

Transfiguration Sunday

February 11, 2018

Gathering

Prelude Amanda Rempel, organist
Canticle of praise arr. Alice Jordan
The Master came to bring good news arr. Jeffrey Blersch

Choral introit: *If thou but suffer God to guide thee* Setting by Lindh

The work of the people (announcements)
(Please pass the welcome pads)

Call to worship Dave Wiebe, worship leader

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *God is here among us* *H 16
Come, thou Almighty King H 41

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Stefanie Knopp

Kingdom celebration: Launch of new logo

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory: *I love thee, my Lord* arr. David N. Johnson

Choral anthem: *I want Jesus to walk with me* arr. Simms

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9

Sermon: *Last Epiphany* Pastor Anitakehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *This little light of mine* H 401

Pastoral prayer Pastor Joel Schroeder

Responding to God's Word

Sending song: *Shine, Jesus, Shine* **CS 42

Blessing

Postlude: *Allegro maestoso* Handel

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Musicians: Choir, Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder; Choir Accompanist: Jyl Ewy
Childcare: Chris Weaver, Brooklynn Black
Ushers: Bob Schmidt, Brian Walker, Heath Kerr, Donnie Kingsley
Audio Tech: Ron Bachman Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner
Visuals: Janet Franz Property Committee: Casson Schmidt

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 11—Transfiguration Sunday; 2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6,
2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9.

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 4:00 PM Richard Denno's Celebration of Life Service
- 6:06 PM Youth Group Bible Study—Youth Rooms

Monday, February 12

- 7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

Wednesday, February 14—Church Family Night

- 5:30 PM Meal served by Living Stones
Menu: Pizza, Gluten Free Pizza, Salad, Cherry Cheesecake
- 6:45 PM Children-ages 2 years to 6th grade—Gather in Room 123
- 6:45 PM Adult Bible Study—Room 222-224
2018 Theme—FMC's 12 Foundational Scriptures
- 6:45 PM Choir (Sanctuary)
- 6:45 PM Jr. High (Room 126)
- 6:45 PM Youth Group (Youth Rooms)
- 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 15

- 7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

Sunday, February 18—Worship through music—Open Road—
Psalm 100, Psalm 95:1-7

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Potluck—FH



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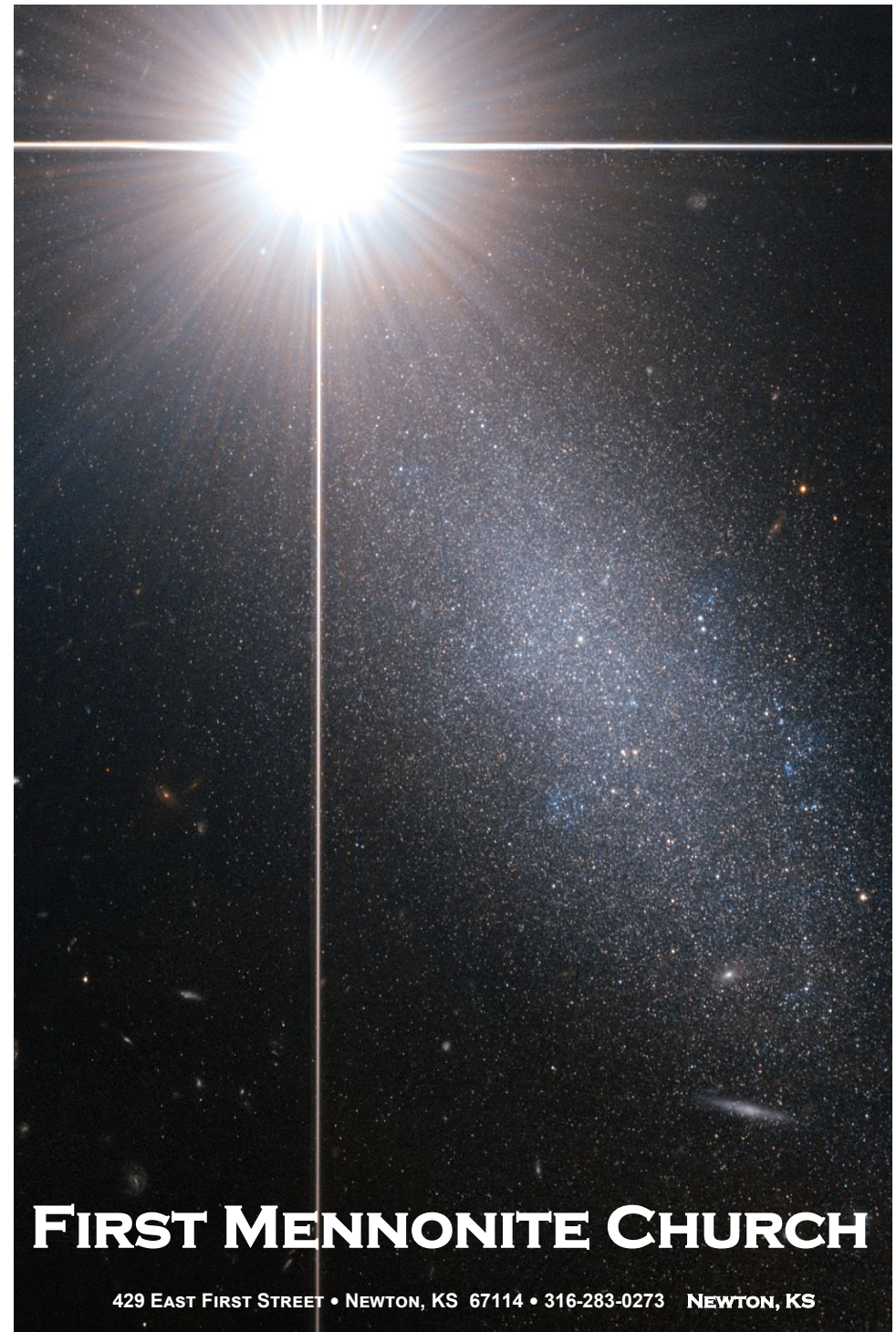
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Attend the Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series conference February 23-25 at Hesston College to become an effective change agent. You'll find or create a small group that shares your passion and begin to learn strategies for fighting injustice alongside others in your congregation and community. The Kansas Leadership Center and Dr. Drew G.I. Hart of Messiah College will help to clarify our purposes and strengthen our Biblical theology of justice while small groups will engage to develop meaningful responses. Register now at Hesston.edu/avds. Cost is \$100/person, \$75 each for two or more.

Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats are here! Register online at campmennoscah.org for a delightfully long weekend of project time, sharing new ideas, devotions, and fun people. Two weekends are offered, February 23-25 and March 2-4. Join us for a cozy weekend of craftiness and coffee or walk the campgrounds for some time in creation! Call 620-297-3290 with questions.

Sunday, February 25, 7:00 PM—Staley Lecture with Malinda Elizabeth Berry, a professor of theology and ethics at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, on "Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence," in the Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Berry will also speak in convocation on Monday, February 26, 11:00 AM, in Krehbiel Auditorium.

Save the date! All women are invited to the Western District Women in Mission/ South Central Women's Spring Supper on Thursday, March 15, 6:00 PM, at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston. Program (7:00 PM) to follow the \$10 supper (fundraiser for the youth).

Camp Mennoscah's annual Youth Volunteer Weekend for grades 7-12 is March 16-17! This over-the-top, laid-back, faith-filled and service-doused retreat should not be missed! We will stay in the Retreat Center due to renovations at the main camp kitchen. There will be music, worship, counselors, and projects for all. Register online at campmennoscah.org or contact us at 620-297-3290 for assistance. We'll see you there!

Looking for that next great adventure? MCC SALT positions now available! Take chances. Make mistakes. Get messy. Be challenged. Spend a year living somewhere that you never dreamed you'd go. Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. Through SALT, Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S. serve internationally in a wide variety of positions in fields like education, agriculture, health care, information technology, peace and more! Start now at salt.mcc.org, to find answers to frequently asked questions, assignment options and to apply. Don't delay—the deadline to sign up is February 15!

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 second half of 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 Keith and Stefanie Knopp and family (Court Area display case); Raymond and Janet Franz (Library display case); Delia Schroeder (Court Area display case); and the Library has a display up of some good books to read this winter (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—209 Visitors—7
- Sunday School—165

Offering: Last week's offering for the Scholarship Fund was \$2,497 and Local Missions Fund was \$5,211. The offering for February 18 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 13-14.

In Sympathy—Richard Denno (79) passed away on February 1. His Celebration of Life service will be today, at 4:00 PM, here at FMC. We extend our condolences to Pat, Denetta, Kaven, Chloe, and the rest of the family.

In experiencing my recent heart attack, your thoughts, prayers, phone calls, visits, and cards sent (each one) were so meaningful. A heartfelt THANKS. Especially meaningful were the visits from Pastor Joel and Pastor Anita. Now that God in his goodness has granted me additional days on this earth, join me in prayerful discerning how He wants me to use this time in Kingdom work and witness.

~Jim Huxman

We would like to express our appreciation for the cards, kind words, and prayers for our family during this time of transition with the death of Dad. Thank you to Pastor Joel for attending the funeral service. Our church family's concern for us means a great deal. ~The family of Les Groves

The Hope through Understanding Team invites you to join a conversation group or to take a survey as we work together to fulfill the purpose, "to support

our church family through listening and identifying needs and processes to rebuild a healthy community." We will again be available in the Court Area following the service for guidance.

Wanted—Couples or individuals who love to welcome visitors and members to our church services and Sunday School. Not an every Sunday position. Contact Miriam Goertzen-Regier or another member of Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission or Bob Schmidt, Gifts Discernment Committee—772-3595 or 283-3916.

The meeting of FMC Allies scheduled for **today** has been postponed due to the service for Rich Denno.

Ash Wednesday Service—To begin the season of Lent, there will be an Ash Wednesday service this Wednesday, February 14, at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited! (Choir and adult Bible Study will meet first in their regular locations.)

Next Sunday, February 18—Our "Worship through Music" service on the first Sunday of Lent will include selections and sharing by Open Road, a men's acapella group from Bethel College. A potluck lunch will follow. Please bring generous amounts of food (we will be feeding college students!) and your own tableware. Drinks are provided. All are welcome!

Scholarship Fund needs replenishment. A large group of our young people continue to pursue higher education at a Mennonite Christian school. For the 2018 Spring semester, \$8,100 was paid out for 19 scholarships (17 full time and 2 part time). Monies were sent to six schools. For the 2017-2018 school year, \$15,863 was paid out. This was feasible due to the generosity of the congregation. As people who believe in the youth and support them, please consider a contribution to the Scholarship Fund. It needs replenishment so there will be sufficient monies for the 2018 Fall semester plus the 2019 Spring semester. The youth are blessed by a congregation that believes in them and supports them. The students and their parents plus the Scholarship Committee appreciate the past and current generosity of the congregation.

Allen Schmidt has moved to a new room at Schowalter Villa. His new room number is 404B.

Ladies Exercise is on Monday and Thursday at 7:00 PM, for about an hour, at the north end of the Fellowship Hall. This is low impact exercise, using DVD's. Please bring an exercise mat and use the gravel parking lot entrance. Contact Melody Enns at mel@jeff-mel.com, or 288-1041 with questions.

SR. HIGH YOUTH

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TODAY (Sunday, February 11)

- » 3:46 pm—meet in Youth Room to attend Rich Denno's Celebration of Life service
- » 6:06 pm—Bible Study in Youth Room

YOUTH GROUP - Wed. (2/14) @ 6:46 PM

WINTER RETREAT—Feb. 23-25

VERENIKA FUNDRAISER—Tuesday, March 6 (prep) and Wednesday, March 14 (serve meal)



Community Announcements

The sixth concert of the 2017-18 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring Freddy & Francine, will be on Sunday, February 11, 4:00 PM, at the Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and good food in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount. Purchase tickets online or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

Families with children: February 14 is the first day of Lent and the beginning of "Between Me & You," a free, downloadable guide for family worship from February 14 through April 1, Easter Sunday. Pick and choose the activities that work best for your family. Find it at: anabaptistfaithformation.org.

Registration is now open for the academic conference, "Mennonites and the Holocaust," to be held on the Bethel College campus March 16-17, with speakers and scholars from Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Ukraine and the United States. See mla.bethelk.edu/MennosandHolocaust for more information or to register online.

Writing to Save Your Life workshop offered on Saturday, February 17, at Pine Village Wellness Center, in Moundridge. Learn how writing can be used as a tool for healing and transformation. The \$20 workshop will be 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. The \$10 bonus, hands-on workshop, 1:00-3:00 PM, will be opportunity to apply what was introduced in the morning session. For info or to register, contact Barb Orsi (barborsi@yahoo.com; 316-300-0287) or Kathy Goering (kjgo@mtelco.net; 316-371-6189).

Raise the Roof in Song—A hymn sing and fundraiser for Mennonite Disaster Service will be Sunday, February 18, 4:00 PM (doors open at 3:30 PM to view auction items). This will take place at Southern Hills Mennonite Church, 511 SE 37th Street, Topeka, KS. Join us for a fun way to raise funds for Mennonite Disaster Service.