

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 3—Good News: Believe!

- 7:45 AM Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission
- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM FIRST Potluck—Fellowship Hall
- 4:04 PM Catechism

Monday, April 4

Jail Ministry: Gary and Ruby Moore, Arlen Wiens

Wednesday, April 6

- 7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, April 7

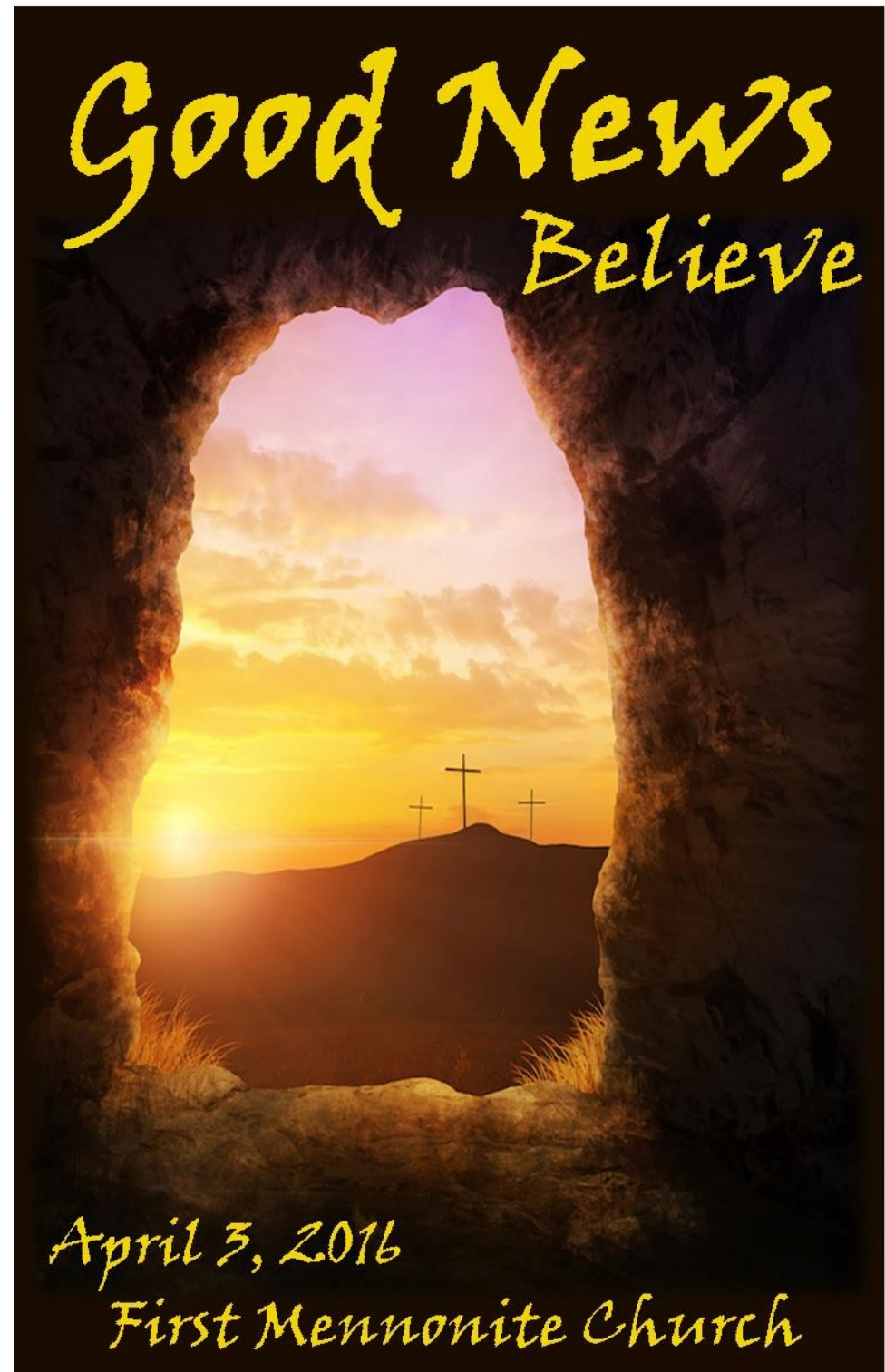
- 7:00 PM Nurture Commission

Sunday, April 10—Good News: Go!—John 19:18-31; Matthew 28:16-20

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

Upcoming Worship Services

- April 17—James Krabill—Mennonite Mission Network
- April 24—Promised Land
- May 1—Praying with open hands (Series on prayer begins)



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Sunday, April 3, 2016

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Gathering

PreludeSheralyn Goering, pianist

Gathering song: *I will rise*

The work of the people (announcements).....Pastor Kay Schroeder

Opening dramatic monologue: *The Third Man* by Kathy Wiens,
portrayed by Ken Frey

Scripture: John 11:24-26

Songs of faith: *I am the Bread of life* *H 472
Jesus Messiah

Greet one another; children come forward

Hearing God's Word

Children's focus Andrea Regier

Offering: Mennonite Mission Network

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Song of faith: *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!*.....H 278

Scripture: John 21:1-13, John 20:30-31

Sermon: *Manic Monday* Pastor Joel Schroeder

Responding to God's Word

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *Amazing Love (You are my King)*

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book

**CS denotes Companion Songbook

Musicians: Dan Miller, Rachel Unruh, Kay Schroeder, Daryl Unruh, vocals; Graham Unruh, bass; Daryl Unruh, guitar; Carol Entz, chorister.

Childcare: Greg or Laura Myers, Addie Regier

Ushers: Rick Ortman, Heath Kerr, Donnie Kingsley, Allen Schmidt

Audio Tech: Larry Becker Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner

Visuals: Carol Hiebert

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.

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.

SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is being called for Sunday, April 17, at 12:30 PM. The meeting will follow a church potluck dinner in Fellowship Hall. Action will be taken to vote on extending a four-year term call to Pastor Anita. Reports will be shared from the pastors, the treasurer, the financial Audit Committee, and the Capital Funds Committee. Child care will be provided. Please plan on attending this important congregational meeting.

If you have a church key, please always remember to make sure you have locked the doors and the lights are turned off before you leave. Thank you!

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.

Please be aware that we have some folks with chemical sensitivities in our congregation. So, please be careful about your use of scented lotions, colognes, etc. Thank you.

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 POTLUCK: April 3 TODAY! See you in Fellowship Hall after worship!

SR. HIGH YOUTH

“Get ←.....→ CONNECTED”

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

» Sunday, April 3 (TODAY)

- ⇒ 9:15 am Sunday School
- ⇒ 4:04 pm Catechism (Warkentin Rm)

» Wednesday, April 6

- ⇒ 7:01 pm Youth Group



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.

Schedule change—Just a reminder that the church office will close at noon on Fridays.

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.

Please be hospitable to our neighbors and avoid parking within four feet of a driveway or alleyway on the street (which is also illegal and a towable offense). Remember that we have three other church parking lots besides the ones that surround the church building. There are two on SE 2nd Street (one to the east and one to the west) and then the parking lot on First and Pine. Thank you!

Community Announcements

Nova Deco concert—Tuesday, April 5, 7:00 PM, Administration Building chapel at Bethel College. Nova Deco is Nancy Johnson and Dominique Corbeil, violins. Joining them will be Karen Bauman Schlabaugh, piano. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Rupert Hohmann String Scholarship at Bethel College.

The Allies Group, which supports people with various sexual identities and their families and friends, will be meeting on Sunday, April 10, 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. 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.

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

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.

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.

Camp Mennoscah wants as many kids and youth as possible to have a summer youth camp experience. It's a great way to help faith grow and to find God in creation and in friends. The summer youth camp theme is Fearless Faith: Courage in Community. For more information call 620-297-3290 or email office@campmennoscah.org. Scholarships are available. You can register online at www.campmennoscah.org.

Kitchen helpers for Camp Mennoscah's summer youth camps are needed for the weeks of June 19-25, June 26-30, July 17-23, and July 24-29. No great skill is needed, only willing hands and a giving heart. Parents can receive a camper discount of up to full camp fees. Call 620-297-3290 for more information. Free camp tee for all volunteers!

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—311; Visitors—31
- Sunday School—193

Receiving or has received care—Albert Wiens, NMC

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$9,285. The offering for April 10 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). Today is the last Sunday the buckets will be passed.

FIRST Potluck today!! Everyone (college students, guests, regular attenders...everyone) is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service today for great food and great fellowship!

The MCC Sale is this week on April 8-9! Please consider baking a pie for the sale. Instructions and pie pans are on the table by the bulletin board in the Court Area. Please bring your baked goods to the church by 9:00 AM Friday, April 8.

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