



Joy Mennonite Church

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PASTOR'S CORNER

At Joy Mennonite we are currently involved in some important decisions about where to meet and what Joy Mennonite Church wants to become. Decision making can unite a congregation or it can cause divisions. The process is so important. The process of making decisions can be, and has the possibility of being, more invigorating in the life of the congregation than the actual decisions reached.

An important part in this process is the congregational-pastor role. Who should be responsible for the vision of the future of the congregation? Where should the ideas come from? It is clear that no one can lead without a vision of where to go and an idea of how to get there. A congregation has a right to expect the pastor to provide a vision. But a leader is called to lead and not to push, neither is the vision to come exclusively from the pastor. The church in Acts believed that vision would spring up from every generation. Your youth shall have visions and your elders shall have dreams. "Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my spirit." Acts 2:18 NIV. The most important role of the pastor is to facilitate the sharing of these visions and dreams and make them fruitful in the life of the congregation.

A congregation with life and vitality is not one without differences. A congregation with vitality is one where its people care deeply about the church and its future and have ideas and opinions, and it is predictable that these will vary. The only alternative is indifference. The process of decision-making in the church is not a "some lose, some win" situation. Just because

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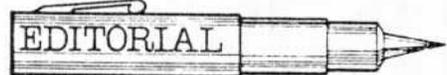
the congregation does not follow an idea or opinion does not make it of no value. Everyone's opinion should be heard and the decisions we reach are intended for all to be winners. What matters most is that people care about the future of the church. What do you see if you imagine Joy Mennonite five years from now?

Your Pastor,

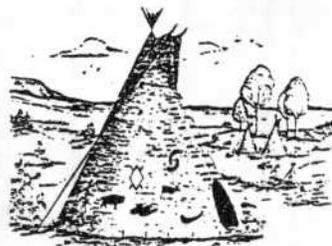
Moses Mast

It's been good talking with many of you from the Oklahoma City area - those whose numbers I found in the phone book. I'd love to talk with more of you - so why not give me a call. I am hoping that we can visit with you in person sometime in the future. We'd love to have you come visit us in our home or in the church. Those of you from out of town and out of state - we'd love to hear from you also.

Sadie Mast



Dear Friends,
With all of us working at it we have wound the summer down and our last fling seems it would have been more fitting calling it Laborer's Day, but then even non-laborers get the day off to celebrate.



In this "Year of the Indian" - in Oklahoma anyway, opportunities have abounded to learn of, observe, appreciate and even love the culture of Native Americans. The General Conference has, at Sioux Falls, tried to make a fresh start with forgiveness for our past acquiescence and apathy

where Native Americans have been concerned. The General Conference has obviously done this with some success in the black community also. Have we done this across the board? Does this really make us feel cleaner?



We definitely need to honor and respect all cultures and races; Americans have established a "culture" also in the last 350 years, frequently not honorably, but it's there. The clock can

no longer be turned back, so now Americans, regardless of their origin, must learn to honor the cultures of all the Americans around us, and learn to honor our own culture, making it honorable in the sight of God, and the rest of the world, with love.



Bill Klassen

The hands of welcome and friendship are always extended. Since our last news-

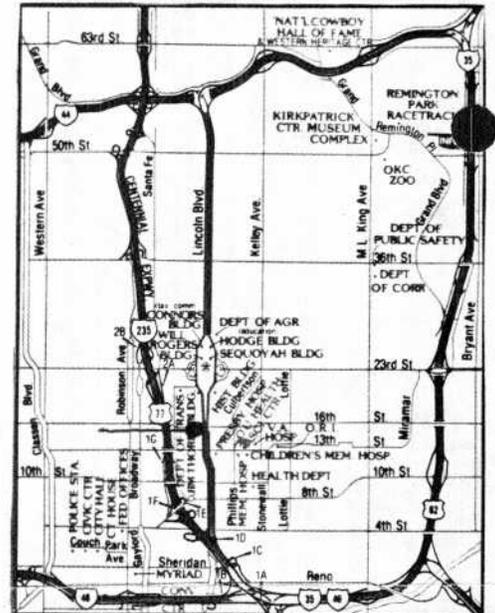


New Friends

letter we have been blessed by a number of visitors: Susie Joy Mast (extended church family) from Fresno, CA; Katherine Whitson of Norman, Cheryl Crichley and son Jeffrey, Gene and Jayne Hamilton and children Matt, Josh and Stacey, David Craighead,



REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:00 AM



In a turn of events closing the VS unit at 504 NE 16th St. here in OKC, the trustees of the Western District Conference (owners of the above property), wishing not to have the building stand vacant and not be used, are letting us use the building there as our church home. We are moving even as you read this, and will be open for worship at the same 10:00 AM hour each Sunday. Hope to see you there - that is at the southwest corner at the intersection on NE 16th Street and Lincoln Boulevard.

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and Shirley Watkins, all of OKC. Some are renewed friendships, but all are warmly invited to visit us again.

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