adorers of the Blood of Christ

1165 Southwest Boulevard

6:30pm – 7:30pm

# JANUARY 2010

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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<b>3 POTLUCK</b> Greeters: Doreene Childcare: Karissa	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>10 Sunday school</b> Greeters: Nancy & Jen Childcare: Sally & Jen	11	<b>HAPPY BDAY                      KELLY H.</b>	13	14	15	16
<b>17 Sunday school</b> Greeters: Doreene Childcare: Karissa	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>24 Sunday school</b> Greeters: Nancy & Jen Childcare: Gevenva & Jen	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>31 Sunday school</b> Greeters: Doreene Childcare: Doreene & Alex						