

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 17—Whole Life Commitment—Matthew 20:20-28

8:30-9:15 AM Caregiving Fellowship Breakfast
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service

Monday, January 18

Jail Ministry: Jerry Regier
Church Office closed—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 19

9:30 AM Women's Fellowship/Work Day—Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 20—Church Family Night begins

5:30 PM Meal served by In the Word/Koinonia
Menu: Chili, Vegetarian/gluten free chili, bread, ice cream
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)

Saturday, January 23

8:00 AM Men's Grubfast—Fellowship Hall


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

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

Upcoming Worship Service

January 31—Pride and Humility
February 7—Envy and Kindness





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Whole-Life Commitment Sunday, January 17, 2016

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Gathering

Prelude..... Donna Stucky, organist/pianist

Gathering song: *Here I am, Lord*..... *H 395

The work of the people (announcements)

Call to worship..... Ryan Koehn, worship leader

Opening prayer

Songs of faith: *I sing the mighty power of God*H 46

I am weak and I need thy strengthH 553

Greet one another; children come forward

Hearing God's Word

Children's focus Keith Knopp, Ruth and Dwayne Abrahams

Song of faith: *Take my life*H 389

Scripture: Matthew 20:20-28

Sermon: *Whose?*..... Pastor Anita Kehr

Song of faith: *When I survey the wondrous cross*.....H 259

Responding to God's Word

Stewardship testimony Jim Schrag

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

Pastoral prayer June Thomsen

Sending

Sending song: *I bind my heart this tide*H 411

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book

**CS denotes Companion Songbook

Musicians: Rachel Unruh, chorister; Janet Franz, Renee Hamm, Dave Wiebe, Rannie Goering, vocalists.

Childcare: Michael or Pamela Garcia, Schyler Entz

Ushers: Gus Dorado, Ray Franz, Mike Garcia, Allen Schmidt

Audio Tech: Roy Goering Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy

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.

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. Gary is attending the Relief Sale committee meeting on January 17 and will have more information as to what is required. If you would like to attend the meeting as well, you are more than welcome.

See A Need, Meet A Need Stories—Last week, 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*.

Do you have the winter blues/depression? If you would like to participate in a support group please contact Pastor Anita or Arlene Schmidt at 283-2625 if you are interested. We will work out a schedule that works for everyone.

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 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.

Guy's Grubfast—Saturday, January 23, 8:00 AM. Males of all ages are welcome to gather in the Fellowship Hall for fun, food, and fellowship. Bring your favorite breakfast item, especially the items no one else in your home likes, and relax with a bunch of guys.

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 POTLUCK: February 7, March 6, April 3

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

Expressing love of God in worship
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TODAY (1/17/16) an estimated 18 youth and 5 adult leaders are on retreat at Camp Mennoscah bonding and journeying through the book of Philippians. They will return to FMC around 10:00 pm TONIGHT.

• January 20 @ 6:45 pm —Youth Group



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 faspas 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 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.

Community Announcements

In honor of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., Bethel College offers two special events: **today, January 17, 7:00 PM**, a screening of *In Prison My Whole Life*, an award-winning 2007 documentary on the court case of imprisoned political activist Mumia Abu-Jamal, with open discussion to follow with Jerrell Williams, director of Prison Ministries for OVM-Newton; and **Monday, January 18, 7:00 PM**, *The New Jane Crow*, a program with keynote speaker Michelle Armster, executive director of Mennonite Central Committee-Central States. Both events are in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, and both are free and open to the public with a freewill offering taken Monday to support the work of Newton Community for Racial Justice.

The fifth concert of the 2015-16 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring Walnut Valley Festival legends Betse & Ike, formerly of The Wilders, will be today, January 17, 4:00 PM at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in

Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and good food in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. Call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.



The Newton Community Children's Choir Annual Chili Supper Fundraiser is Monday, January 18, 5:30-7:00 PM at Zion Lutheran Church in the Parish Activity Center. A free-will offering will be accepted and will be used to help get the singers to the

Appalachian Festival for Young Voices in Charleston, WV this summer. The choir will be practicing during the meal.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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 Ken and Neva Frey, Gus and Penny Dorado and family, Kelson and Kenna Graber and family, and Chad and Mary Frey and family. Take a look at the display cases by the Library and Court Area and learn about each family.

Birthday Celebration—Please join the family of Don Penner today, January 17, to celebrate Don's 90th birthday. Open house will be 2:30-4:00 PM, in the Harvest Table Dining Room at Kidron Bethel Village. No gifts please.

In Sympathy—Cindy Peters, Elvera Suderman's sister-in-law, passed away on Tuesday, January 12. Please keep Elvera and Cindy's husband, Stan (Elvera's brother), in your thoughts and prayers.

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—246; Visitors—13
- Sunday School—182

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$5,994. The offering for January 24 is for Local Mission.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 18, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Women's Fellowship/Work Day will meet Tuesday, January 19, 9:30 AM-2:00 PM. Bring a sack lunch; drinks will be provided. Amanda Rempel will have devotions and the offering will be for Mennonite Women USA. Subscriptions for Timbrel are now due. Work projects include knotting blankets and working on crafts for the MCC Sale.

Church Family Nights start back up this Wednesday evening, January 20! A friendship meal is served at 5:30 PM and activities for all ages start at 6:45 PM. Everyone is welcome!