

*Joy Mennonite Church*  
**PASTOR'S  
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Several persons from the Joy Mennonite Church are involved with the Peace House in planning an inter-religious seminar on non-violence as an alternative to military solutions to conflict. The former Yugoslavia will be used as a case study. Peter Brueckner will be working with several other professors to bring speakers representing the various factions of the conflict. The Mennonite church is one of several religious bodies that are being asked to bring stories of nonviolent ways of dealing with conflict. A basic approach is admitting we do not have the answer to the complex national and political struggles going on in the world but the best we have to offer are our stories.

Isn't the church a bit like a teenager growing up? We are beginning to realize we don't have the answers we once thought we did. Or maybe it is that it really takes fifty years or a lifetime to grow up instead of 20 as we thought. We cannot solve the complex problems even in our own country let alone the world with theologically correct thinking. If we don't have stories of God's movement among us we really don't have anything to say.

Telling the story is a powerful way to witness and should be our model for evangelism. The basic structure of the Bible is telling the story of the acts of God. The martyrs come out of times when the church was witnessing to the God movement among them rather than telling the world about their theological beliefs.

The God movement can come when we become emptied of self, the use of our abilities and our weapons to solve problems. The God movement does not depend on the spectacular. It can come when God's people get excited, like Jesus did, when people share a cup of water with "one of the least of these." We can't force aid convoys to move if people at the grass roots will not have the compassion to share a cup of water.

What we have seen and heard we declare. I John 1:3. What we lack most in America is not Christian workers but the experience of God's movement among us.

Your Pastor,

*Moses Mast*



Dear Friends,



Winding down the Lenten season is always a somber yet exciting time in the church year. Easter, with its implications of expectation and spiritual renewal, was once the highlight of the church year, but Christmas with the same expectation has taken over that No. 1 spot. We have opted for gaiety and extravagance at Christ's birth over the pain and guilt of his death and our peace at his resurrection.

Yet Easter messages can tug a bit better at our heart strings - tragedy usually does - and inspire us. Will these inspirations be of a lasting nature enabling us to together grasp issues of love, justice, equality and forgiveness and become effective in our lives and in the community?

Or maybe they will be just enough to dull our senses that the issues won't bother us.

With everything else, Christ was an example of servitude and commitment. Should our goals be less?

Happy Easter.

*Bice Klassen*



**Special  
 Amusement**



**COMING EVENTS**

Come join us in the fellowship of Holy Communion on Palm Sunday, 4 April. Beginning with a light "memorial supper" at 6:00 p.m., distribution of bread and cup will follow.

All friends of the church are invited.

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The Edmond Mennonite Brethren Church has invited Joy Mennonite Church to fellowship with them at their Maundy Thursday service at 33 SE 33rd in Edmond at 7:30 p.m. on 8 April.

The Peace House and various community churches will sponsor an interfaith seminar on 2 May at 4:00 p.m. in the University Place Church, 1444 NW 28th St., OKC, on "Nonviolent Alternatives to Military Resolution of Conflict." Case study - Yugoslavia.



Joy Mennonite Church Bible Study moves into its fourth month in April, hosted by Peter and Kay Brueckner. They live in Norman at 2623 Acacia, that is E. of I-35 and S. of Lindsey St. - use State highway 9 -E. exit off I-35. Dropping 4 and 11 April for Palm Sunday and Easter, the first April study evening will be on Sunday, 18 April, at 7:00 p.m.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

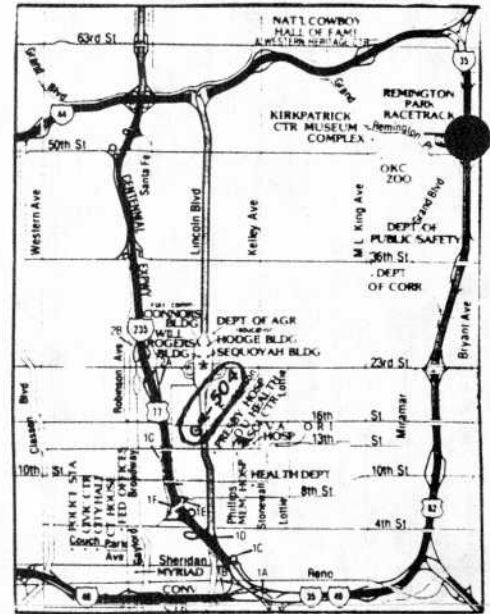
Sun.	4 Apr.	'93	Palm Sunday
Thurs.	8 Apr.	'93	Maundy Thursday
Fri.	9 Apr.	'93	Good Friday
Sun.	11 Apr.	'93	Easter Sunday
Sun.	9 May	'93	Mother's Day
Sun.	30 May	'93	Trad. Memorial Day
Mon.	31 May	'93	Memorial Holiday
Mon.	14 June	'93	Flag Day
Sun.	20 June	'93	Father's Day

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1993  
**THE YEAR AHEAD**

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
 EVERY SUNDAY AT 10 O'CLOCK A.M.



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Joy Mennonite Church was just one stop on the tour of the choir from Bethel College, "The Second Century Singers." After supper at the church with members and friends of the church their presentation at Clegg Methodist Church was a marvelous experience for an audience of 50 plus Friday evening, 26 March. God bless them richly as they continue to inspire communities around the country.

Sadie Mast is actively involved in a "Mother-to-Mother" program in Oklahoma City. It is designed to give young mothers support with love and encouragement and help young mothers cope with problems.



Moses & Sadie Mast  
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