

Stewardship Thought: Racial-ethnic members are more generous givers than the typical member of our Mennonite Church USA, according to research reported in the Jan. 10, 2006, issue of "The Mennonite" by Roy Williams, then President of our denomination. The perception that these new churches are not giving and need a disproportionate amount of help from white congregations is incorrect and should cause us to seriously reconsider our own stewardship and giving for the ministries of the church.

Focus Statement: Is Christ a *resident* or the *president* of your life?

Offering God's Love, Healing & Hope to All

ALEXANDERWOHL MENNONITE CHURCH

Building on the foundation of Jesus

Christ (1 Cor. 3:11),

empowered by the Holy Spirit,

we

Love God and invite all people

Encourage fellowship in Christ

Teach obedience to Christ

Serve and minister in Jesus' name

so that:

God is praised!

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FEBRUARY 3, 2008

Prayer for the week: Dear Lord, as you asked your followers to learn more about you from stories about everyday life, help us to also see important lessons in things that happen around us this week. May we translate those observations into new understanding that will help us to follow more closely in your footsteps, is our prayer in your wonderful name. Amen.

Self Examination

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Gathering Music DJ Freeman
Welcome Pastor Lee Suderman
Opportunities for Celebration and Service
Prelude Marcia Brubaker, organ
"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" ~Behnke
(Please sign, pass, and return the friendship registers)

Invocation Pastor Lee
Anthem Chancel Choir
"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace" ~Wesley

Children's Story Amy Flaming
***Worship Music** "We Will Dance" SWJ #53
"You Are My King" On the Screen
"My Redeemer Lives" On the Screen

Scripture Reading Matthew 13:1–9, 18–24; Luke 3:18; Luke 3:4–14 NIV
Message "Resident or President" Pastor Mike Brouillette

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings First Fruits Giving
MCC Penny Offering
Pat, Eric and Jason

Offertory "Amazing Grace" (My Chains are Gone) ~Chris Tomlin
Prayer of Dedication and Intercession Pastor Linda Ewert

***Hymn** "Amazing Grace" (vs. 1, 2) HWB #143
***Benediction** Pastor Mike
***Postlude** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ~Rinck

*All who are able are invited to stand.

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Chancel Choir Director: Ken Rodgers

Chancel Choir Accompanist: Marcia Brubaker

Worship Team: Isaac Fast, Matt Flaming, Pat Flaming, Jason Peters,

Eric Schrag, Gayle Voth

WELCOME

Welcome to our service this morning. We extend the hand of Christian fellowship to all who have come to worship. May our prayers and the hearing of God's Word make our burdens lighter, our hearts encouraged, and our souls refreshed.

TODAY

A **Supervised Nursery** is available for children ages 3 and under during the Worship Service. Nursery attendants are Megan Duerksen and Aimee Flaming.

Following worship service Super Bowl Dessert Sale by the High School Youth in the Fellowship Hall

Noon–2:00 p.m. Faith Ex

4:00 p.m. Bethesda Chapel led by Pastor Lee and Di Suderman.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray for:

—**Hospital:** Norman Ratzlaff and Dwight Klassen at Newton Medical Center; Richard Banman was dismissed from Newton Medical Center; Margie Young was dismissed from Kansas Heart Hospital; Ruby Reimer was dismissed from Wesley Medical Center on Wednesday and is at Presbyterian Manor in Newton for recovery.

—**Galen Waltner**, chair of the building committee and construction oversight for the new director's house at Camp Mennoscah, fell at work and broke his pelvis on Jan. 29 requiring surgery at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita, on Wednesday, Jan. 30. Please pray for his healing, recovery, and strength. Also, **a site supervisor is needed ASAP** to cover for Galen while he recuperates. If you can volunteer or know someone with construction skills who can offer assistance for the next month at Camp Mennoscah, please contact Bruce Janzen, Retreat Commission chair, at iti@elbingks.com, 316-799-2890, 316-772-7006 (cell); or Dorothy Nickel Friesen, conference minister at dorothyntf@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300, ext. 205.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray for:

—**Mennonite Education Agency (MEA):** middle school students and faculty of Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind., during their annual Spiritual Life Week (Feb. 4–8) that all may be encouraged in their spiritual journeys and have their spirits refreshed.

—**Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Mennonite Mission Network associates Disa and Tom Rutschman as they and local families in Jokkmokk, Sweden, host 19 Uruguayan students and teachers today through Feb. 17. During this time a three-day camp will focus on teaching about the world in which we live.

—**Western District Conference (WDC):** Buhler Mennonite Church, KS, as it begins a process of visioning today. Also pray for young adults in our congregations who long to be shaped in their faith, their identities and their relationships.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, February 4

8:45 a.m. Staff Meeting

9:30–11:30 a.m. and 1:00–3:30 p.m. Happy Home Workers meet at the MCC Center in North Newton. Lunch at the Bread Basket; offering for MCC.

7:00 p.m. Board of Education – Conference Room

7:00 p.m. Peace Ministries Team

Tuesday, February 5

5:00 p.m. Board of Missions and Service

Wednesday, February 6 *Ash Wednesday*

****MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES**** See bulletin for details.

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

Thursday, February 7

7:00 p.m. Daughters of Grace “Strong Women” Fitness Class – Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 8

Saturday, February 9

Sunday, February 10 *Peace Sunday*

The adult choirs of Alexanderwohl and Tabor Mennonite Churches will present *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by Dubois on Good Friday evening, March 21. Anyone interesting in participating in this experience is welcome to join the rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7:00–7:30. Watch the bulletin for further rehearsal announcements.

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Combined adult classes meet in the Fellowship Hall for a Peace Sunday emphasis.

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Speaker: Libby Schrag

Special Music: Rejoice Choir

Offering: First Fruits Giving

Noon Potluck Meal – You need only bring one dish to serve 8–10 people. If your last name begins with **A–J**, bring a main dish; **K–S**, bring a salad; **T–Z**, bring a dessert. Table service will be provided. The High School Youth will set up, serve, and clean up.

Congregational Annual Meeting – In the sanctuary following the noon meal.

Last Sunday, January 27

Attendance: Sunday School 198

Worship Service 284

Offering: Sunday School \$134.87

First Fruits \$5,335.11

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Wed., Feb. 6, 7:00 p.m. Meet at Youth House. We will begin a new series on “The Cult of Self-Esteem.”

March 14–16 Sr. High Snow Camp – Check your mailboxes for a Parent Letter

COLLEGE AGE/YOUNG ADULT

TODAY, Feb. 3, Noon – Pizza Hut Luncheon in Newton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In connection with Peace Sunday on Feb. 10, there will be a special Sunday school class in the Fellowship Hall for all adult classes and anyone else who would like to attend.

THANK YOU

We express our thanks to everyone for your prayers, visits, cards, flowers, calls, memorials, and support shown our family during the loss of our husband, father, Grandpa, Great Grandpa, and uncle. It has been deeply appreciated. Special thanks to Pastor Linda for her support to our family and to all who had a part in the service. ~Rachel Reimer family

Dear Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church: Thank you so much for your wonderful support of the residents and staff of Bethesda Home. We were excited to get approval of our BCCL project from the Kansas State Dept. of Aging, and officially begin with construction. Preferred Builders of Hesston is the contractor, and they have started their work on the east side of the facility. We are excited about this project and what it will mean for our facility. Thank you again for your support of Bethesda and our mission to the elderly and frail of this community. Blessings. ~Eric Schrag

COMMUNITY AND CONFERENCE

Bethel College music faculty members **Karen Bauman Schlabaugh** (piano) and **Richard Tirk** (trumpet), joined by two Wichita university faculty musicians, will give a free recital of music by 20th-century composers Monday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building chapel.

Bethel College Young Alumnus Award winner for 2008, **Arthur Marks**, in concert Monday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium; free, with free-will offering to be taken for the African-American Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

Bethel College **Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration**, postponed from Jan. 21, rescheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 13, 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building chapel (note change of location), with music and speakers; free, with refreshments following.

John McCutcheon, nationally acclaimed singer, songwriter, and peace activist, will perform at Memorial Hall on the Bethel College campus Saturday, Feb. 16, at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6:45 p.m. This concert, which is free and open to the public, headlines KIPCOR's 35th annual Peace Lecture Series. For details, call KIPCOR at 316-284-5217.

Life Enrichment at Bethel College begins again on Feb. 6. There are program schedules posted on the bulletin boards in both lobbies.

Peace Connections annual meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, Feb. 7, with a soup supper at 6:00 p.m. and presentation by Barry Bartel at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at the same location: First Presbyterian Church, 900 Columbus Ave., Newton. Everyone is invited to attend!

Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts is offering a special half-season ticket for the three remaining concerts in the 2007-08 season. The Feb. 8

The **2008 MCC Central States Annual Meeting** will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Ethiopian Evangelical Church, 15150 E. Evans Ave., Aurora, CO. All constituents in Central States are welcome to attend the meeting, which is a combination worship service and business meeting. Please join us to review the past year in MCC Central States and look forward to the year ahead.

concert will be Opera Kansas featuring Keith Jurosko in "A Most Ingenious Paradox: The Topsy Turvy World of Gilbert and Sullivan," a parade of witty songs from seven Gilbert and Sullivan operas. The concert is at 7:30 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church.

Library Sleepover! A Mother/Daughter Sleepover will be held at the Conference Resource Library on Friday, Feb. 8, from 7:00 p.m. until Saturday, Feb. 9, 8:30 a.m. Minimum age of 5 years old, no more than two daughters per mom (or grandma). Cost: \$10 per person. Featuring storytelling, crafts, snacks, giggling, evening prayers, morning praise, and breakfast. Space is limited—sign up by Jan. 31 by calling Marlene Bogard at 316-283-6300.

Faith and Life Bookstore's annual Vacation Bible School Preview and Display will be open from February 9 - March 15. Starter kits from 11 different programs will be available for reading, listening, and check-out. For more information, call 1-888-646-2210 or email info@faithandlifebookstore.com.

It's time for **Tabor College's Church Spirit Night!** Enjoy Tabor College basketball action versus Ottawa University on **Saturday, Feb. 9**. Admission is **FREE** when you sign in at the door. The women's varsity game tips off at 5:00 p.m., and the action continues with the men's varsity at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served in the Tabor Cafeteria following the last game. Questions? Call the Tabor College Alumni Office at 620-947-3121, ext. 1708, or e-mail alumni@tabor.edu. Donations to help defray the costs will be greatly appreciated.

The M-2 (Match Two) program of Offender/Victim Ministries is holding an orientation for new volunteers Feb. 14, 6:00 p.m., at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility East Unit. M-2 is an in-prison Christian friendship program. Your friendship, love, and concern can be the catalyst for lasting inner changes. Most of the inmates in M-2 receive no other visits than those of their M-2 friend. More than 50 men are waiting to be matched. A volunteer commits to visit one evening per month. Contact OVM (316-283-2038) to submit your name and other required information no later than February 11 so that clearances may be obtained for admission. You may also email ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net.

Explore the Night Sky Retreat at Camp Mennoscah! Have you ever wondered about the phases of the moon? Have you seen a dwarf star in the middle of a nebula? Come to Camp Mennoscah Feb. 29 to Mar. 1 for our star party! We will have informal discussions Saturday afternoon with experts from the Kansas Astronomical Observers; telescopes ranging in

size from eight inches to 16 inches and... we even have lousy movies to make fun of in case of cloudy skies! Look for brochures coming to your church soon! Cost for lodging and meals, at the Retreat Center, is \$85 per person for the weekend. For more information contact the camp at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org.

The Kansas Friends of MCC Committee is excited about planning our second annual **Comforter Blitz** on Monday, March 3, noon to 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 4, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. We're planning for a larger location at South Hutchinson Mennonite Church (Yoder Campus - formerly Yoder Mennonite Church). Irma Gonzales (MCC workroom supervisor) has begun to collect comforter tops, but we could use more. If possible, have a back matched to any tops that you provide. Twin and full sizes are both acceptable. We will have each woman bring a sack lunch for the noon meal; child care will be provided Tuesday only.

Camp Mennoscah's new director's home is progressing in spite of the weather! Thank you for the generous donations to Vision 2012 and the time of volunteers. The house is enclosed and windows have been placed. Generators are being used for electricity but the hope is to have a line placed in the next two weeks. The plumber and electrician will begin work soon. Roofing and siding materials are ready when weather permits and volunteers are available. Can you help? Can you supply meals for the workers? Call Galen Waltner, building committee chair: 620-345-2626 (work), 620-345-8598 (home), 620-386-0287 (cell); email: galenwaltner@hotmail.com. Follow progress on Western District Conference website: www.mennowdc.org.

MCC Sale Update

MCC's first action was to share food with hungry people in Russia and Ukraine in 1920. MCC works in partnership with local people to promote self-sufficiency so people can feed themselves. A gift of \$300 is the average cost of food packages that would feed a family of five in Bangladesh for six months. A gift of \$50 can provide a food package to feed a family of five in Ethiopia for a month. A gift of only \$9 can provide food for an orphan in West Africa for one month.

Plants & Things: Want a little green in your life? Grow a plant for the Relief Sale. It is time to start thinking about your donations for the Sale. You can start growing, repotting, and transplanting bulbs and flowers now. Remember to label all your plants with as much information as you know.

This is *Plants & Things*. We have missed the "things" in recent years and welcome your donations of garden items such as planter boxes, iron works, stepping stones, pavers, bird baths, yard décor, etc. Plan to bring your donations to the church on Friday, April 11.

MIDWEEK SCHEDULE – FALL 2007

Schedule for February 6, 2008

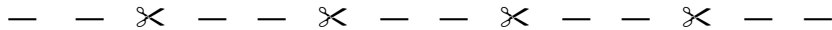
5:30–6:15 p.m.	Adult Bible Study on Isaiah 41–43 Led by Pastor Lee	Conference Room
6:00–6:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal	Fellowship Hall
6:30–7:00 p.m.	Rejoice Choir (3 rd – 6 th grades)	Sanctuary
7:00–8:00 p.m.	Midweek Classes for Children & Youth	
	3 yr. olds – 2 nd grade	Education Wing
	3 rd & 4 th grades	East Chapel
	5 th & 6 th grades	Fellowship Hall
	7 th & 8 th grades	Shelter House
	9 th -12 th grades	Youth House
7:00–8:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Choir Loft
7:00–8:00 p.m.	“Discovering Your Spiritual Type” Led by Pastor Linda	SE Upstairs Room
8:00–9:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir	West Chapel
8:00–9:00 p.m.	Repeat Adult Bible Study on Isaiah 41–43	Conference Room

Invite your Friends, Neighbors, New Persons in the Community
To Join Us!

Questions? Call 367-8192

MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP MEALS READY TO SERVE AT 6:00 P.M.

Additions will be accepted in the church office until Monday noon.
Cancellation deadline is 9:00^{AM} on Wednesday. Menu for February 6:
 Sandwich bar, potato salad, apples & oranges, brownies (peanut butter
 and jelly sandwiches will also be available).



Wednesday Fellowship Meal Reservation for February 6

Additions will be accepted in the church office until Monday noon.
Cancellation deadline is 9:00^{AM} on Wednesday.

_____ I/We plan to be a regular at every Wednesday night meal. I will
 notify the church office if I will not be able to come.

_____ I/We plan to come this Wednesday.

Family Name _____

Adults _____ # Children _____

(Place in Offering Plate or Turn in to Church Office)