

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 20—Palm Sunday

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 4:04 PM Catechism (youth and parents) in Room 225
- 5:05 PM Faspas/Worship/Bible Study—Youth Room

Monday, March 21

- Jail Ministry: Jerry Regier
- 7:30 PM Property—Room 224

Wednesday, March 23

- 7:00 PM Choir (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Rooms)
- 8:15 PM Worship Band

Thursday, March 24

- 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service—Sanctuary

Friday, March 25

- Good Friday—Office Closed

Sunday, March 27—Easter

- 8:45 AM Cinnamon Rolls and Drinks—Fellowship Hall
- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service

Upcoming Worship Services

- April 3—Good News: Believe!—Acts 1:1-11; John 18:1-11
- April 10—Good News: Go!—John 19:18-31; Matthew 28:16-20



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Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 20, 2016

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Gathering

Prelude Donna Stucky, organist/pianist

Gathering song: *Hosanna* **CS 60

The work of the people (announcements)

Call to worship: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

Opening prayer

Children's palm branch processional

Children and parents are invited to meet in the Court Area to prepare for the palm branch processional.

Songs of faith: *All glory, laud, and honor* *H 237
Hosanna, loud hosanna H 238

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus..... Cindy Combs

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Hearing God's Word

Song of faith: *Ride on, ride on in majesty* H 239

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

Sermon: *The Plan* Pastor Kay Schroeder

Responding to God's Word

Confession

Assurance of grace

Special music: *In the name of the Lord*..... Jyl Ewy

Pastoral prayer..... Pastor Anita Kehr

Sending

Sending song: *To God be the glory* H 102

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book

**CS denotes Companion Songbook

Chorister: Paul Schrag HAT: Stephanie Weaver, Kathleen Neff, Dave Wiebe, Brent Voran

Childcare: Phil or Linda Gaertner, Lia Groves

Ushers: Gus Dorado, Ray Franz, Mike Garcia, Allen Schmidt

Audio Tech: Graham Unruh Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy

Visuals: Cindy Unruh

The community Good Friday service sponsored by the Newton Ministerial Alliance will take place on Friday, March 25, 7:00 PM at First United Methodist Church in Newton.



You are invited to bring lilies and leave them in classroom 224 prior to the Easter Sunday, March 27, worship service. They will be arranged in the Sanctuary for Easter morning. You may pick yours up following the service.

You are invited to a time of fellowship on Easter Sunday morning, 8:45-9:15 AM, in the Fellowship Hall for cinnamon rolls and drinks provided by the Caregiving and Membership Commission. A gluten-free option will be available.

Please check out the bulletin board in the Court Area. There is a list of service opportunities for the 2016 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale.

Cards are available in the pews for you to share your thoughts, prayer requests, ask for a visit, or whatever you would like to communicate. Remember to sign them and put them in the offering plate.

Prayer is one of God's gifts to us. If you would like to pray in a set-aside room for that purpose, the prayer room is available whenever the church is open in Room #113. The weekly prayer and praise notes can remind you of some of the situations needing intercession.

Community Announcements

The Comforter Blitz committee wants to extend a hearty "thank you" to the ladies who came to the Comforter Blitz to help us complete 287 comforters for MCC. There were 384 ladies who helped during the 2 1/2 days. These comforters have all been delivered to MCC in North Newton. MCC is now eager to get these comforters folded to the correct size for baling, to be shipped off to needy areas of the world. Up to 6 ladies can work together to fold comforters. Please call MCC and ask for Irma Gonzalez at 283-2720. Irma will set up a time for you to help. Daytime hours are preferred.

Circles of Hope—The public is invited to hear a guest speaker from the Domestic Violence Association on March 22. Supper will be at 5:30 PM with the meeting following at 6:30 PM at First United Methodist Church. Please call 284-0000 if you will be bringing children who will require childcare. The next Circles of Hope Ally training is April 2. Now is a good time to sign up.

COLLEGE-AGE YOUNG ADULTS

HEY! College-age Young Adults! Join us Sunday @ 9:15 a.m. in Room 110 for conversation, coffee, cinnamon rolls, and a chance to connect/re-connect!

FIRST POTLUCKS: April 3 and May 1 (mark your calendars)

SR. HIGH YOUTH

"Get ←.....→ CONNECTED"

Expressing love of God in worship
Experiencing love in community
Extending God's love to the world

▶▶ Sunday, March 20 (TODAY!)

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- ⇒ 5:05 pm Fasp/Worship/Bible Study/Prayer in Youth Room

▶▶ Wednesday, March 23

- ⇒ 7:01 pm Youth Group—Meet at FMC. We'll go work at the Et Cetera Shop and will be back at church by 8:30 pm.

▶▶ Saturday, April 2

- ⇒ Serve supper at Harvey County Homeless Shelter

Dear advocates of the abolition of the death penalty in Kansas— At this point in the legislative process we are encouraged to contact either Speaker of the House Ray Merrick (785-296-2302; ray.merrick@house.ks.gov) about HB 2515 or President of the Senate Susan Wagler. (785-296-2419; Susan.Wagler@senate.ks.gov) about SB 478. These are identical bills that would replace the death penalty with life in prison without the possibility of parole. ~June Thomsen, for the Caregiving and Membership Commission

The Harvey County Homeless Shelter (HCHS) is collecting new and gently-used Bibles to give to each resident as an Easter gift. Bibles can be delivered at any time to HCHS at 900 West Broadway, Building 7 (the first building north of the chapel) on the Youthville campus in Newton.

Offender/Victim Ministries in Newton is hiring a half-time Administrative Assistant. For full job description or to submit resumes contact Libby Schrag at libby@offendervictimministries.org.

The Bethel College Concert Choir will present its home concert on Sunday, March 27, 7:00 PM in Memorial Hall.

Peace Connections and Hesston College will be presenting a Poverty Simulation on Monday, March 28, 6:30-9:00 PM. This event is sponsored by the Hesston Community Foundation and is free to the public! In just a few

hours you will fast forward through a month in the life of a family living in poverty. This guided role play enables the participant to experience the everyday struggles faced by families living in poverty, including those in Harvey County. The event will be held at Hesston Mennonite Church, located at 309 S. Main Street, Hesston, Kansas. Reservations are encouraged and can be made by contacting Peace Connections at 284-0000 or info@peaceconnections.org.

Mennonite Mission Network is now accepting applications for the role of Global Ministries Senior Executive to provide leadership and oversight to the Global Ministries division, to participate in organizational leadership, and to work with the Executive Director in cultivating healthy relationships with international and local partners. The anticipated start date is August 2016. To receive a position description or to send a letter of interest please address HR Senior Executive Rachel Stoltzfus (RachelS@MMNWorld.net) and Executive Director Stanley Green (StanleyG@MMNWorld.net).

Hesston College Theatre will present the musical drama *Working*, at 7:30 PM, April 1, 2, 8, and 9, and at 2:30 PM, April 3 and 10. All performances are in the Helmuth Studio Theatre in the Northlawn Center for Performing Arts Education. *Working* is rated PG for mild language. Tickets are \$10 for adults and seniors and \$5 for students. Tickets can be purchased through the Hesston College Bookstore in person, by phone at 620-327-8104 or online at books.hesston.edu. Tickets will also be available at the door 30 minutes prior to show time and are subject to availability. Purchasing tickets in advance is recommended due to limited seating.

Bohne berrogie bake day for the MCC Sale will be Saturday, April 2, at Moundridge High School. Volunteers are needed to help make this project happen. Shifts start at 6:45 AM and 10:00 AM. If you can help, please call Marla Gillmore at 620-921-0428 or email at bmg@lrmutual.com.

MCC has a job opening—The MCC Central States Executive Director position is available starting in June. The Executive Director promotes and encourages support of MCC. The Director works hand-in-hand with a management team which includes the Program Director and the Director of Donor Relations to provide vision and leadership to MCC program in the region and to develop and maintain strong relationships between MCC and its constituents in the region. This full-time position requires considerable cooperation and coordination with MCC US and the other regional MCCs and considerable travel in the region and beyond. The full job description is available at mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/executive-director-cs. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Huber at heidihuber@mcc.org.

WELCOME TO EVERYONE who has come to worship and especially to those who are here for the first time. May you experience the loving embrace of God today. Nursery Care, infants to age 2, is provided during the worship service in the nursery located at the back of the Sanctuary. Childcare is available for children ages 2-4 during the worship service in Room 223. If you need help finding your way, ask an usher at the door. We would be glad to help you!

“Meet the Congregation” displays now feature Ella Regier, Dwight and Janet Regier, and Bertha Steinle. Take a look at the display cases by the Library and Court Area and learn about each family.

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—219; Visitors—10
- Sunday School—171

Receiving or has received care—Paul Koehn, NMC

Offering: Last week’s offering for Local Mission was \$5,158. The offering for March 27 is for Local Mission.

Today the buckets will be passed during the offering time to collect loose change for the relief work of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). The buckets will be passed each week until the MCC Sale on April 8-9.

The family of Elda Jantz would like to thank everyone for their part in the service and meal, thoughts, food, cards and prayers, We are truly blessed to belong to a congregation who upholds us. May God give you a sense of our love for you. ~Robert and Karen Siemens, Bonnie Siemens, Dennis and Martha Siemens, Carol and Jerry Hiebert and Monte and Christa Hiebert Family.

Otis Unruh will be honored with a birthday open house for his 95th birthday. He was born on March 22, 1921. The FMC family is invited to celebrate with him from 2:00 to 4:00 PM **today** in the Community Room at Kidron Bethel Village in North Newton. No gifts please, but cards are welcome.

Maundy Thursday Service—Everyone is invited to attend. *The Cloth of Jesus* will begin at 7:00 PM, Thursday, March 24, in the sanctuary. Come experience Jesus’ life through scripture, song, prayer, communion, and cloth.