

Love Your Enemies

February 2, 2020

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Gathering

Gathering song: *Come and see*..... *H 20

Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)

Opening words Anita Kehr, pastor

Centering music: *Wait Alone in Silence*

Call to worship

Praising

Songs of faith: *Psalm 16: I Will Not be Shaken*
The Lorica

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Erin Graber

Song of faith: *Teach Me Kingdom Ways* **CS 23
(chorus only)

Offering: Scholarship Fund

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Offering response: *Grant us, Lord, the grace* H 388

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 5:38-48

Sermon: *Love Your Enemies. En-joy Them!*..... Chuck Neufeld

Responding to God's Word

Song of response: *Will you let me be your servant* H 307

Prayers of the church

Sending

Sending song: *Blest are they* (blue insert)

Benediction

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Carol Entz; Musicians: Ben's Band, Nora Miller
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: Ryan Goertzen Regier Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy
Visuals: Michelle Claassen Property Committee: Mason Unruh

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 2—Jesus, Teach Us: Love your enemies—Matthew 5:38-48

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

Monday, February 3

4:00 PM Worship Commission

Wednesday, February 5

5:30 PM Meal served by New Life Sunday School

Menu: Sausage Quiche, Fruit, Muffins

6:45 PM Children-ages 2 years to 5th grade—Gather in Room 123

6:45 PM Adult Bible Study

6:45 PM Choir (Sanctuary)

6:45 PM Jr. High (Room 126)

6:45 PM Youth Group (Youth Rooms)

Thursday, February 6

7:00 PM Nurture Commission

Sunday, February 9—Jesus, Teach Us: Give, Pray, Fast—Matthew 6:1-18

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

Upcoming Worship Services

February 16—Jesus, Teach Us: Build on the Rock—Matthew 7:24-27

February 23—Transfiguration Sunday—Matthew 17:1-9

DO WHAT IS RIGHT



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- **Sunday School**- February 2, 9:15-10:15 AM
- **Inclusion Month Kick-off**, Wednesday, February 5, 6:45 PM after Family Night meal (5:30-6:30 PM)
- **Winter Retreat**- February 15-17 at Camp Mennoscah. Invite a friend!
- **Bible Study**—February 9, 4:00-6:30 PM at Madelynn Hamm's house.

Transition information: From this afternoon (February 2) through February 16, two surveys will be open for you to complete—everyone from high school on up. One is the regularly-scheduled pastor term review for Anita Kehr, and one is a congregational review. Both of them, but especially the congregational review, will provide important information to help us think about where we're going and—**after that**—to know what kind of pastoral positions we will be seeking people to fill. **If the church office has your email address, you will receive a link to the surveys this afternoon.** You are encouraged to complete these surveys on-line, but **paper copies are available in the church office.** Chuck Neufeld, preacher for today, is our Western District Conference consultant for this work. Please be in prayer for him and for the whole process.

Jesus, Teach Us: We are in our second of four Sundays on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7. Our worship focus mirrors the Shine! lessons explored in our elementary age Sunday School classes.

Shine! Wonder Questions. Here are the "wonder" questions for today's scripture, Matthew 5:38-48:

- Imagine being kind to someone who has been mean to you.
- I wonder why God makes the sun shine on things that are bad.
- I wonder which would be harder for me to do – give away some of my favorite clothes, or walk a long way with someone I did not like.
- Imagine walking an extra mile with someone.
- I wonder what you would talk about during the second mile.

The Property Committee would like to remind everyone that if you need help setting up tables and chairs for the CFN meal, please fill out a set-up request and give to the church office.

Homeless Shelter—Our next week to serve New Hope Homeless Shelter is February 19-25. If you are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

Save the date for a prayer retreat: On Saturday, March 7, a morning of prayer will take place here at FMC. The focus will be on our congregation—the whole and the parts—especially in this year of transition and discernment. Please plan to attend this day apart which will begin at 8:30 AM with breakfast and end by 11:45 AM. A sign-up form is on the bulletin board beside the office so we know how to plan for food. —Sam Claassen and Pastor Anita Kehr

Community Announcements

Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group will meet Tuesday, February 4, 2:00 PM, in Menno Hall. The group will share their experiences with Parkinson's and how they manage the symptoms. All are invited.

KIPCOR Film Series: *The Great White Hoax*—Sunday, February 9 at 3:00 PM. There will be a talkback following with Mark McCormick. This will take place in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.

Everence will host a Social Security and retirement income planning workshop, in North Newton on Monday, February 10 and in Hutchinson on Thursday, February 13. Both will begin at 6:30 PM. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. The workshop is free, but space is limited! Reserve your spot by contacting Michelle Ramer at 283-3800, 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Registration is now open for Hesston College's Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) on February 21 to 23. This year's conference, in partnership with Everence Financial, is ***Living More with More: Redefining the Good Life***, and will focus on stewardship of finances, resources and hospitality. The weekend's content will have interest points for all life stages from high school to retirement, as well as group-focused content relatable to congregations and other organizations. Go to hesston.edu/avds for more information and registration.

The Bethel College Concert Choir and the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers will unite for a joint concert, "How Firm a Foundation," on Sunday, February 23, 7:00 PM, at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church near Goessel. The choirs will perform individual selections from their respective repertoires, and will join together for other pieces, as well as being joined by members of the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Chancel Choir. Admission to the concert is free. An offering will be taken to benefit Mennonite Central Committee.

Join us for *We've Come This Far by Faith*, an MCC Centennial Celebration on Saturday, February 29 at 7:30 PM, at the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas. We hope you'll join us in celebrating the past 100 years and at the same time help us look forward to the next 100 years of serving in the name of Christ around the world. More information can be found at mcc.org/weve-come-far-faith and to learn more about MCC's centennial, please visit mcc.org/centennial.

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.

Retreat registration is open! Registration for all 2020 Camp Mennoscah retreats is now available at campmennoscah.org. Look for the Register Online link at the top of the page. Summer youth camp registration opens at the beginning of February. The fun has begun!

Join an MCC learning tour to Palestine and Israel, June 4-14, 2020. This deeply impactful and informative trip is open for 14 people to sign up for. On this trip you will meet Palestinian Christians, hear from Israelis and Palestinians about their current challenges and joys, and you will deepen your faith and be empowered to engage in education and advocacy on Palestine and Israel. Visit mcc.org/events to find out more and get signed up for the trip.

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a full-time assistant for Program Human Resources. Responsibilities include supporting the work of the Care Coordinator and Personnel Counselors, along with managing details for worker orientation and seminars. Strong attention to details, ability to manage and track people and processes. Some travel required. See the position description at MennoniteMission.net. Send your resumé to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net for consideration.

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—192; Visitors—0; Sunday School—142

Today we welcome Chuck Neufeld—folk singer, song writer, storyteller, speaker, pastor—who will be bringing us the sermon. Chuck served 25 years with Mennonite Voluntary Service, 30 years as pastor at Community Mennonite Church in Markham, Illinois, and seven years as Conference Minister for the Illinois Mennonite Conference. He is now “retired” and living with his wife, Bonnie, in North Newton. Chuck is serving as our Western District Conference consultant for the pastor and congregation review processes.

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$6,061. The offering for February 9 is for Local Mission.

Please leave your blue song insert on the pew at the end of today's service for reuse. Thank you.

Thank you—Mel and Nancy Pauls wish to thank everyone for the telephone calls, cards, concerns and many prayers for Nancy as she continues to recover from the fall she had on December 27.

This week the office showcase will feature Theresa Klassen and Doug Graham's voluntary service experience in Arizona. The library showcase features Harland Unruh's hobbies.

Who is the distinguished, kindly-looking gentleman in the portrait just inside the door of the room which is across the hall from the church library? Why is “Warkentin Memorial Fellowship Room” inscribed on the door's plaque? To get the answer, view the new exhibit which gives a glimpse into the life of a past church member. Learn how he impacted our congregation as well as the wider church body. Compiled by the Historical Committee, the presentation is located in the corner display cabinet at the west end of the Gathering Area.