



**Mennonite Church
Of the Servant**

Worship in March 2011
Mennonite Church of the
Servant's Sunday morning worship
gatherings begin at 10:00 a. m.
in the Fellowship Hall of the
Fairview Christian Church

Called and Shaped by Jesus

Lent 2011

March 6: Anabaptist Themes—*The “Sacramental Signs”*

Sing praise to Christ our Savior, who, in grace inclined, to us reveals his nature: patient, loving, kind.

Scripture reading is from Matthew 28:16-20. Lois Barrett will give the sermon. Doug vonEhrenkrook will be the worship leader. Communion will be a part of this worship service.

March 9: Ash Wednesday Service—*Shaped by God's Grace*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Commemorate the beginning of the Season of Lent with the receiving of the ashes.

Cindy Snider will be the worship leader. The service of ashes will begin at 7:00 P.M. in our gathering space.

March 13: First Sunday in Lent—*Shaped by Testing*

Lent is a season of testing. Testing reveals our inner essence, the alignment of our souls.

Scripture texts are: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; and Matthew 4:1-11. Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Belinda Cheaney will be the worship leader.

March 20: Second Sunday in Lent—*Shaped by New Birth*

We are called to believe and uncover the kind of believing that opens us to the kingdom.

Scripture texts are: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17.

Jerry Truex will give the sermon. Steve & Nita Nikkel will be the worship leaders.

March 27: Third Sunday in Lent—*Shaped through Thirst*

Thirst speaks of longing and serious need. Thirst is the central metaphor for the heart-need of all humans—
a relationship with the living God.

Scripture texts are: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42. Pat Cameron will give the sermon. Vangie Truex will be the worship leader. Healing prayer will be a part of this worship service.

SMALL GROUPS

Faith Issues Reading Group is a women's reading and discussion group meeting on alternate Saturday afternoons for about 90 minutes. Currently, we are studying *Just a Sister Away* by Renita J Weems. We invite women who want to nurture their faith through intentional, focused discussion on faith issues to join us. Contact Vangie at 263-0204.

Lectio Divina Servant Group: We meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 8pm at the church. We read scripture lectio divina and also examine our day. Accountability, sharing, singing, prayer is also a part of our group. For more information, contact Nita at 620-217-0249.

NT Greek Reading Group. This group focuses on reading and translating the Greek New Testament. Currently, we are working through Matthew's Gospel. In the last three years we have translated Mark, John, Colossians, Philemon, James, 1 Peter, and 1 John. We go around in a circle. Each person reads a verse in Greek and then translates into English, using "whatever it takes," including computer programs (Bible Works and Logos), interlinears, grammars, hand books, and other helps. In this way, we are able to include both beginners and advanced students. We meet on Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church. Contact Jerry at 263-0204 (jtruex1@cox.net)

Women's Discipleship Group: Bible study, discussion, and prayer. Meets fourth Sunday of the month after church at Cindy Snider's home. Next study will begin in January. Contact Cindy for more information, 832-0050.

Psychosynthesis Study Group. This group meets on the 2nd the 4th Wednesday of each month. We are currently reading two books, one by Will Parfitt entitled, *Psychosynthesis*, and the other by Joyce Hudson entitled, *Natural Spirituality*. At the meetings, we discuss the books and talk about the spiritual exercises we practiced. Between meeting we practice the various exercises from dream journaling to meditation to guided imagery. Contact Cindy Snider at 832-0050 or Jerry Truex at 263-0204.

After two organizational meetings, a new servant group has begun. The group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, 7:30-9:00 p.m., with the first "official" meeting of the group on Tuesday, January 11, at Pat Cameron's home, 1337 Wellington Place. This group will meet for worship, study, sharing, prayer, and focus on its "outward" mission a bringing a religious perspective to immigration issues. For more information, contact Pat at 371-8274.

MCC Comforter blitz

It is time for our 5th annual Comforter Blitz!! If you have come to the Blitz any time over the last four years, you know what fun it is to work together. It is such a blessing to serve God in this small way and to bring warmth to those in need. Last year, we made 213 comforters for MCC, most going for the work after Haiti's earthquake. We will again use the South Hutchinson Mennonite Church, Journey at Yoder Campus, one mile North of Yoder. The dates this year are: **Monday, March 7, 12:00 noon – 9:00 pm** (*geared for youth and young married in evening*) **and Tuesday, March 8, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.** The comforters will be distributed my MCC for needs around the world and a few may be sold at the MCC Sale. *What to bring (label all items): needle, thimble, scissors, sack lunch* RSVP: Eileen Burkholder (620) 465-3808 or Debra Selzer (620) 628-4629

What does it mean to be human?

Dear Members and Friends of MCS:

Our [website](#) has been update, including on-line manuscripts of our January sermon on humanity.

1. [Our Origin and Uniqueness](#) (Jan 23)
2. [Our Nature: Unity of Body, Soul, & Spirit](#) (Jan 2)
3. [Our Struggle: The Power of Sin](#) (Jan 9)
4. [Our Purpose: Theōsis](#) (Jan 16)
5. [Our Destiny: Death, Intermediate State, & Resurrection](#) (Jan 30)

Peace, Jerry

MARCH 2011

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| Bring food to share. If possible, bring your own place settings | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 POTLUCK <i>Childcare:</i> <i>Karissa/MC</i> | 7 Happy B'Day Roger H. | 8 9:00am MCC Comforter Blitz | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 <i>Childcare:</i> <i>Jenny/Geneva</i> | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 CHURCH LIFE <i>Childcare:</i> <i>Karissa/Sally</i> No primary SS Happy B'Day Isabelle T | 21 | 22 Happy B'Day Cindy S. Sally H. | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 <i>Childcare:</i> <i>Alex/Dori</i> No primary SS | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |