



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, February 23**—Transfiguration Sunday—Matthew 17:1-9

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

### **Wednesday, February 26**—Homeless Shelter week begins

- 5:30 PM Meal served by Casa Betania  
Menu: Texas Chili and Trimmings, Cornbread
- 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)
- 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service

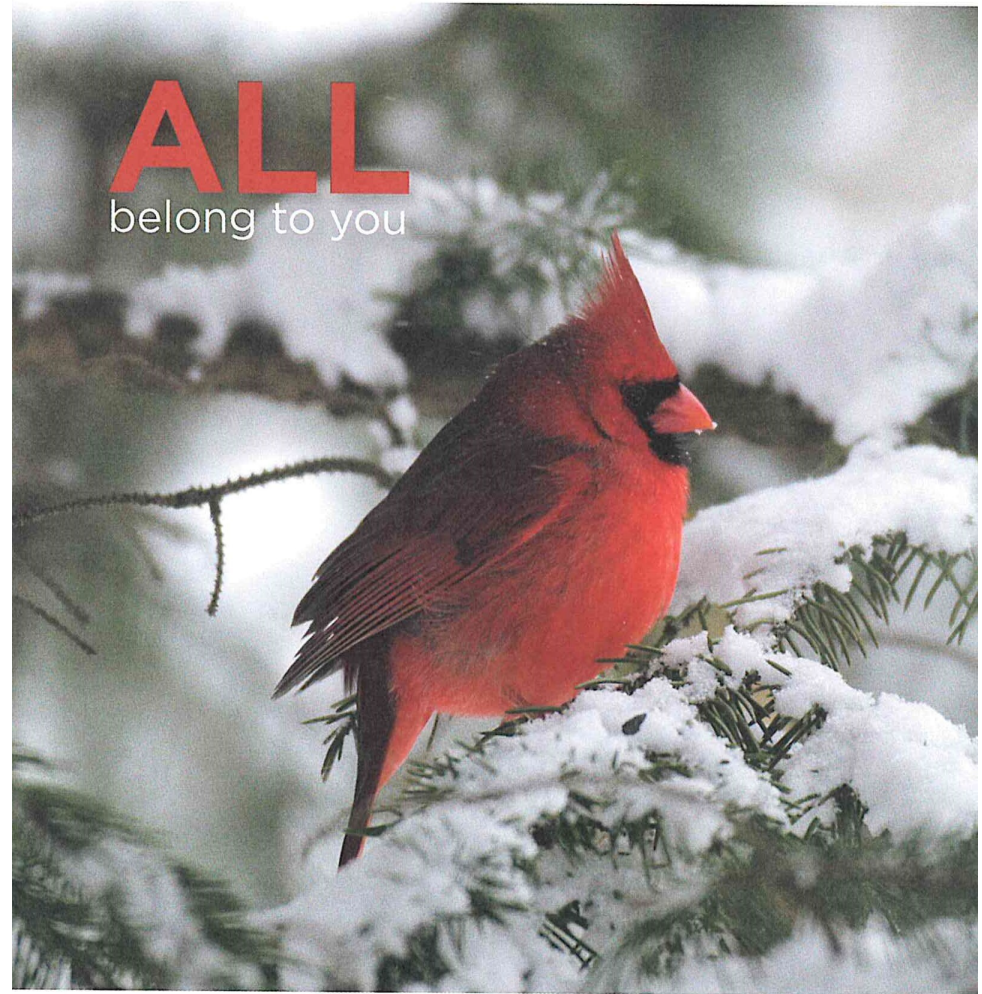
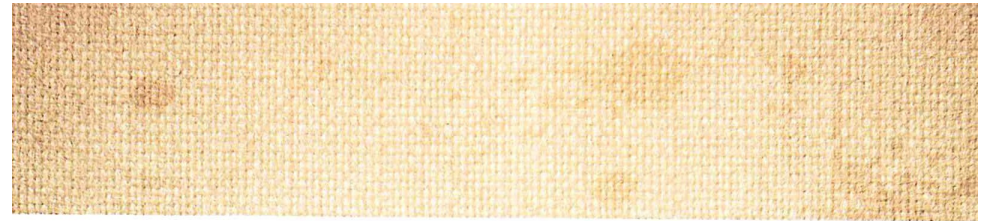
### **Sunday, March 1**—**First Sunday of Lent: Show us your hiding place**—

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19;  
Matthew 4:1-11

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service

### **Upcoming Worship Services**

- March 8—Lent 2: Show us your faithful, loving presence—Genesis 12:1-4a;  
Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17
- March 15—Lent 3: Show us the Rock of our salvation—Exodus 17:1-7;  
Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42



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- **Sunday School/Worship**—Sunday, February 23, 9:15-11:30 AM
- **YG Bible Study**—Sunday, February 23, 4:00-6:30 PM. Location to be announced.
- **Family Night Meal**—Wednesday, February 26, 5:30-6:30 PM.
- **YG Worship Night**—Wednesday, February 26, 6:45- 8:15 PM, on the topic of inclusion.
- **Looking Ahead—Verenike Supper**—March 11, 2020.

**Believe it or not, it is time to sign up** for summer camp at Camp Mennoscah. As we have in the past, the Nurture Commission will provide a \$100 scholarship to each camper from FMC and Casa Botania. You must sign up on the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space to receive a camp scholarship from FMC. The \$100 scholarship will be paid directly to camp. To sign up for camp, go to [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) and click on “Register Online”! If you have any questions about the camp scholarship, please contact Stephanie Weaver, [stephweaver@live.com](mailto:stephweaver@live.com). If you would like to give to the camp scholarship fund, please make your check payable to FMC, designated to Camp Mennoscah Scholarships.

**Feed Families in Need!** The Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission has partnered with the Chisholm Middle School social worker to provide six families in need with food over Spring Break. There is a box for each family with recommended food items listed in the Court Area. Let’s try to fill each box with shelf-stable essentials before March 8! Let’s show the love of Christ to our neighbors in this very practical way.

**Youth Group Verenike Supper**—As a fundraiser for our summer trip to Harlan, Kentucky, the Youth Group will be hosting a verenike supper on Wednesday, March 11, 5:30-7:00 PM. The menu will include verenike, ham gravy, sausage, green beans, zweibach, cherry moos. Vegetarian/gluten free/dairy free/sugar free options available. Friends and family are welcome! If you are homebound and would like to have a meal delivered, please call the church office.

**Cards are available in the pews** for you to share your thoughts, prayer requests, ask for a visit, or whatever you would like to communicate. Remember to sign them and put them in the offering plate.

**Transition information:** 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

**Joint concert by the Bethel College Concert Choir** and Hesston College Bel Canto Singers takes place **today**, 7:00 PM at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, in Goessel.

**On Tuesday, February 25, 6:30 PM, in Hesston**, the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains will continue the 2020 Winter Lecture Series with "Turkey Red Bread on the Plains" from Newton-based master baker and owner of Crust and Crumb Co, Sharon Entz. The lecture will take place in the Prairie Pavilion. The cost of the lecture is \$5 per person—cash or credit card payment will be received at the door. No reservation necessary.

**Volunteers are needed in Eureka, KS** to help complete repairs from the July 2018 tornado. There will be a workday on Saturday, February 29. Transportation will be available from the Newton/Hutchinson/Wichita area. Meals and tools will all be provided. **Please contact Jordan Miller to reserve your spot today, call, text or email.** (316-217-4570 or [jordanmiller795@gmail.com](mailto:jordanmiller795@gmail.com))

**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](http://mcc.org/weve-come-far-faith) and to learn more about MCC’s centennial, please visit [mcc.org/centennial](http://mcc.org/centennial).

**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](http://mcc.org/events) to find out more and get signed up for the trip.

**Service Adventure is a gap year program** for young adults ages 17–20 that provides 10 ½ months of learning “on the field.” Take a break from the classroom, test out a vocation, experience self-discovery, all while serving God and living in Christian community. Learn more at [MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://MennoniteMission.net/Serve).

**The next concert of the Prairie Window Concert Series**, with Flagship Romance, will be on Sunday, March 1, 4:00 PM, at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and delicious food from Crust & Crumb in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. Purchase tickets online at [dyckarboretum.org](http://dyckarboretum.org) or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

**Calling everyone ages 15–22!** Are you looking for a fun and meaningful way to serve this summer? Join a 2020 Youth Venture team! See and join in the work God is doing in Spain, Colombia, Arizona, Peru, Nazareth Village, or Benin. Visit [MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://MennoniteMission.net/Serve) to learn more, or contact Lauren Eash Hershberger at [LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net).

**You are invited to join the fun at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual MCC Comforter Blitz** on March 2, 3 and 4 at Journey Mennonite Church at the Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, Kansas. Blitz times are Monday and Tuesday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, and Wednesday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC, an organization that supports the work of MCC. For more information check out [mcc.org/comforter-blitz](http://mcc.org/comforter-blitz).

**Hesston College Music and Theatre** will present six performances of the musical *Tuck Everlasting* in the Keim Center Black Box Theater. Show times are 7:00 PM, March 4-7, with an extra 2:00 PM show on March 7, as well as a 2:00 PM showing on March 8. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for students. Seating is limited so advanced ticket purchase is encouraged at [hesston.edu/bookstore](http://hesston.edu/bookstore) or by calling 620-327-8105. *Tuck Everlasting* is family-friendly and rated G, but due to length is recommended for ages 7 and up.

**Newton Et Cetera Shop** invites area organizations to apply for their annual Local Giving grants! Applications may be downloaded at [newtonetceterashop.com](http://newtonetceterashop.com) and must be submitted by e-mail to [localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com](mailto:localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com) by April 13, 2020. Multiple grants will be awarded to selected groups by June 2020, in amounts up to \$5,000. For more information, please contact Sara Dick, general manager, Newton Et Cetera Shop, 619 N. Main Street, Newton KS 67114; 316-283-9461; or e-mail [localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com](mailto:localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com).

**Mennonite Mission Network** has an immediate opening for a Donor Relations Representative who will help ensure the continued financial growth and stability of the agency by expanding the donor base through a program of database phone calling and extensive follow up. Also responsible for an assigned territory to develop relationships and achieve contributions from individual donors. See the complete position description at [MennoniteMission.net/employment](http://MennoniteMission.net/employment). To begin the application process send a resumé to [StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net).

**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—165; Visitors—6; Sunday School—135

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$9,026. The offering for March 1 is for Mennonite Mission Network.

**In Sympathy—**John Schmidt (85) passed away on Saturday, February 15. His funeral service was held here at FMC on Thursday, February 20. We extend our condolences to John's family.

**Thank you so much** for showering us with groceries, recipes and well wishes. It was a wonderful way to connect with the congregation and we appreciate it.

~Grant and Chloe Gaeddert

**In these weeks, the office showcase** is featuring Theresa Klassen and Doug Graham's voluntary service experience in Arizona. The library showcase features Harland Unruh's hobbies.

**Ash Wednesday Service—**To begin the season of Lent, there will be an Ash Wednesday service this Wednesday, February 26, at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary. You are all invited! Choir and adult Bible Study will meet first in their regular locations.

**One week from today,** our congregation's season of Lent begins. Our theme is Jesus, Show Us. Scriptures will lead us through ways of strengthening faith in the Lenten time of deepening shadows.

**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.