

Arise!

January 5, 2020

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Gathering

Gathering song: *The first Noel, the angels did say*..... *H 199

Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)

Opening wordsCasson Schmidt

Centering music

Call to worship:

One: Hear the good news! The Lord has come to save us!
Lift up your eyes and look around!

People: Arise! Shine! For our light has come!

One: The darkness shall no longer cover the earth.

People: Arise! Shine! For our light has come!

ALL: Christ has come among us, to feed us, to comfort us, to lead us in Kingdom ways!

Praising

Song of faith: *Nun Ist Sie Erschienen* **CS 52
(1st verse in German, then 1st verse in English)

Greet one another

Song of reflection: *Star-Child*

Lighting the Advent candles..... Isaac Koehn

Offering: Mennonite Mission Network

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Offering response: *God, whose giving* (verse 1) H 383

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12 Forrest Miller

Sermon: *Watch, Arise, Worship*Susan Jantzen, pastor

Responding to God's Word

Song of response and preparation: *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Communion invitation

Prayer of confession and assurance

Words of institution for the bread and cup

Partaking of the bread and cup

(including gluten-free option and peppernut blessing for children)

Prayer of thanksgiving and prayers of the church..... Anita Kehr, pastor

Sending

Sending song: *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Benediction

Postlude

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

Chorister: Matthew Graber; Accompanist: Jyl Ewy; Musicians: Ben Regier, Dwayne Abrahams, Ken Regier, Tim Regier, Austin Regier

Childcare: Pamela Garcia, Chuck Regier, Hope Ewy

Nursery: Shirley Dietzel, Kathleen Andres, Michelle Regier

Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, John Good, Janice Good

Audio Tech: Joey Menninga

Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy

Visuals: Connie Claassen

Property Committee: Alan Entz

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 5—Epiphany Sunday—Unable to go back the way we came!

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

Monday, January 6

4:00 PM Worship Commission

Wednesday, January 8

6:30 PM Youth Group/Council

Sunday, January 12—Isaiah 12:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

9:15 AM Sunday School

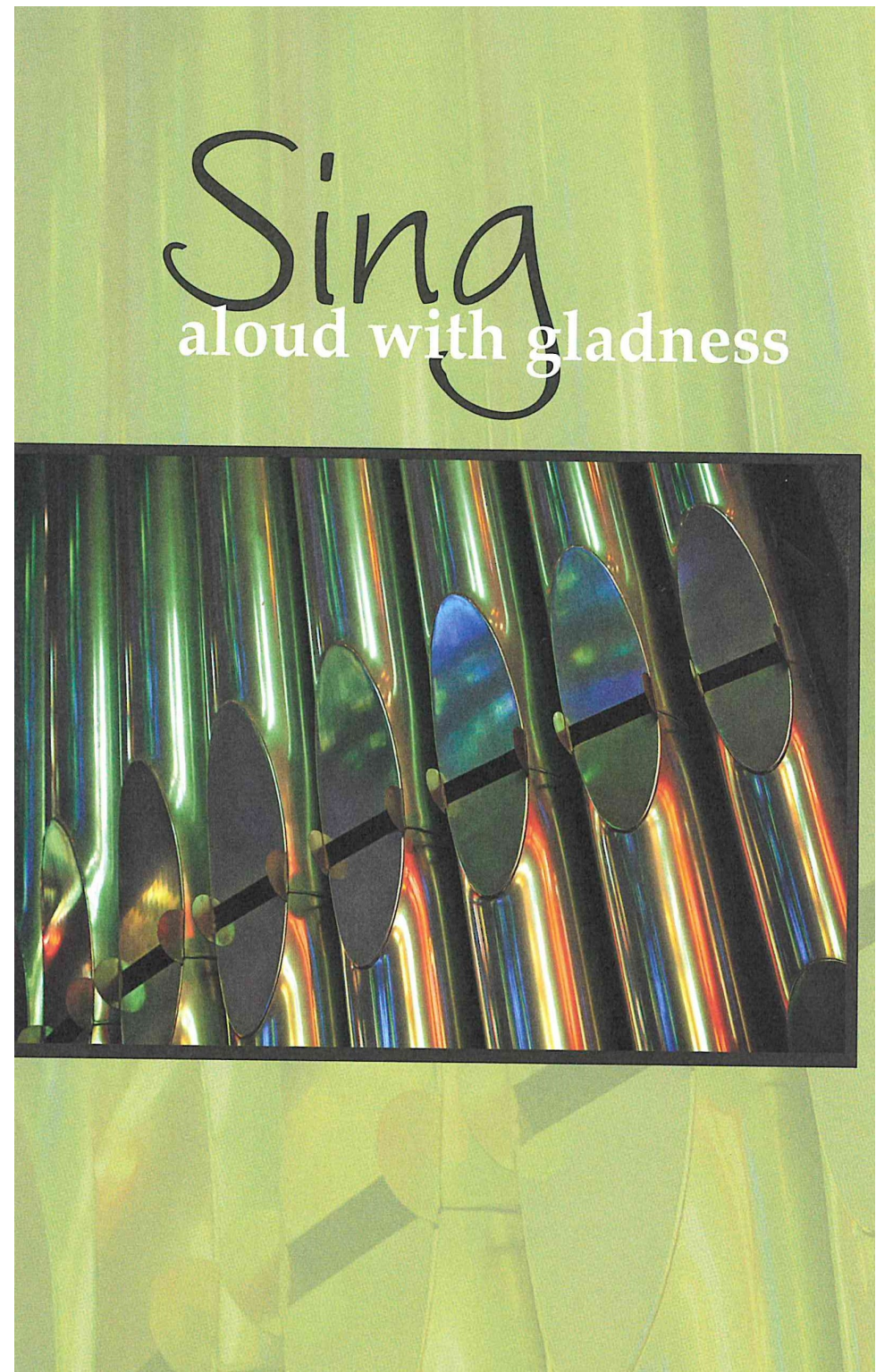
10:00 AM Grocery Shower—FH

10:30 AM Worship Service

Upcoming Worship Services

January 19—Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday (Mennonite World Conference)

January 26—Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23



SR. HIGH YOUTH



- **New YG Year Begins**—January 8, 6:30 PM, youth group/council. Set some goals, plan some service, look at where God is working and how we can join in. Supper included.
- **Winter Retreat**—February 15-17 at Camp Mennoscah. Mark your calendars!

Yearbook update forms have been put in your mailbox. Please fill out the form and return the form to the Church Office by **today**. If you have family members listed in the Yearbook who do not regularly attend or live out of the area, please fill out a form for them if their information is different from what is in the Yearbook. **If you are not currently in the Yearbook and would like to be, please make sure to fill out a form. Extra forms are also available in the Church Office.**

Grocery Shower—Join us in celebrating the marriages of Olivia (Miller) and John Reimer and Chloe (Denno) and Grant Gaeddert which took place this Fall. The Fellowship Commission will host a grocery shower on **Sunday, January 12** between Sunday School and the worship service (**10:00-10:30 AM**) in the **Fellowship Hall**. The congregation is invited to come greet the couples, enjoy some punch and cookies and offer a grocery gift. If you are unable to attend but would like to offer a gift, you may bring your gift to the church office

Get involved with something BIG—record-breaking BIG! The First Thursday Quilters are taking part in the Great Winter Warm-Up, MCC's effort to collect 6500 comforters in honor of MCC's 100th anniversary. On January 18, 2020, we will tie comforters 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, or until done, in FMC's Fellowship Hall. Come for an hour or all day. Lunch will be provided; bring a snack if you want. **For more information contact Elena Entz Wiebe or Cindy Unruh.**

Offering envelopes for 2020 have been placed in your mailbox. If you did not receive offering envelopes and would like them or have any questions, contact the Church Office at 316-283-0273.

Transition information: The Church Board will be meeting this Saturday, January 11, for their beginning-of-the-year retreat. Their focus will be to prepare for the congregational review and Pastor Anita's term review to take place in February. **You are all invited and encouraged to take place in these reviews!** The results of these reviews will help to shape our pastoral structure going forward.

Community Announcements

Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group will meet January 7, 2:00 PM, in Menno Hall. Emily Schultze, dance instructor for Rhythm Connections for Parkinson's Disease, will present the program. Everyone is invited.

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus enrollment is now underway for its 52nd year. All men and boys who enjoy singing are encouraged to sign up. For more information, contact Donnie Kingsley at 316-773-8044 or email: dl_jr@cox.net. The 2020 concert schedule is April 19, 7:00 PM—Tabor College Richert Auditorium in Hillsboro and April 26, 7:00 PM—Bethel College Memorial Hall in North Newton.

The Neuf Memorial Run—The Neuf 9K and 2-mile run returns to the campus of Bethel College on January 11, 2020 to honor the memory of Russ Neufeld, a former MC USA and Hesston College employee. The race will start at 10:00 AM, outside of Mojo's Coffee Shop on the campus of Bethel College, North Newton. The Neuf will raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the Russ Neufeld memorial scholarship at Hesston College. Register and read other details about the race at runtheneuf.neuf.ca. We would love to have you join us for this fun community event!

Bethel College annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration—Monday, January 6, 7:00 PM, with guest speaker Michelle Vann, Ph.D., in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Join an intentional community with peers, serve with a local nonprofit, and plug into your neighborhood and local congregation in places like Chicago; Washington, D.C.; San Francisco; and Alamosa. Learn more at MennoniteMission.net/Serve. Age: 20+; term: 1–2 years.

Need a change of scenery? Join SOOP and use your gifts and skills to work alongside others in a network of ministries across the church. Flexibility designed for retirees, families, and adults over 25. Explore opportunities at MennoniteMission.net/Serve.

Boots, Buckets and Barrows: In partnership with Mennonite Disaster Service, Ted & Co. presents the original play, *The Jesus Stories: Faith, Forks & Fettuccine*, in conjunction with a unique auction of buckets filled with baked goods and home items, along with "flash auctions" to fund the tools and volunteers MDS needs to help restore communities and rebuild homes ravaged by natural disaster. All proceeds benefit the continued work of MDS.

Admission is free! Please come prepared to bid on Friday, January 31, 7:00 PM, at Hesston Mennonite Church and Saturday, February 1, 7:00 PM, at Journey Mennonite Church, South Hutchinson. Sponsored by Kansas MDS Unit, Hesston College Disaster Management Program, and Journey Mennonite South Hutchinson.

Looking for that next great adventure? MCC SALT positions now available! Take chances. Make mistakes. Get messy. Be challenged. Learn some things. Teach some things. 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. Application close date 02/15/20.

Western District Women in Mission in cooperation with Everence Financial will host a two-day conference "Let's Talk...Women, Money & Faith" on January 24 and 25 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton. Featured speakers, Teresa Boshart Yoder and Rhoda Blough from Everence Financial, will address money and faith topics for women of all ages and stages of life. More information and registration coming soon on Facebook at facebook.com/WesternDistrictWomen/?modal=admin_todo_tour or at our web page communicationswdwm.wixsite.com/wdwm.

2020 is your year to go on an MCC Learning Tour! Travel to Haiti March 21-28 to learn about root causes of Haiti's reality and see MCC projects in person. Join MCC Bolivia in celebrating 60 years with two learning tours; May 2-9 will focus on Eastern Bolivia and October 10-17 will focus on Western Bolivia. Finally, you're welcome to travel to Nicaragua, July 20-30, to celebrate the centennial of MCC, focusing on past and present MCC work in Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Contact jordanpenner@mcc.org and check mcc.org/events for more details.

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 in Room 225. 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—219; Visitors—28; Sunday School—116

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$28,246. The offering for January 12 is for Local Mission.

Good News! Once again, God has been so good to us. On behalf of the Financial Stewardship Committee we would like to thank each of you for giving so generously to our Local Mission budget. All of our expenses have been met.
~Dewayne Pauls, Treasurer

For your awareness—the floors in the basement (halls, fellowship hall and classrooms) are in the process of being refinished.

New Intergenerational Sunday School Opportunity—If you are not currently attending a Sunday School class, the "In the Word" and "FIRST" classes extend this invitation. There is a new Sunday School session beginning **today, January 5, and running through February 23, in the Warkentin Room**. It will be led by Sam and Barb Claassen, and the topic is: "Following the Footsteps of Paul: The Entry of the Gospel to Europe." Please consider joining us at any time during this 8-week session. You do not need to attend all sessions, but are welcome to come when you can. Questions? Contact Dwayne Abrahams or Brent Voran.

Men's Bible study will resume Thursday, January 9, 7:30 PM, at 507 Autumn Glen Court. All are welcome. If questions, please phone or text Sam at 620-951-4455.

The office hours have changed! The new hours are 8:00 AM-12:15 PM and 1:00-4:30 PM. As a reminder, if you need to get into the office workroom when the office is not open, please call ahead, and we can make arrangements for that. Thank you.

For the next few weeks the Office and Library Showcases will feature nativity sets from various countries. Stop by and take a look.