

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 14, 2019

Gathering

Gathering song: *God Our Protector*

Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)

Opening words: Luke 19:28-40Pastor Kay Schroeder

CenteringNora Miller, pianist

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 thank you for being our salvation,
for being our chief cornerstone.

People: **We bless you as we bind the festal procession with
branches, up to the horns of the altar!**

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 and 118)

Praising

Songs of faith: *I Looked Up*
Hosanna in the Highest
(Children's palm branch processional)

Greet one another; children remain forward

Children's focus Keith Knopp

Prayer for children in recognition of Child Protection Month

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory..... Eli Regier, saxophone; Amanda Entz, piano
Scaramouche by Darius Milhaud
(Please pass the welcome pads)

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

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Sermon: *Upside Down* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Confession and reconciliation

Monologue: *The Centurion's Unfinished Journey* Ken Frey

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *Come, Thou Fount*

Sending words

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Paul Schrag; Musicians: Ben's band: Ben Regier, Ken Regier, Dwayne Abrahams,
Tim Regier, Austin Regier
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: Ryan Goertzen-Regier Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner
Visuals: Carol Hiebert Property Committee: Casson Schmidt

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 14—Palm/Passion Sunday

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 3:03 PM Youth Group Bible Study

Monday, April 15

- 7:00 PM Property Committee

Wednesday, April 17

- 7:00 PM Choir
- 7:00 PM Catechism—Warkentin Room

Thursday, April 18

- 7:30 PM Maundy Thursday and Communion Service

Friday, April 19

- Church Office Closed—Good Friday

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday and Communion Service, April 18, 7:30 PM

Jesus and the Adversary: a dialogue for Maundy Thursday

Good Friday Prayer (come and go) at FMC—12:00-4:00 PM

Community Good Friday Service, April 19, 6:30 PM

First Church of the Nazarene

Easter Sunday, April 21, 10:30 AM

Sunday School—9:15 AM; Worship Service—10:30 AM

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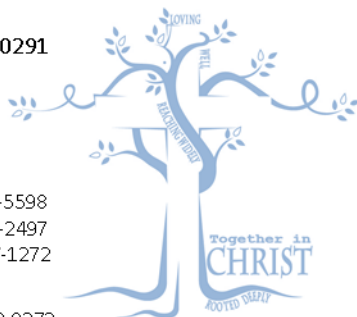
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First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday

Focus statement: When our shouts of joy turn to derision and rejection, even in our anguish God's steadfast love endures forever. We are called to follow Jesus.

You are invited to bring lilies and leave them in classroom 224 prior to the Easter Sunday worship service next Sunday, April 21. They will be arranged in the sanctuary for Easter morning. You may pick yours up following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Celebrating Easter will fill our worship time together next Sunday, April 21! **Therefore, there will be no opportunity for verbal announcements.** Please submit any announcements for the bulletin to the office by Wednesday noon.

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.

We will be featuring Camp Mennoscah in the display cases in the coming weeks. Pictures are needed from your time at camp. Please bring your picture(s) and a brief description of them to the Church Office. Please label your pictures so we can return them to you. For any questions contact Delora Decker. Thank you!

The Deckers, Goods and Pauls

SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Plan for our Spring Congregational meeting that will be held on Sunday, April 28, following the carry-in dinner at 12 noon.

A carry-in dinner is planned for Sunday, April 28, prior to the spring congregational meeting. Please bring food dishes to share and your tableware. Drinks will be provided.

Youth Group Auction—Only two and a half weeks left before the big auction on May 1! If you have something already finished to donate for the auction, please bring it to the church office or contact Carol Entz, 283-0525, about details. If you still have an item you want to donate, please get that information in as soon as possible so it can be included in the auction listing.

SR. HIGH YOUTH April Focus = Witness PEACE

Sunday (4/14) @ 9:15 am—Sunday School / @ 3:03 pm—Bible Study

Wednesday (4/17)—NO YOUTH GROUP / 7:00 pm—Catechism

Thursday (4/18) @ 7:30 pm—Maundy Thursday Service

Sunday (4/21) - HAPPY EASTER!



**COMING
EVENTS**

▶▶ May 1—Youth Group Auction Fundraiser

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

SAVE THE DATE! FMC is planning another fun weekend at Camp Mennoscah on May 25-26. Please plan on joining us on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. More information will be coming soon!

NT CRISPR Challenge 44.4 (Week 18)—**April 14** 2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15; **April 15** 2 Corinthians 10:1-11:33; **April 16** 2 Corinthians 12:1-13:14; **April 17** Galatians 1:1-2:21; **April 18** Galatians 3:1-4:31; **April 19** Galatians 5:1-6:18; **April 20** Ephesians 1:1-2:22. April calendars are available in the Church Office.

Community Announcements

The KIPCOR Film Series presents *This Little Light*, today, 3:00 PM, in the Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus will be in concert at Bethel College in Memorial Hall today, 7:00 PM.

Walton Weekday Bible School Year-End Celebration—Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 PM at the United Methodist Church in Walton (203 N 2nd Avenue). The public is invited. Come support children and grandchildren who attend.

The Community Good Friday service sponsored by the Newton Ministerial Alliance will take place Friday, April 19, at 6:30 PM at First Church of the Nazarene.

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!

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!

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. 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.

Love Crosses Borders: A Mennonite Men immersion experience with immigrants. Love is the greatest of all virtues. But what does love look like in times of cynicism and polarization? Borders are not only social constructs, they're also spiritual ones. Who's included? Who's excluded? How do we reconcile God's call to welcome the stranger with so much fear-filled rhetoric and policies? July 28-August 3, Mennonite Men will provide a week-long immersion experience with immigrants to engage these issues. To register or for more information, visit MennoniteMen.org or contact Steve Thomas at SteveT@Mennonites.org.

Mennonite Mission Network is looking to fill the following Service Adventure positions. Youth ages 17-20 can apply today at MennoniteMission.net/SERVE: **Art store assistant in Anchorage, AK:** Anchorage re:MADE is a resale store, helping people help themselves by repurposing donated and landfill-recued items. Come volunteer with others to sort, clean, repurpose, paint or repair items to be sold. **Easter Seals assistant in Johnstown, PA:** Easter Seals is a non-profit organization that works with hearing impaired persons. Volunteer responsibilities would include administrative office duties, customer service, event planning and development. **Mentorship program assistant in Albuquerque, NM:** First Nations Community Healthsource is a clinic that is committed to providing health services to American Indian families and other under-served populations residing in Albuquerque and surrounding areas. Volunteers will help to facilitate the mentorship program at First Nations.

Friends, moms, dads, neighbors, grandparents, and other random volunteers welcomed! Camp Mennoscah is looking for kitchen helpers for the weeks of June 9-15, June 23-29, and July 14-20. No great skills are needed; following directions is all that is necessary (bring your sense of humor and flexibility). Contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. Parents receive a camper discount up to full camp fees! It's going to be an amazing summer with amazing volunteers!

Two nurses are needed for Summer Youth Camps! Camp Mennoscah is looking for a camp nurse for the weeks of June 9-15 and June 23-29. Nurses receive a stipend or a full camper discount. Contact us at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290 to become one of our much adored nurses!

The Mennonite, Inc., invites your original submissions for our June 2019 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on Congregational peace witness. For more information go to: themennonite.org/june-2019-call-submissions/.

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—185; Sunday School—153; Visitors—21

Offering: Last week's offering for Mennonite Mission Network was \$2,572 and Local Mission was \$4,030. The offering for April 21 is for Local Mission.

Palm Branch Processional—Children ages two through grade six are invited to participate in our palm branch processional today. When announced from the pulpit, the children should exit the sanctuary at the west door and gather in the Court Area to receive their palm branches. (Parents, please accompany your little ones if necessary.) Children will parade down the main aisle and side aisles and then return to the front for the children's focus.

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 today**, 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.

Maundy Thursday Service—Everyone is invited to attend. *Jesus and the Adversary: a dialogue for Maundy Thursday* will begin at 7:30 PM, Thursday, April 18, in the sanctuary. Scripture, singing, imagined conversation, prayer, and communion will all be a part of remembering the events of Maundy Thursday and Jesus' crucifixion.

Good Friday Prayer at FMC: The church will be available for prayer and contemplation on Jesus' death this week on Good Friday, April 19, 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM. Please come to the west-side door and use the doorbell. Suggestions to guide your prayer along with scripture readings will be available to you.