

Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast: God Pours Out Life-Giving Drink

Gathering

Gathering song: *Turn your eyes upon Jesus* **CS 56

Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)

Opening words: Isaiah 55:1-9..... David Wiebe, worship leader

CenteringDonna Stucky, organist/pianist
O Lord, to me, poor sinner by Buxtehude

Prayer:

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 have seen you in the sanctuary,
and know your power and glory.

People: **We will praise you and bless you as long as we live.**

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.***
(based on Psalm 63)

Praising

Song of faith: *Brethren, we have met to worship*..... *H 8

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Renee Hamm

Choral anthem: *Great is thy faithfulness* arr. Hayes

Sharing faith stories Carolyn Miller, Kevin Miller

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory: *Pastorale on 'Rockingham'* by Norman Gilbert
(Please pass the welcome pads)

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

Choral anthem: *Be My Hands and Feet* by Bringle and Alonso

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Luke 13:1-9

Sermon: *Carrot and Stick*..... Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Confession and reconciliation

Song of faith: *O let all who thirst* H 495

Pastoral prayer..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

Sending

Sending song: *Rain down*

Sending words

Postlude: *Finale from Concerto No. 5* by Handel

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

Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder

Musicians: Choir; Carol Entz, flute; Jordan Schroeder, cello; Jyl Ewy, piano.

Childcare: Chris Weaver, Sheralyn Goering, Sarah Koehn

Nurse: Shirley Dietzel, Kathleen Andres, Eric and Judy Murphy

Ushers: Alan Entz, Ryan Nye, Jan Groves, Wenda Black

Audio Tech: Tim Regier

Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy

Visuals: Cindy Unruh

Property Committee: Kevin Hamm

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 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

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 4:00 PM Youth Group Bible Study

Wednesday, March 27

- 5:30 PM Catechism
- 7:00 PM Choir
- 7:00 PM Youth Group

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

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Youth Group Council

Upcoming Worship Services

- April 7**—Membership Service Celebration with Woven (Bethel College women's acapella group). Potluck lunch to follow.
- April 14**—Palm/Passion Sunday
- April 18**—Maundy Thursday Service—7:00 PM

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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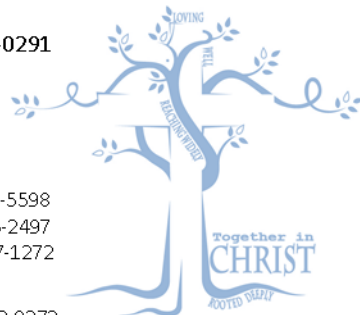
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Ash Wednesday Cross by Jan Richardson

Focus statement:

When we become empty and weary from things that do not satisfy, God pours out life-giving drink. We turn from destruction to God's grace.

First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
March 24, 2019

College scholarship money is available—If during the 2019-2020 school year you will be attending (or are considering) a Mennonite college or university for undergraduate study or a Mennonite seminary, you are invited to apply for scholarship funds from FMC. **By no later than Sunday, April 14**, 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 Gathering Area.

Youth Group Auction—On May 1, come to the Fellowship Hall for a free meal at 6:00 PM, followed by the Youth Group Bi-Annual Auction. We will have lots of items for sale which the youth and others from the church are creatively preparing. If you think of something you would like to donate for our auction, please call Carol Entz at 283-0525.

Camp Mennoscah 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.

The new updated Yearbooks are in your church mailbox. If you no longer need the old one, please consider recycling it to the Church Office so that we may reuse the binding off the old books. Thanks so much!

NT CRISPR Challenge 44.4 (Week 16)—**March 24** Romans 2:17-3:31; **March 25** Romans 4:1-5:21; **March 26** Romans 6:1-7:25; **March 27** Romans 8:1-39 **March 28** Romans 9:1-10:21; **March 29** Romans 11:1-12:21 **March 30** Romans 13:1-14:23. March calendars are available in the Church Office.

During the Sunday school hour on March 31 the Life Sharing class will host Willi Hugo Pérez in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us to learn more about the ministry of the Latin American Anabaptist Seminary (SEMILLA), where Willi Hugo

serves as director. SEMILLA is a Mennonite Mission Network partner serving 12 different Anabaptist conferences from Mexico to Panama. The presentation will include a SEMILLA video in which Willi Hugo shares life experiences that called him to a ministry of hope, as well as the birth of SEMILLA in Guatemala. Clarence and Amanda Rempel participated in a SEMILLA learning tour last fall.

Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania is inviting sister churches to a special farewell service for Pastor Jaime Cázares, Suhelen and their family at 4:00 PM, Sunday, March 31. A meal will be served following the service. Those who wish to bring something may bring salads, fruit or dessert to share. Pastor Jaime will be focusing his pastoral ministry with the Aposento Alto church in Wichita, while continuing to live in Newton.

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

Bethel College Choir Home Concert—today at 7:00 PM in Memorial Hall.

MCC Lunch & Learn on April 2, 1:00 PM, at MCC in North Newton! Together with Mennonite Mission Network, we will host Willi Hugo Perez, director of SEMILLA Latin American Anabaptist Seminary in Guatemala City, Guatemala. SEMILLA is a school that emerged as a beacon of peace, justice and community building in the context of systemic violence and oppression. Join us to learn more! Lunch will be provided by donation; please RSVP by March 28 to patsydirksen@mcc.org or 283-2720, and let Patsy know if you have food allergies.

Retirees Retreat at Camp Mennoscah, April 22-24! We can't wait to see retirees of all ages for a time of renewal with sessions on everything from trips to Central America and Ukraine to Reader's Theater and a steel drum concert. There is time to take a break or go for a walk or have coffee and conversation. Singing and Bible studies included! Email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 for a brochure. Register online at campmennoscah.org! Bring friends!

MCC Relief Sale Opportunity: Feeding the Multitude needs your help! We are looking for waiters, tray wipers, table clearers, drink pourers, and more on Saturday, April 13! The morning shift is 10:15-11:45 AM and the afternoon shift 11:30-1:00 PM. Please contact Asia Frye at asiafrye@hotmail.com to sign up!

Mennonite Mission Network is currently seeking to fill three full time positions: Donor Relations Representative (western region), Editor, and Marketing

SR. HIGH YOUTH March Focus = GOD'S PEACE



Sunday (3/24) @ 9:15 am—Sunday School
@ 4:04 pm—Bible Study
Wednesday (3/27) @ 7:02 pm—YOUTH GROUP
Sunday (3/31) @ 10:30 am—Youth lead Worship
@ 12 noon—Youth Council



**COMING
EVENTS**

- » May 1—Youth Group Auction Fundraiser
- » July 2-6—MENNONITE YOUTH CONVENTION (Kansas City)

Associate. You can see the position descriptions at MennoniteMission.net. Please send a cover letter and resume to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net.

Everence will hold informative Medicare workshops at its offices in North Newton and Hutchinson in April. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The North Newton presentation will be held at 3179 N. Main St. on Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 PM. The Hutchinson presentation will be held at 524 E. 30th Ave. on Thursday, April 11, 6:30 PM. Space is limited. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

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 on Tuesday, April 2, 7:00 PM, at Hesston Mennonite Church. A reception and chance to meet the author will follow the presentation.

Bethel College Women's Chorus spring concert will be on Sunday, April 7, 4:00 PM at Bethel College Mennonite Church.

Explore the global issue of fast fashion by watching the documentary film *True Cost* at MCC in North Newton on April 9, 7:00 PM. Directed by Andrew Morgan, the film looks at environmental, social and psychological aspects of consumerism and mass media focused on the global garment industry. Also hear briefly from MCC about how our thrift shop network is working to reduce the harms caused by fast fashion, here and around the world. Light snacks will be provided while you watch the movie. Questions? Contact sarahfleming@mcc.org.

Work and Play Day at Camp Mennoscah coming soon! Our first Work and Play Day of the year is April 27. We'll start work projects at 8:30 AM and end at 2:30 PM, just in time for you to spend the rest of the afternoon playing. A simple lunch will be served. Please register online at campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290 to let us know you're coming! All ages invited; those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

The Warkentin House Association Annual Meeting and Spring Fundraiser will be at the Warkentin House on Sunday, April 28, 3:00 PM. *September River*, featuring Doug and Jude Krehbiel, will perform during the fundraiser, which will follow a brief business meeting. Refreshments will be served. No reservations or tickets are required, and donations will be accepted. All are welcome.

New Hope Shelter's 3rd Annual Kickin' & Screamin' Kickball Tournament Fundraiser—April 27. Team and player forms can be found at newhope-shelter.org/kickin-screamin or call New Hope at 283-7711. Registration ends April 24. Open to all ages!

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:

•Worship—224; Sunday School—162; Visitors—6

Offering: The offering for Local Mission on March 17 was \$6,920. The offering for March 31 is for Western District.

The buckets will be passed today 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.

Receiving or has received care—Harry Ensz and Shawn Bontrager, NMC.

In Sympathy—Paul Koehn (95) passed away on Sunday, March 17. His memorial service was held here at FMC on Friday, March 22. We extend our condolences to Fern and the rest of the family.

Today we hear the last two 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.

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.)

Camp Mennoscah Scholarships—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!

Three weeks until the MCC Sale—There are 25 pies and 20 dozen zwieback to be made. Please check the table in the Court Area. Thanks for your help!