

Mennonite Church USA 2013 Convention

The Aug. 12-13 delegation to Phoenix, Ariz.

"Do not deprive the alien or the fatherless of justice, or take the cloak of the widow as a pledge. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you from there. That is why I command you to do this."

-Deuteronomy 24:17-18

Purpose of trip

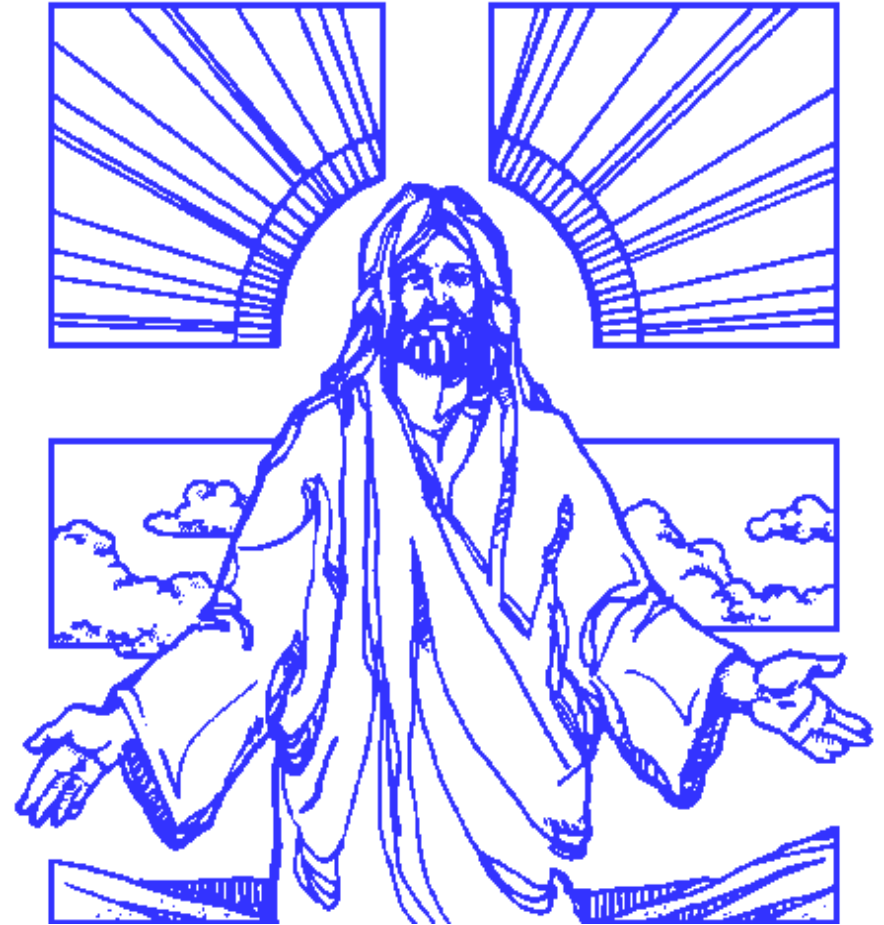
In response to concerns raised by Iglesia Menonita Hispana, Mennonite Church USA's Executive Board is sending a delegation to Phoenix, Ariz., to witness on the ground the effects of Arizona's new immigration law, the Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods Act. Phoenix currently is the location for the denomination's 2013 convention.

Phoenix city government leaders, who have expressed their disappointment with the new legislation, extended the invitation to the delegation to come; the Phoenix Convention and Visitors Bureau will cover expenses for the trip.

The group will meet with city officials, convention planners, local Hispanic and Mennonite Church USA congregations, and human rights workers who specialize in immigration. Delegation members will gather information about the potential multi-faceted impacts of holding the denomination's 2013 convention in Phoenix, and will discern options for staying in Phoenix, finding a different location, or canceling the 2013 gathering.

As Mennonite Church USA contemplates next steps, we are committed to our stated priority of honoring the dignity and value of all Racial/Ethnic people in Mennonite Church USA, ensuring just and equitable access to church resources, positions and information as manifestations of the one new humanity in Christ. As we seek to become an anti-racist church, the dominant group must be accountable to the Racial/Ethnic constituency in decision-making processes. Our delegation will model this accountability. In light of Arizona's new legislation, living into this priority requires that we find specific ways to honor and support our Latino brothers and sisters and other immigrants who are part of Mennonite Church USA. Our efforts and decisions must be focused on allowing God's healing and hope to flow through us into the world.

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and
Follow Me*

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**As God's children and the body of Christ,
we are called by God to offer hospitality,
healing and hope in the name of Christ.**

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“Set Free”

“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” -Mark 8:34

Gathering Our Praise

PRELUDE Worship Team
Marcene Entz

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader, Brittany Voth

*GATHERING OUR PRAISE “When morning gilds the skies” No. 644

PRAYING FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

*SINGING OUR PRAISE “The Lord is king” No. 69

*GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND DEDICATING THEM “Still”
arr. Keith Christopher
You are welcome to fill out the friendship brochure and place it in the offering bag.

Proclaiming God’s Word

CHILDREN’S STORY Carrie Unruh

HEARING THE SCRIPTURES Luke 19:1-10 Drama

SPECIAL MUSIC “What a friend we have in Jesus” Janessa and Lindsay Wedel

SERMON “Portrait of a Savior”
Mark 8:34-36 Karen Andres

The annual MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18, originating at the MCC offices in N. Newton. This year’s ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Nigeria. Informational brochure is posted on the bulletin board. If you would like a copy, contact the church office.

Peace Connections: Allison DeHart, of the Circles international office, will be in Newton on August 16, 7 pm, at Grace Community Church, Fireside Room, 1600 S. Anderson Ave. All are invited to this special opportunity to hear Allison's presentation on "How Circles Fits with the Gospel: God's Heart for the Poor." For information call Peace Connections at 316-284-0000 or email info@peaceconnections.org

REJOICE devotional guides are available beneath the mailboxes on the north side. Help yourself.

Correction: Summer Faith Formation picture caption should have read *music composed by Doug Krehbiel* not Doug and Jude.

Share Your Garden Produce! There is a table in the Food Pantry room where anyone can bring their garden produce to share and anyone may take some home. Just leave a small donation that will help the Food Pantry Ministry. Contact Nancy Miller if you have questions.


On the Bulletin Boards:

- ★ **Camp Mennoscah** announcements.
- ★ **Women’s Girls Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah Sept. 10-12.
- ★ **3-D Jesus** coming to Hesston College Oct. 29-31.
- ★ **Peace Connections:** Circles of Harvey County: Getting Ahead classes scheduled. See details.
- ★ **MCC and MDS** updates.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
August 1, 2010			
Offering	= \$ 5,368.57	Attendance	= 164
Adult S.S.	= \$ 163.00	Attendance	= 96
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 2.60	Attendance	= 15

Bringing Peace Today:

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. +
. Jesus, John 14:27



Children's Sunday School: Teachers are needed for Gr. 4-6 on Aug. 15, 22, 29. Babysitters are needed Aug. 22, 29. Sign up on the bulletin board.

Commodity Gifts to MCC: Commodity gift tickets are on the table in the foyer. If you wish to donate grain, please fill out the form and return to Harlin Unruh. If you wish to make a cash donation, make checks payable to MCC, and place in Harlin Unruh's mailbox by August 15.

Homeless Shelter Ministry Opportunity! Tabor Mennonite Church has been asked to help the First United Methodist Church of Newton to provide meals and night supervision at the Newton Homeless Shelter from August 17-24. For anyone who is interested in proclaiming peace through this important ministry, contact Brent Abrahams or sign up on the form on the bulletin board. Anyone who volunteers for evening/night supervision will need to go to a brief orientation/training time held at the shelter on the following days: August 12 - 6:30 pm, August 17 - 6:30 pm, August 18 - 10 am. Bethany Mace is the director at the shelter and she is very excited to hear of our involvement and participation in this ministry.

Day on the Farm, is Aug. 21, 10am to 3pm at the farm of Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen. This is a great family event which includes interaction with farm animals. Meal served beginning at 11:30am. Event is free, however contributions to Agri-Urban which benefits Western District Conference, Mennonite Church USA and Bethel College are welcome.

The Goessel Area Crop Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 3, at 1:30 p.m. We are looking for Business Sponsors to help provide free t-shirts for the participants this year. If you are part of a business that would like to donate money in this way, your Business Logo will be printed on the t-shirt. Please send your donation of \$25.00 or more and your Business Logo to Denise Nickel, P. O. Box 173, Goessel, KS 67053, or put in her Tabor Church mailbox. Walkers, please start thinking about walking and signing up early (see Kevin Nickel) so we can gather the sizes and get the t-shirts ordered. More news will come soon! Thank you!

Urgent: MCC Canner needed: Are you willing to travel with Mennonite Central Committee's meat canner for the next two years, helping to prepare canned meat for people in crisis around the world? MCC has an urgent opening for this service position, starting as soon as possible. Learn more about the opening at mcc.org/serve/positions/canner-operator-2 or call Maynard Knepp at 316-283-2720.

It's time for MCC School Kits! The MCC warehouses are extremely low on school kits and MCC has already received requests for over 40,000 school kits from partner organizations around the world. The next time you're out running errands, pick up the supplies for an MCC School Kit! The complete list and instructions for making a school kit bags can be found at mcc.org/kits/school. Kits should be taken to your nearest MCC drop-off location or the MCC Center in North Newton, KS. Please call us with questions at 316-283-2720.

Responding to the Spirit

RESPONSE HYMN *"Christian, do you hear the Lord?"* No. 494
Congregation join in on vs. 6

SHARING and CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Sending

*SENDING HYMN *"Asithi: Amen"* No. 64

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today

Each of the four gospels give us a different portrait of Jesus. Mark's gospel portrays a Jesus who is the suffering servant and disciples who struggle with what it means to deny yourself and take up your cross. How is it that we are "set free" when we follow Jesus? May God's word speak to our hearts today.

This morning you were greeted by Ron and Patsy Dirksen and Kevin, Yvette and Corynn Nickel. *Please note the friendship cards in the songbook holders and fill one out if you have requests or if you are a visitor and place it in the offering bag.*

Childcare is provided in the nursery by Nancy Miller during the worship service.

On the table in the foyer are **Prayer Request Cards**. You are invited to fill one out if you have a request and return it to a pastor's box.



*Come Holy Spirit.
Fill the hearts of thy faithful people
and kindle in us the fire of thy love.*

Prayer Requests

This Week

Staff Vacations:

- Grace is on vacation through August 14
 - Kim is on vacation this week but will come in to print the bulletin on Thursday. *Please have announcements in by Wed. evening.*
- Pastor Karen will be on vacation this week spending a few days at a retreat center in Orange, CA.

Wednesday, August 11

5:30 p.m.—Active Seniors exercise group.

7:00 p.m.—Faithful Fitness exercise group.

Friday, August 13

7:15 p.m.—Willing Helpers visitation at Bethesda.

Next Sunday, August 15

9:30 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.

High School to Adults: Learning and Living the Biblical Story+led by Rosie Jantz. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. Children age 2 through grade 6: Stories of God's People.+Shepherds: 7th and 8th graders. Meet in rooms 111-112.

10:45 a.m.—**Worship:** We will continue with our study through the Biblical Story series. The focus of the teaching time is Pentecost and New Creation+. The theme of the worship is Greatly Gifted+, the texts are I Corinthians 12:12-13, II Corinthians 3:12-18 and Galatians 5:13-25 and Corey will be preaching. We will be commissioning Michael Unruh and Marie Unruh for their time of voluntary service.

Marie's Breakfast Bash! Come enjoy breakfast before Sunday School next Sunday from 8:30-9:15. All donations will go to Marie Unruh's Radical Journey Fund. Marie has been busy this summer baking pies and other baked goods to raise her portion of the needed funds. Similar items will be available for donation.

The following items were shared last Sunday, August 1.

- ★ Jude Krehbiel asked for prayers for Doug's grandmother, who was in her last days of life in Moundridge.
- ★ Marie Unruh shared that there will be a special breakfast on August 15th and proceeds will go toward Marie's expenses for her upcoming Radical Journey mission's trip to the UK.

Happenings:

- ★ Doug's grandmother, Della Krehbiel, died last Sunday. Her funeral service was held last Wednesday at Eden Mennonite Church.
- ★ Bertha Schroder continues on Hospice Care at Bethesda Home in Goessel.
- ★ *Caring Quilt Locations:* The Caring Quilt and Children's Caring Quilt were home.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Bertha Schroeder as she continues to accept each breath as a gift from God.
- ★ Pray for Pastor Doug and his family in the loss of his grandmother.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Tonya Ramer Wenger being commissioned as the new pastor of First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, KS, today.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Monsoon season is in full swing in many areas of the world. Pray for workers laboring in the midst of these annual drenching rains and the resulting flooding, as roads and bridges are often impassable and the challenge of daily ministry is increased.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for new and returning students to Mennonite elementary and secondary schools, colleges, universities and seminaries. Thank God for the reunions of friends and for the opportunities to form new friendships.

Announcements

Summer Education and Worship Times! For the rest of the summer, we will continue to have our Faith Formation hour begin at 9:30am (with coffee and tea) and our worship will follow at 10:45 a.m. Make plans to come and join in the learning and worship!

Free Purpose magazines are available on the shelf by the mailboxes. Carol Duerksen has recently started editing Purpose; and beginning with the September issue, Tim Unruh has a column in every issue. If you like the magazine and want your own subscription, there's an order line number in the fine print on page 2.