



Joy Mennonite Church Community News

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Sunday worship location decided

At our recent church business meeting, we decided to meet at Epworth Methodist Church (1901 N. Douglas in Oklahoma City) on all Sundays except the first Sunday of the month through the end of the year. For the first Sundays of the month, we will be meeting back at our building (504 NE 16th St in Oklahoma City). These Sundays will be focused on time together as a community and will include the sharing of communion and a potluck lunch. Our first Sunday services will also seek to be kid-friendly so that all can participate, both young and old.

Joy Mennonite calls new deacons

Our congregation has decided to call four deacons (lay ministers) to service in our church. Johann and Laura Reimer are called to serve as deacons of gardening, while Aaron Baker and Kristen Swartley are called to serve as our new deacons of music.

In light of us now having deacons of music, those speaking and/or leading worship are encouraged to contact Aaron and Kristen for input regarding music selection to fit with planned themes in worship.

Special Collection on Sunday, September 29

In lieu of our regular collections, Joy Mennonite giving on Sept 29 will go to support the work of The Mennonite Worker community of Minneapolis. (our friend Mark VanSteenwick ministers here)

Children of Joy program to start on Oct. 13

Becky Branum is going to be teaching a Sunday school class (which will take place following the first song in our regular service during our services at Epworth) for Joy Mennonite children toddler age and up. The class will begin with the stories of creation in Genesis and then teaching through many of the stories of the Bible with a special emphasis on basic character traits.

Parents are welcome to attend with their children or to attend the regular worship service while their children stay for the class. There will normally be a snack served so Becky asks that parents notify her if any of your children have allergy or dietary issues.

Anti-Racism Training to come to OKC

We are co-hosting "Becoming an Anti-Racist Community: First Steps" on Oct 4 from 7-9 pm (with a deeper training happening on Oct 5) at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2301 NE 23rd St. For more information, call [405-771-4743](tel:405-771-4743) or email paxchristiokc@gmail.com.

Wednesday Night Book Discussion Group

To find out more about the regular book discussion group, please contact Kristen or Zach.

Save Our Land Benefit, Oct. 12-13

A benefit is being held at 775 S. Dobbs in Harrah, OK to recognize people that promote environmental responsibility and equal rights for all through different causes. There will be musical performances, poetry reading, info tables, along with great food and drink. Donations are welcome and will be used to send people to attend a training program in Memphis this December. Contact Stefan for more details.

Joy Mennonite Cleaning Day—Oct. 19

Put in on your calendar. Check your email for details.

Craft and Cooking for MCC Day—Oct. 26th

Everyone is invited to join us at Joy for a day of making arts, crafts and deserts (especially peppernuts) to be sold the following weekend at the Oklahoma MCC Relief Sale. Everyone is encouraged to come whether or not you think you have talent in art/crafting/cooking because "many hands make the work light."

Oklahoma MCC Relief Sale needs help

Moses Mast reports that the organizers of the MCC Relief sale in Enid are needing volunteers to help with a variety of tasks including unloading vehicles, and staffing tables. Help is needed on both Friday and Saturday. Talk to Moses if you can help.

Western District Conference News

- * **Oct 25 – "Engaging our Sexual Culture"** Bethel College, Krehbiel Auditorium, North Newton
- * **Oct 26—The Church & Homosexuality: A Conversation That Can Hold Us Together** Faith Mennonite in Newton

2nd Annual Bike for Oklahoma MCC Fundraiser

James Branum is inviting friends to consider joining him in riding from Joy to the relief sale in Enid in one long bike ride of 90 miles or to ride 90 miles in smaller chunks between now and Nov. 2. We will then ask for donations to Oklahoma MCC per mile (i.e. 10 cents per mile = \$9, \$1 per mile = \$90, etc.). Details will be coming soon via email.

**Oklahoma MCC Relief Sale
Nov. 1-2, Enid**



Schedule for FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1

5-7 pm: Dinner \$ 10.00 per plate
 6:30 pm: Musical Program
 7:30 pm: After dinner auction
 Most booths will be open with items for sale during the evening starting at 4 p.m. Quilts Textiles and Craft items that will be auctioned on Saturday will be on display.

Schedule for SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2

7:30-9:30 am: Pancake & sausage Breakfast \$ 6.00
 8 am: Sales booths open
 9 am: Crafts/Misc. auction begins.
 11:30 am: QUILT AUCTION
 12 pm: "PEOPLES CHOICE" Quilt will be auctioned. An offering for MCC will be taken at this time.

FOOD BOOTHS: Sausage Sandwich - Apple Butter - Indian Tacos - Cookies - Zwieback - Bierocks - Verenika - New Year's Cookies - Pies (large variety) - Cherry Moos - Home-made Noodles - Russian Pancakes - Dried Fruit - Fry Bread - Kettle Corn - Cheese - Hams - Cakes - German Sausage - Homemade Peppernuts - Homemade Bread - Bratwurst/ Sauerkraut

MISCELLANEOUS BOOTHS: Fair Trade Market - Babyland - Holiday Gifts - Quilter's Corner - Linen and Things - Books

More details (including directions, camping and lodging info) can be found at: www.okreliefsale.com

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Sunday Worship Schedule for JMC

Date	Location/Details	Speaker	Worship Leader
Oct. 6	Joy Mennonite Church at 504 NE 16th St, OKC Communion will be served. Potluck lunch to follow.	Zach Gleason	Richard Cheek
Oct. 13	Chapel at Epworth Methodist at 1901 N. Douglas, OKC	James Branum	Ralph Ediger
Oct. 20	Chapel at Epworth Methodist at 1901 N. Douglas, OKC	Zach Gleason	Kristen Swartley
Oct. 27	Combined Worship with Trinity Presbyterian Church and Pax Cristi at Trinty Presbyterian Church, 2301 NE 23rd St., OKC	TBA	TBA
Nov. 3	Joy Mennonite Church at 504 NE 16th St, OKC Communion will be served. Potluck lunch to follow.	Andrew Foote	John Walters
Nov. 10	Chapel at Epworth Methodist at 1901 N. Douglas, OKC	Zach Gleason	Terry Craghead
Nov. 17	Chapel at Epworth Methodist at 1901 N. Douglas, OKC	James Branum	Aaron Baker
Nov. 24	Chapel at Epworth Methodist at 1901 N. Douglas, OKC	Zach Gleason	Judy Perkins

If you are scheduled to speak or lead worship and need to swap Sundays, please let Ralph Ediger know so he can update the schedule.