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"Immigration, faith and justice" is the focus of an immigration consultation sponsored by Western District Conference on Saturday, March 6 from 8:30 - 2:00 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. Speakers: Gilberto Flores, WDC Associate Conference Minister and Church Planter and Tammy Alexander (by phone), Legislative Assistant from the Mennonite Central Committee-Washington office. Cost is \$25 (includes materials and lunch); \$10 for students. Brochures on-line at www.mennowdc.org or contact 316-283-6300. Deadline for registration is Feb. 26. (Each congregation is encouraged to send two representatives.)

Scrapbookers unite! The Camp Mennoscah Scrapbooking Retreat is March 12-14. You'll finally get to work on those pages that you've always wanted to—and have a chance to learn new techniques! Check out the brochure at www.mennowdc.org in the Coming Events section or contact Camp Mennoscah at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290. Naming contest! Okay, so Camp Mennoscah has this new property with a new-to-us house, but we have no name for it! We're asking all you creative folks out there to help us with a name for this house. Keep in mind all the other building names at camp—Wasp Nest, Skylark, Moonbeams, Sunrise, Nestles, Waldorf—you get the picture. Want to see a picture of the house? Check us out on Facebook! Send suggestions to campmno@mennowdc.org or post them on Facebook.

The Camp Mennoscah catalog is now available and registrations are coming in! Take a look and read about all the fun retreats and our snazzy youth camps. This year is going to be fun and exciting and absolutely the BEST! Contact Camp Mennoscah at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290 for more information or a copy of the catalog.



First
Mennonite
Church

The Morning Breeze!
Sunday,
February 21, 2010

Last Sunday!
Attendance: 82
Offering: \$ 2418 to MtM

This Morning

Pastor: Weldon Schloneger
Greeters: Don & Judy Jantzen
Hosts: Bill & Marilyn Goossen
Music: Emmalyn Hiebert
Offering: FMC General Fund
Offering next Sunday: AMBS

Audio: Marv Goossen
Video: Austin Goossen
Power point: Alex Goossen

Upcoming Events!

Sunday, 2/21 – after Worship – MPSC Meeting/Luncheon
Monday, 2/22 – 12:05pm Lenten @ Christ Church Episcopal
Tuesday, 2/23 – 1:30pm WMS
Wednesday, 2/24 – 7pm SYF at Halley Keeney's home

Birthdays!

Thursday! Marlene Wizelman
Sunday! Andi Nellius

Sunday, February 28, 2010 please plan on joining in our celebration of Pastor Weldon's retirement. After a special worship, service there will be a catered meal and short program in the Fellowship Hall.

IN MAILBOXES TODAY! In mailboxes today, you will find a card with the contact/member information on file in the Church Office. Please take a moment to look over the information, fill in any blanks or use the opposite side to make any corrections then drop the card in the box in the Narthex labeled Member Information. If **all** of your information is complete and correct, please check the box on the card and put it in the box! I would like to assure that I have as much correct information as possible for the new directory and my birthday/anniversary lists. Thank you for your cooperation. Deadline for the new Directory will be March 7. (if I receive **everyone's** completed card before 3/7, the new Directory will be published sooner.)



Prayer and Praise

✠ MMN: Pray that God may strengthen and guide Alyssa Hostetler, Kelli Yoder, Allen Slabaugh and Richard Aguirre of the Americus, Ga., Mennonite Voluntary Service unit as they serve the local community.

✠ WDC: Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as it prepares a ballot for leadership positions--including a moderator-elect, secretary and eleven board/commission positions.

This and That

SYF will meet Wednesday @ 7:00 @ Halley Keeney's home, 723 South 11th.



Ladies! Girls!

Please check your mailboxes this morning for information about the upcoming 20th Annual Nebraska Mennonite Women's Retreat March 6 & 7 at The Leadership Center in Aurora, Nebraska

Try on service this summer with Youth Venture

Get ready for a new adventure and be a part of what God is doing around the world. If you are between the ages of 14 and 22, and are interested in spending some time serving and learning alongside other young adults, Youth Venture may be for you. Youth Venture gives you a chance to try new things, meet new people, and learn about a new culture through the eyes of a local church or host community. During summer 2010, you can travel with teams and a leader to locations like Bolivia, Botswana, France, southern California and Montreal, among others. For more information about Youth Venture, visit Service.MennoniteMission.net or e-mail ArloaB@MennoniteMission.net.

New Address!!! (well, almost) Weldon & Florence Schloneger
P.O. Box 181 – (mailing)
204 W. 26th St. – (street)
North Newton, Kansas 67117-0181

As Beatrice Community Hospital continues to work out ways to contact local pastors when a parishioner is admitted to the hospital it is vitally important that a family member always calls the pastor in these situations. Pastors would prefer hearing the same news from 2 or 3 sources than not at all.

On February 25, from 10-3 Otto Schultz and Trish Merrill, a trainer from Faith partners from Houston, TX will be presenting information on prevention, treatment and recovery from substance abuse. They will specifically be talking about how our faith partners can make a difference in our community. This workshop is being sponsored by Gage County MAPS and lunch is provided. Please reserve your spot by calling 223-1500 ext. 1059 or email clyons@bpsne.org.

MCC is deeply grateful for the overwhelming response to the January 12 earthquake in Haiti. MCC is developing a multi-year response to utilize the over \$8 million that has been donated. Kurt Hildebrand, an MCC worker in Haiti, recently said, "Haitians...were accustomed to being considered by the outside world as a hopeless basket case that wasn't worth the effort...I want us to all think and pray very hard about how we can sustain the interest." MCC is committed to working in Haiti long after the media spotlight fades as it has in other places – New Orleans, Sudan, Indonesia, etc. However, due to a decrease in general giving over the past two years MCC has been forced to make cuts to vital programming around the world. Please consider giving a "where needed most" donation to support MCC's work. Send checks to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117 or at mcc.org.

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Gardening as Spiritual Exercise - "Gardens, no matter how small, can serve as "sacred texts" in which we can find the word of God spoken, if we only have the faith and patience to look for it there." Daniel Deffenbaugh, author of [Learning the Language of the Fields: Tilling and Keeping as Christian Vocation](#), will speak at First Mennonite Church, 7300 Holdrege St., Lincoln, at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 28, 2010. His talk, hosted by Common Good Farm, is free and open to the public. Complete information is available at www.fmclincoln.org.