



## **For Sharing and Prayer**

Donna Klaassen is now recovering at home.

Thank you for your cards and kindness to me during my hospital and recovery days. Your prayers, cards, food and visits were greatly appreciated. Special thanks to the carolers and Pastors Katherine and Jim who came to my hospital room. I am going to have my apparatus removed on the 29<sup>th</sup> of this month. Thank you, Justina Smith

**Western District Conference:** Give thanks for Joyce Pankratz and her leadership at Camp Mennoscah. She completes her service to WDC this week.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Please pray for teachers and administrators serving with Mennonite Partners in China as they gather with Chinese partners at their annual Professional Improvement Conference held January 28 to February 4 in Kunming, China. MMN is a partner agency.

**Nursery This Sunday:** Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Marge Harms and Melinda Regehr

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Men's Chorus

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Teresa Martin

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Relief Sale \$3,637.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

## Church Events

**Monday at 1:30 p.m.** Quilting on the MCC quilt, Monday afternoon from 1:30-5 p.m. All quilters are welcome.

**Wednesday at 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.** Children's and Youth Programming  
**7:00 – 7:40 p.m.** Adult Bible Study  
**7:45 – 8:30 p.m.** Adult Choir

**Next Sunday, February 3** – A noon meal at the church followed by a presentation from Harry Hines Memorial Hospice on advanced directives and end of life issues. To make reservations for the meal or if you have questions contact Kaye Penner or Barb Voth.

**October 18-19** Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah! Save the date!!

## Announcements

**Attention Men:** We will sing for worship next Sunday, February 3. Practice will be after Sunday School today.

**Please Sign Up Today for the Homeless Shelter Ministry.** We share a week of service in the homeless shelter with Zion Mennonite Church January 30 through February 5. There is a sign-up sheet for four nights of volunteer staffing and providing a meal those evenings. The dates are: January 30 and February 1, 3 and 5. If you would like to take the volunteer staff training please contact Pastor Jim.

**You're invited to join "Prayers of the Church"** each Sunday morning from 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. in the classroom next to the kitchen. Please feel free to place prayer requests in the prayer box in the foyer.

## CHURCH OFFICES

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## Et Cetera

**You're invited to "Make Christian Fellowship a Gift to the Needy"** by participating in the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale's annual Fellowship Meals on Sundays, February 24 and March 2. Forms are available in the foyer. Registrations are due January 28.

**The Western District Conference** fiscal year ends January 31, 2008. In spite of generous donations in December, the annual budget still lags nearly \$50,000. Send your offering or contribution to WDC, Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117 soon. Also, see the web site for up-to-date information, photos, and giving options: [www.menowdc.org](http://www.menowdc.org).

**Zion Mennonite Church,** Elbing, is hosting a Day of Prayer and Spiritual Renewal on February 2 with Emilie Griffin, an associate of Renovare. Renovare is a ministry of spiritual formation and renewal from which the writings of Richard Foster, author of The Celebration of Discipline, and Eugene H. Peterson, Eat this Book, emerged. Throughout the day, we will focus on prayer and the spiritual reading of the Bible. The suggested registration fee is \$40.00, which includes lunch and childcare. Please call Zion Mennonite Church at 316-799-2071 for more information.

**Library Sleepover!** A Mother / Daughter Sleepover will be held at the Conference Resource Library on Friday, February 8, from 7:00 p.m. until Saturday, February 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 January 31 by calling Marlene Bogard at 316-283-6300.

**John McCutcheon, nationally acclaimed singer,** songwriter and peace activist, will perform at Memorial Hall on the Bethel College campus, North Newton, Saturday, February 16, at 7:30 p.m. This concert headlines KIPCOR's 35<sup>th</sup> annual Peace Lecture Series and is free and open to the public.

**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 February 29 – March 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 camp at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@menowdc.org](mailto:campmno@menowdc.org).