

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 24—Sin and Virtue—Matthew 15:10-20

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

Monday, January 25

Jail Ministry: Gary Moore

Wednesday, January 27

5:30 PM Meal served by New Life Fellowship
Menu: Quiche, Fruit Salad, Muffins
6:45 PM Children-ages 2 years to 6th grade—Gather in Room 123
6:45 PM Adult Study: Confession of Faith, Room 222-224
6:45 PM Choir (Sanctuary)
6:45 PM Jr. High (Room 126)
6:45 PM Youth Group (Youth Rooms)
6:45 PM Parenting Class (Warkentin Room)

Saturday, January 30


8:30 AM Committee/Commissions Retreat—Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 31—Pride and Humility

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

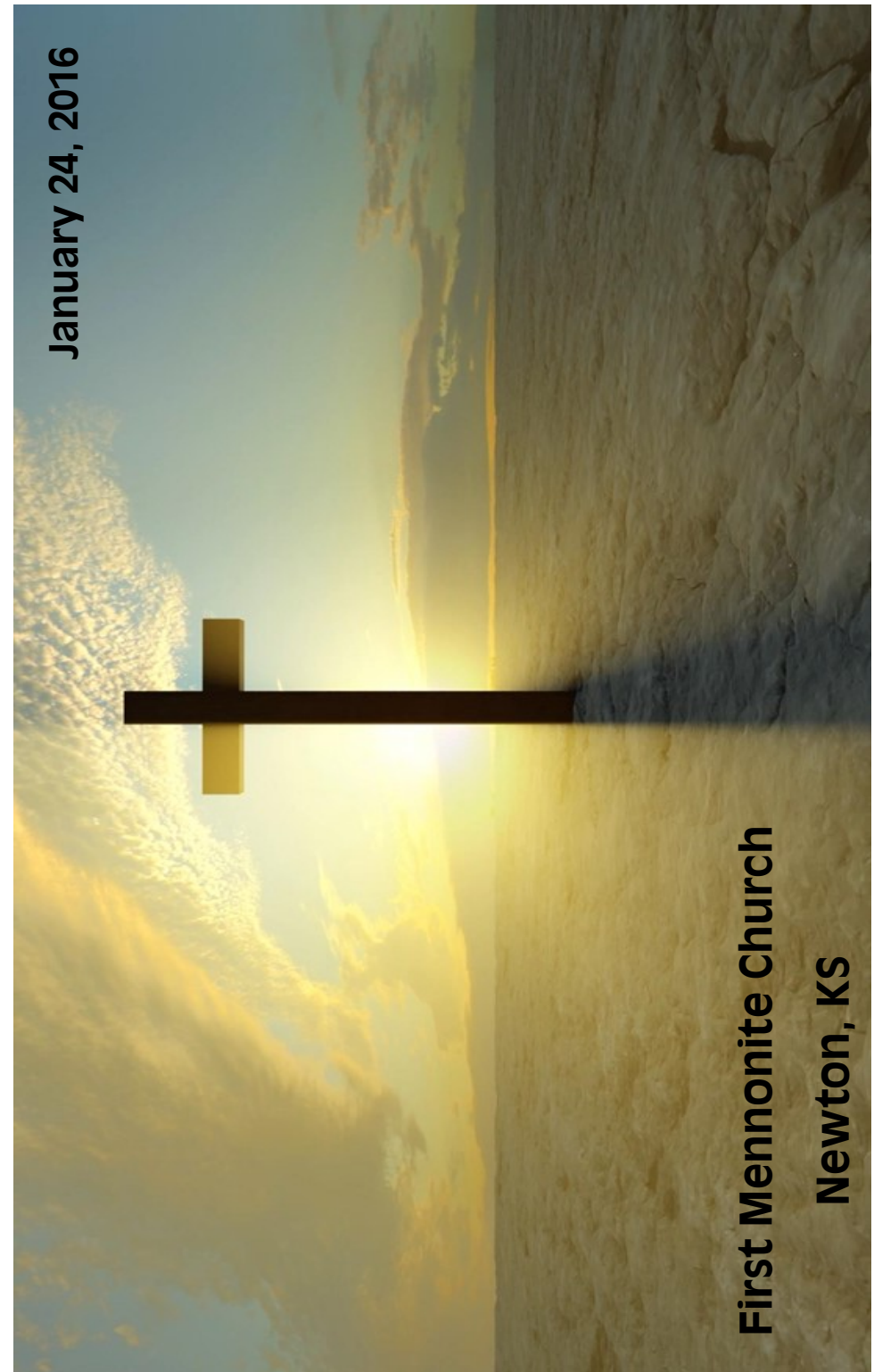
Upcoming Worship Service

February 7—Envy and Kindness
February 10—Ash Wednesday
February 14—Anger and Patience



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Sin and Virtue

Sunday, January 24, 2016

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Gathering

Prelude.....Melody Bontrager, pianist

Gathering song: *Come, thou fount*H 521

The work of the people (announcements)

Call to worship.....Dennis Good, worship leader

Opening prayer

Songs of faith: *Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*
Salvation Belongs to our God

Greet one another; children come forward

Hearing God's Word

Children's focus Cindy Combs

Special music: *True Evangelical Faith*

Song of faith: *Grace Like Rain*

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Scripture: Matthew 15:10-20; Philippians 4:8

Sermon: *Thoughts Matter* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Confession

Assurance of grace

Song of response: *Be thou my vision*H 545

Pastoral prayer Pastor Kay Schroeder

Sending

Sending song: *Take my Life (Holiness)*

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Musicians: Youth Group members; Paul Schrag, chorister; Joan Entz, Rachel Unruh, Chris Weaver, Kent Erb, vocalists
Childcare: Phil or Linda Gaertner, Susannah Epp
Ushers: Alan Entz, Ryan Nye, Jan Groves, Allen Schmidt
Audio Tech: Larry Becker Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering
Visuals: Pat Litsey

Our Mission is to glorify God:

Through expressing our love to God in worship.
Through experiencing love in Christian community.
Through extending God's love to the world.

outside the office on how to do this process. If you have not signed up yet and would like to do so, you may do that at this time as well.

The Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission would like to continue our conversation on peace and social justice issues. If you attended our Fall gathering or would like to join us for the first time, you are invited to come. We are planning to meet February 21, 5:30 to 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. A fasma will be included. Please put the date on your calendar.

Help invited: If you are able to accompany people on occasion to doctor appointments, acting as chauffeur and an extra pair of ears, please give your name to Tracy in the church office. Thank you!

~The Caregiving and Membership Commission

Our next week to serve at the Homeless Shelter is February 10-16. If you are able to help, please contact Lee Penner at 316-284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

Your life story is an unrepeated journey that only YOU can tell! We at First Mennonite Church are sponsoring two life stories workshops this year called "Story Matters" led by Laurie Oswald Robinson which will provide tools to help people write their own stories or the stories of a loved one. The workshops will be held **February 19-20** (6:30-9:00 PM Friday and 8:30 AM-3:30 PM Saturday) and **April 1-2**, and are open to the community. Choose the one that best fits your schedule. The cost is \$60 per person which includes workshop materials, snacks and lunch. The workshops are

COLLEGE-AGE YOUNG ADULTS

HEY! College-age Young Adults! Join us Sunday @ 9:15 a.m. in Room 110 for conversation, coffee, cinnamon rolls, and a chance to connect/re-connect!

FIRST POTLUCKS: February 7, March 6, April 3

SR. HIGH YOUTH
"Get ←.....→ CONNECTED"

Expressing love of God in worship
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- January 24 (4:00 pm)—Worship/Bible Study/Small Group
- January 27 @ 6:45 pm —Youth Group

partially funded by a Loaves & Fishes Grant from Western District Conference. To register, send an e-mail to Wendy Funk Schrag at pwschrag@cox.net. Registration is due February 1 for the February workshop.

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.

Prayer is one of God's gifts to us. If you would like to pray in a set-aside room for that purpose, the prayer room is available whenever the church is open in Room #113. The weekly prayer and praise notes can remind you of some of the situations needing intercession

Community Announcements

Serve Mennonite Central Committee and your local community by volunteering at Newton Et Cetera Shop! Currently needed: volunteer clerks (especially 5:30-7:30 PM Monday-Friday); volunteers to check electronics, tag clothing, shoes, housewares, other. Times are flexible. For more information, call 316-283-9461.

Informative webinar—Everence Financial will present an informative webinar, *Understanding long-term care insurance*, on Monday, January 25, at 12 noon and 7:00 PM. Financial Advisor Scott Luty will discuss how you can cover the high cost of long-term care—without wiping out your life savings. He'll also talk about ensuring quality of care and maintaining your independence. You'll get the information you need to make informed decisions. There will be time for your questions. To participate, contact Sandy Popp at (620) 662-7900, (877) 893-8647 or sandy.popp@everence.com. Or visit everence.com/kansas.

Tuesday, January 26, 6:30 PM—The Dyck Arboretum of the Plains will begin its 2016 Winter Lecture Series with farmer and beekeeper Deborah McSweeney speaking about *Bee Population Collapse*. The lecture will take place in the Prairie Pavilion, with a soup supper preceding it at 6:00 PM in the Visitor's Center. The cost of the lecture is \$2 per person, or supper and the lecture is \$7. Interested persons should call 620-327-8127 by 5:00 PM on Friday before the Tuesday lecture for supper reservations.

WDC Women in Mission will sponsor a Sister Care Weekend at Bethel College Mennonite Church, January 29 and 30. Come spend Friday evening (7:00-9:00 PM) and Saturday (9:00 AM-4:30 PM) at a seminar that will provide tools for ongoing personal healing, for recognizing and celebrating God's grace in our lives, and for responding more confidently and effectively to the needs of others. Registration can be found on the WDC website mennowdc.org/sister-care-seminar-january-29-30-2016/ or contact: Pam Schrag 317-217-1448; schragps52@gmail.com or Nancy Krehbiel 620-245-2471; stevekrehb@mtelco.net.

Saturday, January 30—Kauffman Museum's annual Celebrate Kansas Day will have a sports theme called *Root for the Home Team*. At 11:00 AM *The Common and Quirky Mascots of Kansas* will be in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. There will be events on the museum grounds from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, including wagon rides and corn popped over an open fire (weather permitting), along with make-it-take-it crafts, silent auction, flea market, bake sale and more. Lecture and museum events are free; there is a charge for the special Kansas Day meal in the Bethel cafeteria at noon.

Larry and Karen Loganbill and Jennifer Kaufman will share pictures and information from their Israel/Palestine trip at West Zion in Moundridge, **January 31, at 6:30 PM**. All are welcome. Offering will be accepted for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and the Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) for their work in the Middle East. The sharing will be followed by a time of fellowship with cookies.

Prison Theater Project, a Bethel College 2016 interterm class, presents *Inside Story*, directed by John McCabe-Juhnke, on Friday, February 5 and Saturday, February 6, 7:00 PM in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and non-Bethel students (Bethel students are free Friday and pay \$1 Saturday). A dollar of every ticket sold goes to Offender Victim Ministries, Newton, to support its Prison Ministries that include arts projects and M-2. (Please note *Inside Story* is rated PG for language.)

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. Child-care is available for children ages 2-4 during 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!

"Meet the Congregation" displays now feature Donovan and Helen Bachman, Ron and Karen Bachman, and Ken and Rachel Bachman and family. Take a look at the display cases by the Library and Court Area and learn about each family.

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—230 Visitors—26
- Sunday School—181

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$8,902. The offering for January 31 is for Western District.

If you have an interest in representing FMC on the Kansas MCC Relief Sale Committee, please contact Gary Moore or a member of the Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission.

All-Commissions/Committees Retreat, January 30, 8:30-12:00 noon: All members of ministry commissions and resource committees should have received an invitation to the retreat to take place on January 30. Please plan to attend this important time of beginning a new year of ministry!

See A Need, Meet A Need Stories—On January 10, the Historical Committee asked, "What examples show ways we *See A Need, Meet A Need?*" and "In what ways do we show an *Attitude of Gratitude?*" Thank you to all who submitted written responses! Additional stories can still be submitted for inclusion in the February printing of *FMC Connections*.

Dillons Community Rewards Program—It is time to re-enroll in the program for 2016. There are instructions in your mailboxes or on the shelf