

My Cry is Heard

Sunday, January 22, 2017

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Gathering

Prelude Jyl Ewy, pianist

The work of the people (announcements)

Call to worship..... June Thomsen, worship leader

Opening prayer

Songs of faith: *God of the Bible*
Ancient of Days

Greet one another; children come forward

Praising

Children's focus Bryan Kehr

Kingdom report: Camp Mennoscah Michael Unruh, executive director

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Hearing God's Word

Old Testament reading: Genesis 11:1-9

New Testament reading: Acts 2:1-18

Song of faith: *Holy Spirit, come with power*..... *H 26

Sermon: *Singing a New Song* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Where cross the crowded ways* H 405

Pastoral prayer..... Pastor Kay Schroeder

Sending

Sending song: *I bind my heart this tide* H 411

Blessing:

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Kay Schroeder; HAT: Joan Entz, Wendy Schrag, Dan Miller, Daryl Unruh
Ushers: Alan Entz, Ryan Nye, Jan Groves, Allen Schmidt
Childcare: Michael or Pamela Garcia, Addie Regier
Audio Tech: Ron Bachman Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy
Visuals: Pat Litsey

OUR VISION—Together in Christ: rooted deeply, reaching widely, loving well

OUR MISSION—With Jesus as our center, we are called to be:

- Faith-Focused
- Mission-Minded
- Community-Connected

All-Commissions/Committees Retreat, Saturday, January 28, 8:00-12:00 noon: All members of ministry commissions and resource committees should have received an invitation to the retreat to take place on January 28. Please plan to attend this important time of beginning a new year of ministry!

New Cabin build at Camp Mennoscah! This winter/spring a new boys' cabin will be built at Camp Mennoscah. On February 3, 4, and 6 a work crew from First Mennonite Church will clear trees, do dirt work, and pour the foundation! If you are able to join the FMC Foundation Crew (full or part-time) please contact Kent Erb ASAP!

Greeters needed. Are you friendly, helpful, and outgoing? Do you have a good "grip"? We are looking for a few good people to be on our team of greeters for Sunday morning services. You only have to work once a month and there are no committee meetings! Pay is far below minimum wage, but the benefits are great! Contact Brent Voran for an interview.

Family Life Ministry is hosting a Freezer Meal Party on Saturday, February 4, 9:00 AM, with prep starting the evening of February 3. We will be assembling five 9x13 casseroles and are expecting the cost to be around \$50 per family. Any funds received above the cost of groceries will be used to assemble extra casseroles to bless families/individuals outside of our group. The menu will be posted as soon as it is available. We are asking that each person who signs up to attend the event also helps with either Friday evening prep or Saturday afternoon clean up. The deadline for signing up is Sunday, January 29. We are limiting this event to 15 families so don't wait!! You can either sign up by calling/texting Christa Hiebert at 316-283-1984 or by marking that you are going on our Facebook Group "First Mennonite Church Family Life Ministry."

Seconds @ FIRST Potluck—Our next potluck will be Sunday, February 12, when we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall with family, friends, visitors, and college-age

SR. HIGH YOUTH

*With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:
Faith-focused, Mission-minded, Community-Centered*

Sunday, January 22 (TODAY)

▶▶ 4:02 pm—Bible Study @ Addy Regiers (Supper included!)

Wednesday, January 25

▶▶ 5:30-6:45 pm—Church Family Night meal

▶▶ 6:44 pm—Youth Group



**COMING
EVENTS**

- ▶▶ February 15—Verenika Dinner Fundraiser
- ▶▶ February 18-20—Winter Retreat @ Camp Mennoscah
- ▶▶ July 16-21—Summer Mission Trip (Chicago, IL)

young adults. Everyone is welcome to attend and encouraged to bring additional food to share with guests.

Community Announcements

Kauffman Museum marks the 150th anniversary of the Chisholm Trail with its Kansas Day celebration on Saturday, January 28, 11:00 AM. The program will be by Jim Gray, executive director of the National Drivers Hall of Fame, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. There will be special activities in and around the museum from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. This event is free and open to the public. In addition to the activities, there will be a silent auction and a bake sale at Kauffman Museum.

On Tuesday, January 31, 6:30 PM in Hesston, the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains will begin its 2017 Winter Lecture Series with Nature Conservancy ecologist and field manager Ken Brunson speaking about "Fire Recovery in the Red Hills." The lecture will take place in the Prairie Pavilion, with a soup supper preceding it at 6:00 PM in the Visitor's Center. The cost of the lecture is \$2 per person, or supper and the lecture is \$7. Interested persons should call 620-327-8127 by 5:00 PM on Friday before the Tuesday lecture for supper reservations.

Circles of Hope, Harvey County will host its first-ever soup supper and dessert auction on Tuesday, January 31, at the First United Methodist Church, 801 N. Main, Newton, Kansas. Enjoy a delicious dinner from 5:30 to 6:15 PM at our by-donation soup supper and then make your bid on some mouth-watering desserts from 6:15 to 7:30 PM, with guest auctioneer Mike Flavin! All proceeds benefit Circles of Hope.

Everence Financial will present an informational webinar on the topic of *Women and Money* Thursday, February 2, from 12:00 to 12:30 PM. This is designed to address the distinctive financial needs of women. The presentation will include information on saving and investing for the future (including retirement) and getting started on a sound financial plan. The information will be presented by Andrea Bontrager Unzicker, Managing Director for Everence Financial Advisors in Central Kansas. To register, go to everence.com/kansas or contact Darlene Buller at (620) 327-4043, (877) 467-7294 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

Attention Young Adults! There will be an Area Wide PC-PF (Post College- Pre Family) Potluck and Game Night on Saturday, February 4, 6:00 PM at Tabor Mennonite Church. This group is designed for young adults in similar life stages to socialize together. Please bring table service, a dish to share, and games to play. Drinks will be provided. If you have questions, please contact Kristin Unruh at kristin.unruh@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

You are invited to a forum on “Native American Justice” on Saturday, February 11, 9:00 AM—12:00 noon at Mennonite Church of the Servant, 2401 N. Woodland in Wichita. The focus will be on the North American history of colonization and land loss, the Kanza story, and practical steps toward justice. There is a suggested donation of \$5. If you have questions please call John Stoesz at 316-213-2006 (cell) or email him at johnstoesz1@gmail.com.

What's So Funny about Money?—a Ted and Company show—is coming to the McPherson Opera House, 219 S Main St, McPherson, KS on Sunday, February 19, 7:00 PM. This show is open to the public by donation to benefit the WDC Matching Fund, assisting pastors with financial challenges. Invite your friends!

Wanted for Kansas MCC Sale—Cars, Trucks, Tractors, Farm Equipment (old and new) and large items of value for the Kansas MCC Sale. These are tax deductible donations that can benefit you as well as MCC. If you have items you don't know what to do with, PLEASE consider donating them to the Kansas MCC Sale. We take your donations seriously and will make every effort possible to help it bring a good price. Call Jerry Toews, (620) 367-8257, for information and details.

The Bethel College Alumni Choir is looking for more singers interested in getting together for music, fun and fellowship. The next concert will be Sunday, February 5, 3:00 PM (you'll be out in time for football!), with one rehearsal, Saturday, February 4, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. If you're a Bethel choir alumnus and want to be involved, contact Andrew Voth, votha@usd411.org; see “Bethel College Alumni Choir” on Facebook for more information.

Hesston College's 2017 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series conference is a month away. The February 17-19 conference will cover the topic “When the Unthinkable Happens,” and will discuss how congregations and communities can prepare for and respond to trauma. For the full schedule, more information and registration, visit hesston.edu/avds.

Fundraiser for the Whale! There will be a hymn sing and dessert auction fundraiser for the new playground structure (otherwise known as "the whale") on February 26, 4:00-6:00 PM, at Eden Mennonite Church in Moundridge. All are invited to come to this time of singing, fellowship, and bidding on tasty desserts!

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Fellowship Meals—You are invited to sign-up to host or be a guest on March 5 and March 12. Flyers and registration forms are on the bulletin board in the Court Area. For more information or questions contact Gary or Ruby Moore.

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 Kevin and Renee Hamm and Family (Library display case), Rozane Pohl, and Bob and Mary Lou Schmidt (Court Area display case). Take a look at the display cases and learn more about each family.

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance: Services cancelled due to weather.

Offering: No offering last week. The offering for January 29 is for Western District.

Praise the Lord! A huge THANKS to all of you! We covered our costs for 2016. We ended the year positive with \$335.82. The Lord provides—and so do you! Words cannot express how thankful we are for this church family. Thank you one and all.

~ Financial Stewardship Committee

Receiving or has received care—Louise Janzen, Wesley Hospital (last week); Melvin Pauls, St Francis Hospital

In sympathy—Willard Tieszen (90), Laura Friesen's brother, passed away on Sunday, January 8, in Billings, Montana. Please keep Laura in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you!! Thank you for your generosity in giving to the hat and glove tree. We collected 33 hats, 35 pairs of gloves, and 5 pairs of socks.

For your information—if church services get cancelled due to weather, please look for the announcement on our Facebook page, our church website, or on the KWCH television station.

Help OVM and Mennonite Central Committee in reaching out to prisoners, by helping us collect items for Prisoner Care Kits. See list of items needed listed on the collection box in the Court Area. We will be collecting until February 14. Let's show some love!

New Hope Shelter—Our next week to serve at the shelter is January 25-31. If you or your group are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 316-284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.