

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, April 10—Good News: Go!—John 21:15-19; Matthew 28:16-20

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship Service

### Monday, April 11

Jail Ministry: Gary Moore

### Wednesday, April 13

7:00 PM Youth Group

### Thursday, April 14

7:00 PM Church Board

### Sunday, April 17—James Krabill—Mennonite Mission Network

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
4:00 PM Catechism

### Upcoming Worship Services

April 24—Promised Land—Potluck/Spring Congregational Meeting  
May 1—Praying with open hands (Series on prayer begins)  
May 8—Prayer and Praise



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# Good News

## Believe

# GO!

April 10, 2016  
**First Mennonite Church**

# Good News: GO!

## Sunday, April 10, 2016

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### Gathering

**Prelude** ..... Nora Miller, pianist

**Gathering song:** *I Looked Up*

**The work of the people (announcements)**

**Call to worship** ..... Judy Murphy, worship leader

**Opening prayer**

**Songs of faith:** *Holy Spirit Come With Power*  
*I Love to Tell the Story*

**Greet one another; children come forward**

### Hearing God's Word

**Children's focus** ..... Keith Knopp

**Song of faith:** *How clear is our vocation, Lord* ..... \*H 541

**Offering:** Local Mission

**Offertory**

(Please pass the welcome pads)

**Scripture:** John 21:15-19; Matthew 28:16-20

Lia Groves, Ben Bollinger, Derek Entz, scripture readers

**Sermon:** *Come and GO* ..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

### Responding to God's Word

**Song of faith:** *You are salt*

**Pastoral prayer** ..... Pastor Kay Schroeder

### Sending

**Sending song:** *On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

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\*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book

\*\*CS denotes Companion Songbook

Musicians: Ben Regier, Dwayne Abrahams, Ken Regier, Austin Regier, Tim Regier.

Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder; Janet Franz, Renee Hamm, Chris Weaver, Kent Erb, vocals

Childcare: Michael or Pamela Garcia, Schyler Entz

Ushers: Bob Schmidt, Brian Walker, Rod Schmidt, Allen Schmidt

Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn Video/Lighting Tech: Tyler Shelly

Visuals: Carol Hiebert

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#### Our Mission is to glorify God:

- Through expressing our love to God in worship.
- Through experiencing Christian love in community.
- Through extending God's love to the world.

**College scholarship money is available**—If you will be attending (or are considering) a Mennonite college, university or seminary in 2016-2017, you are invited to apply for scholarship funds from FMC. **By no later than Sunday, April 17**, submit the completed application to either Jyl Ewy or Ron Dietzel. For each school year, an FMC application must be completed. Some Mennonite colleges provide matching funds so your monies would be doubled when enrolled in one of those schools. Eligibility criteria for the FMC funds are provided on the application. The form is available in the Court Area by the Church Office.

**Men and Boys Retreat—April 15-17**—Hey guys, it is time to head to camp! Bring a father, son, mentor, or friend out to Camp Mennoscah for this long standing tradition. Spend time sitting by the fire, fishing, canoeing, visiting with friends, worship, and relaxing. Sleep out under the stars or in your own tent, or claim a spot in the cabins or bunk houses. The weekend officially begins Saturday morning but many arrive on Friday. There will be a worship service on Sunday morning. Meals can be purchased for Saturday night, Sunday breakfast and lunch. Go to [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) for lodging costs. Questions? Call or text Brent Voran at 316-215-1452.

**Women's Fellowship work day**—Tuesday, April 19, 9:30 AM-1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch. Devotions will be led by Laura Friesen and the offering is for Mennonite Women USA.

**The Spring Congregational Meeting** is called for **SUNDAY, APRIL 24, at 12:30 PM**, following a potluck meal. The agenda will include a vote for extending a four year term call to Pastor Anita, reports from our treasurer, Audit Committee, and Capital Fund Committee. Drinks will be provided for the potluck. Please bring your own tableware and food to share. Childcare will be provided. Please plan to attend this important congregational meeting.

**It's time to sign up for Camp Mennoscah!** To receive your early registration discount of \$10 please have your registration arrive at camp before May 1. When you fill out your registration, there is a line that asks if you have a scholarship. You do! Our church will again be providing \$100 scholarships for all First Mennonite and Casa Betania campers. The sign up sheets for scholarships will go up on the bulletin board in the court area soon.

**Guy's Grubfast**—Saturday, April 23, 8:00 AM. Males of all ages are welcome to gather at the home of John Good for fun, food, and fellowship. Dwayne Abrahams will lead the devotions. Bring your favorite breakfast item to share!

**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.

## 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!

The FINAL spring FIRST POTLUCK = May 1

**SR. HIGH YOUTH**  
"Get ← ..... → CONNECTED"

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

- ▶ **Sunday, April 10 (TODAY)**
  - ⇒ 9:15 am Sunday School
  - ⇒ 5:00 pm Youth Ministers



- ▶ **Wednesday, April 13**
  - ⇒ 7:01 pm (PROMPTLY) - WORSHIP in THE WHEAT night!

We'll carpool to Dwight and Janet's—roast some hotdogs for supper and explore the new life in the wheat that we planted in October.



It's Time to Do Some Growing!

- ▶ **Sunday, April 17**
  - ⇒ 9:15 am Sunday School
  - ⇒ 4:04 pm Catechism



**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.

**Balcony window sashes**—If you are interested in one of the old balcony window sashes that was removed, please contact Rod Schmidt at 283-5889 for more information.

### Community Announcements

**The Allies Group**, which supports people with various sexual identities and their families and friends, will be meeting today at 4:00 PM in the southeast corner basement Sunday School room. For more information contact Tim Wiens (MD).

**Everyone is invited!** The Western District Conference Reference Council will be April 23, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, at the First Mennonite Church in Beatrice, NE. Panel discussion, storytelling, table conversations and more—how can rural and urban congregations learn from one another as partners in God's mission? Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by April 14, 283-6300 or [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org). Let us know if you want to carpool.

**Newton Et Cetera Shop** seeks a full-time general manager available on May 16. Responsibilities include office administration, store promotion, and supervision of a large volunteer and staff team. Retail experience is helpful. Please contact katherineclaassen@hotmail.com for more information. Application deadline is April 15.

**Kitchen/Dining Hall Renovation fund-raising meal**—The Camp Mennoscah Board of Directors invites you to enjoy music by Book of JEBB, a meal of favorite camp foods served by the Board, a preview of the renovation plans and meeting the new Executive Director, Jerry Kroeker. This all happens on April 23, 5:30 PM at Camp Mennoscah dining hall. Space is limited so register by April 15. Call 620-297-3014 or office@campmennoscah.org. Suggested minimum donation is \$25 for adults/\$10 for children.

**Benefit for CASA: A voice for Children.** John McCutcheon will be in concert at Krehbiel Auditorium, on the Bethel College campus, April 17, 6:00 PM. General Admission is \$22.00. Preferred seating/meet and greet is \$35.00. Purchase tickets online at www.9thcasa.org. For more information contact Kathy Wiens.

**The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus** will be in concert at Bethany College in Lindsborg at Presser Hall on Sunday, April 17, 7:00 PM. They will also be in concert at Central Community Church in Wichita on Sunday, April 24, 7:00 PM.

**Community Stakeholder Meetings**—Parents, staff, and community members are invited to come join us in helping to develop the vision for USD 373. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 19, 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 421 S. Ash Street. Additional meetings will be held on May 17 and June 7. Please plan to attend these important meetings! For more information, visit the USD 373 Vision & Comprehensive Planning page—[usd373-ks.schoolloop.com](http://usd373-ks.schoolloop.com)

**The Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies** at Tabor College is sponsoring two events on Saturday, April 23. The first is a local Mennonite Heritage Tour and lunch from 12:15 to 5:15 PM. It will begin at Tabor's Historic Church and circle through the Marion County region, visiting various Polish, Russian and Swiss Mennonite sites, including Alexanderfeld. The cost is \$30. Then, the CMBS Annual Spring Dinner Meeting, will be at 6:30 PM, at Tabor's Wohlgemuth Lobby. The cost is \$16. It will feature *Beginnings and Distinctives of the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite* by Minister Linford Holdeman, Halstead, Kansas. Please RSVP to Peggy Goertzen, CMBS, (620) 947-3121 ext.1211/1212 or [peggyg@tabor.edu](mailto:peggyg@tabor.edu) by April 18.

**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 Tim and Kathy Wiens, Jim and Judy Schrag, Florene Wiens, and Albert Wiens. 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—238; Visitors—14
- Sunday School—189

**In Sympathy**—Mark Regier (60) passed away on Thursday, March 31. His funeral service was held on Tuesday, April 5, at The Gathering. We extend our condolences to Mark's family.

**In Sympathy**—Wenley Bergman (86) passed away on April 5. Wenley and his family attended here from 1970-2000. His funeral service will be here at First Mennonite Church on Monday, April 11. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

**New address**—Allen Schmidt's new address is 200 Cedar Street, **Room 306B**, Hesston, KS 67062.

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$6,300. The offering for April 17 is for Local Mission.

**The March financials are completed.** We spent \$6,980.52 more than we brought in. This brings our year to date total to \$15,359.94. We need to average \$8,700.00 per Sunday for the rest of the year in order to meet our budget. Please prayerfully consider how much you are giving. Thank you! ~Financial Stewardship Committee

**"I am writing to you from Bethlehem,** less than a mile from Manger Square. During these first days of the Learning Tour, I have heard from a variety of people about a variety of topics in regard to the situation of Israel/Palestine. I look forward to sharing with you about this upon my return. I have also seen a landscape that is right out of Bible stories and have walked where characters from biblical history once walked. (I can hardly believe I'm here!) Many thanks for your prayers." ~Pastor Anita