

# Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast: God's Hand Delivers Us March 10, 2019

## Gathering

**Gathering song:** *I know not why God's wondrous*.....\*H 338

**Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)**

**Opening words:** Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 ..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

**Centering:** *I Love to Tell the Story* arr. Philip Keveren .... Nora Miller, pianist

**Prayer** (based on Psalm 63 and 91)

**Leader:** O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People:** **Our souls thirst for you  
as in a dry and weary land  
where there is no water.**

**Leader:** We trust in the Lord, who is our refuge,  
who commands his angels to guard us.

**People:** **God delivers and protects us when we are in trouble.**

**All:** ***O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.  
In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy, and you  
uphold us.***

## Praising

**Song of faith:** *Shepherd me, O God* .....H 519

**Greet one another**

**Sharing faith stories** .....Dennis Good, Dorcas Good

**Offering:** Local Mission

**Offertory:** *Blessed Assurance* arr. Victor Labenske  
(Please pass the welcome pads)

**Offering response:** *Praise God from whom* (stanza A)..... H 119

## Hearing God's Word

**Scripture:** Luke 4:1-13

**Sermon:** *Trusting a Saving God* ..... Pastor Kay Schroeder

**Choral response:** *When I survey the wondrous cross* by Watts and Curry

## Responding to God's Word

### Service of Communion

**Invitation**

**Prayer of confession**

**Affirmation of faith** ..... H 717

**Words of Institution for the bread and the cup**

**Partaking of the elements**

**Blessing the children at the cross aisle**

**Prayer of thanksgiving and pastoral prayer**

**Song of gratitude:** *Taste and See*

## Sending

**Choral benediction:** *Psalm 91* by Aleane Carter

**Spoken benediction**

**Postlude**

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\*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book    \*\*CS denotes Companion Songbook

Chorister: Carol Entz

Musicians: Nora Miller, Matthew Graber, Amanda Entz, pianists.

Childcare: Stephanie Weaver, Lynette Erb, Brooklynn Black

Nurse: Shirley Dietzel, Kathleen Andres, Michelle Regier

Ushers: Bob Schmidt, Brian Walker, Heath Kerr, Donnie Kingsley

Audio Tech: Joey Menninga

Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner

Visuals: Cindy Unruh

Property Committee: Alan Entz

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# WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, March 10—1st Sunday of Lent: God's Hand Delivers Us. Communion.**

Psalm 91, Luke 4:1-13

**Daylight Savings Time Begins**

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

4:00 PM Youth Group Bible Study

**Sunday, March 17—2nd Sunday of Lent: God Gathers Us Together in Safe Shelter**

Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

**Upcoming Worship Services**

**March 24—3rd Sunday of Lent: God pours out life-giving drink.**

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

**March 31—4th Sunday of Lent: Willi Hugo Perez, guest preacher from**

SEMILLA, Guatemala

**April 7—Membership Service Celebration with Woven (Bethel College Women's Acapella Group). Potluck lunch to follow.**

**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

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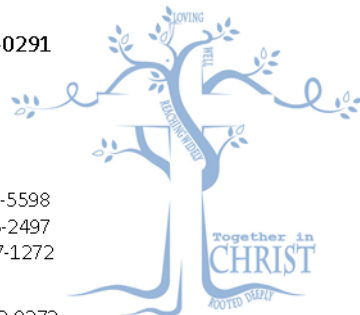
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Ash Wednesday Cross by Jan Richardson

**First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS  
March 10, 2019**

**FMC's Story in Photos**—What are the origins of First Mennonite in Newton? Within the 140-year existence of the congregation, what challenges have occurred? What highlights? Get familiar with FMC's story by viewing the photo exhibit which is now in the display cabinets. Start at the cabinet outside the Church Office, go to the two corner units and then finish at cabinet outside the Library. (Thanks to Ron Dietzel for this display.)

**Thank you for the kind words,** prayers and cards after the passing of our mother and grandmother, Lillian Voth. We appreciate you, our church family.

~Steve and Wynette Voth and Family

**Thank you for your continuing generosity** in support of the Caring Fund, which helps both folks of this congregation and the wider community with unusual expenses. The fund is low at this point, so your support is needed.

~The Caregiving and Membership Commission

**Love Newton: Feed 10 Families** has concluded! Thank you to ALL of you who donated so many items! We were able to fill 10 boxes for 10 families with wholesome and nutritious food and show the love of God to families in need in our community!

**Over the last several years,** First Mennonite has offered scholarships of \$100 per student for children in both our congregation and in Casa Betania. This experience has been a vital part of the faith formation of those who attend. Last year, we supported about 40 students. The Nurture Commission would be grateful for any help you can give toward supporting our children in this way. Please talk to any member of the commission for more information. Thank you!

**Long-time member Brenda (Wiebe) and husband Bruce Mellinger** have requested that their names be removed from our church directory, as they have, for many years, been members of a congregation near Kansas City. This change will be reflected in the 2019 church directory.

~June Thomsen, for the Caregiving and Membership Commission

**A support group for survivors** of sexual abuse will meet on Tuesday, March 19. The meeting is guided by a professional therapist. If you are a primary survivor of sexual abuse you are welcome. For information about time and location call June Thomsen at 316-239-8747.

## **SR. HIGH YOUTH**    March Focus = GOD'S PEACE

**TODAY Sunday (3/10)** @ 9:15 am—Sunday School; @ 4:04 pm—Bible Study???

**Wednesday (3/17)** @ 7:02 pm—Youth Group/Bible Study???

**COMING  
EVENTS**

▶▶ May 1—Youth Group Auction Fundraiser

▶▶ July 2-6—MENNONITE YOUTH CONVENTION (Kansas City)

**Youth Group Auction**—Mark your calendars now for the Youth Group auction on Wednesday evening, May 1. This fundraiser is for our July trip to the Mennonite Youth Convention in Kansas City. Please check your mailboxes for a yellow-colored letter explaining the auction and donations. Return the fliers to me at your convenience. Questions? Call Carol Entz, 283-0525.

**Camp MennoSAH time is approaching!** First Mennonite will again be offering scholarships of \$100 per student for children in both our congregation and in Casa Betania. Sign-up sheets for scholarships are now in the Court Area. Please sign your child up on the correct camp week, along with parent/guardian names. There is a discount of \$10 if students sign up and pay in full by April 1. Please talk to Stephanie Weaver of the Nurture Commission with any questions.

**NT CRISPR Challenge 44.4** (Week 14)—**March 10** Acts 13:1-52; **March 11** Acts 14:1-15:21; **March 12** Acts 15:22-16:15; **March 13** Acts 16:16-17:34; **March 14** Acts 18:1-28; **March 15** Acts 19:1-41; **March 16** Acts 20:1-38. March calendars are available in the Church Office.

**Communication Skills for Tense Times:** The Nurture Commission is hosting a training by KIPCOR (Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution) to help us learn how to communicate well with each other, especially when there are hard challenges. The training takes place on **Wednesday, March 20, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

**DELEGATES NEEDED:** There are two opportunities to serve as a delegate for FMC this summer. The Mennonite Church USA Conference will be held in Kansas City on July 2-6, 2019, and the WDC Annual Assembly will be at Bethel College on July 26-27. If you are planning on attending either or both of these meetings and would be willing to serve as a delegate, please contact Janice Good.

### **Community Announcements**

**The Bethel College** Wind Ensemble and Philharmonia Orchestra joint concert is today at 3:00 PM in Memorial Hall.

**The next concert** of the Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring The Special Consensus, will be today, 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. Purchase tickets online to reserve your seats.

**Quilters' Corner Opportunities:** Volunteers are welcome and needed each Tuesday evening, 7:00-9:00 PM, at the MCC Center in North Newton to help sort and price items for the sale as well as Saturday, March 16 any time between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Quilting donations are welcome and needed (quilting fabrics, quilting supplies, vintage linens, unfinished quilting projects, etc.). If you have questions contact Ann Yoder Smith, 919-604-3282, rws.ays@gmail.com.

**Sign up now for Youth Volunteer Weekend**, March 15-16! Isaac Entz and Rachel Miller will lead the weekend fun with the help of counselors. There will be singing, service projects, s'mores, and such a grand time! All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to renew their faith, be at camp, and take a short break from everything at home. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or call us at 620-297-3290!

**All women are invited** to the Western District Women in Mission (WDWM) Spring Supper on Thursday, March 21, at First Mennonite Church in McPherson. The speaker will be Sheryl Wilson, Executive Director of KIPCOR. See flyer on the bulletin boards for more information including how to RSVP.

**Attention Young Adults!** There will be an Area Wide PC-PF (Post College-Pre Family) get together on Saturday, March 16. We will meet at 7:00 PM at The Pighouse (Howard Farm). Please bring a snack to share, games, and friends! This group is designed for young adults in similar life stages to socialize together. For questions, directions/address, or to RSVP, contact Kristin Kaufman at [kristin.unruh@gmail.com](mailto:kristin.unruh@gmail.com).

**Graduate Students in Healthcare Professions:** Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) offers educational grants for Anabaptist students to learn and serve in cross-cultural mission/service settings in developing countries. Deadline for the 2019-20 academic year is May 15, 2019. For details and application form, see [mennohealth.org/student\\_term/](http://mennohealth.org/student_term/), [info@mennohealth.org](mailto:info@mennohealth.org), or call 1-888-406-3643.

**Mennonite Mission Network** is seeking a full time Donor Relations Representative to represent Mission Network, strengthen relationships with Mennonite Church USA constituents and cultivate and solicit charitable support for Mission Network purposes. Duties may include some responsibilities in communication. Candidates should bring a passion to connect with God's reconciling mission to the world, the ability to relate well to people, listen perceptively, and elicit participation. Ability and willingness to travel is a must. Experience in fundraising is an asset. Position available immediately. Send resume and cover letter to Linda Krueger, Human Resources Coordinator at [LindaK@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:LindaK@MennoniteMission.net). You can read the position description at [MennoniteMission.net](http://MennoniteMission.net).

**Nancy Sprowell Geise**, author of the biography, *Auschwitz #34207: The Joe Rubinstein Story*, will share about the Holocaust survivor's story and her relationship with him at Hesston College on Tuesday, April 2, 7:00 PM, at Hesston Mennonite Church. A reception and chance to meet the author will follow the presentation.

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**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!

#### **First Mennonite Church by the numbers**

##### **Attendance:**

•Services were cancelled last Sunday because of the weather.

**Offering:** The offering for Local Mission on February 24 was \$5,190. The offering for March 17 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 12 and 13.

**In Sympathy**—Irene Schmidt (98) passed away on Thursday, March 7. Arrangements are pending for her memorial service at Kidron. We extend our condolences to Irene's friends and family.

**In Sympathy**—Bill Black (67) passed away on Friday, February 22. His funeral service was here at FMC on Wednesday, February 27. We extend our condolences to Wenda, Justin, Angela, and the rest of the family.

**THANK YOU to all who** came, ate, fellowshiped, and donated at the Youth Verenike Supper fundraiser on Wednesday. Around 435 meals were served and donations totaled \$6,300 (before expenses)! **THERE ARE LEFTOVERS!** Leftover verenike (frozen), cooked sausage, and some cherry moos are available in the kitchen. Frozen sausage is available for \$6 per pound. Thanks again for helping get this crew to the Mennonite Youth Convention in Kansas City this summer.

**In your mailboxes**, you will find an introduction to the guiding theme for this year of church life as we move into the next chapter of our congregational story. (The written announcement comes in place of last week's spoken sermon.) Please look for it and then read it! – The Church Board and Pastors

**Today we continue to hear the faith stories** of persons who are preparing to become formal members of First Mennonite Church. The membership service will be on April 7. Please give thanks for the gift of these persons' presence here.