

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 15—A Place at the Table—1 Corinthians 11:17-34

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 4:02 PM Youth Group Bible Study

Monday, January 16

- Jail Ministry: Jerry Regier
- Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 18

- 7:00 PM Youth Group

Saturday, January 21

- 8:30 AM Guys Grubfast—Faith and Life meeting room

Sunday, January 22—World Fellowship Sunday (Mennonite World Conference)

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Membership Exploration Class

Upcoming Worship Services

- January 29—Exploring our Vision and Mission
- February 5—Exploring our Vision and Mission



“FAITH

IS TAKING THE FIRST STEP

EVEN WHEN YOU CAN'T SEE

THE WHOLE STAIRCASE.”

— MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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A Place at the Table

Sunday, January 15, 2017

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Gathering

Prelude Donna Stucky, pianist

Gathering song: *Here in this place* *H 6

The work of the people (announcements)

Call to worship.....June Thomsen, worship leader

Opening prayer

Songs of faith: *All creatures of our God and King*H 48

(verses 1, 3, 5, 7)

Jesus shall reignH 319

Greet one another; children come forward

Hearing God's Word

Children's focus Keith Knopp

Song of faith: *O praise the gracious power* *H 111

(verses 1-4, 7)

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Sermon: *Coming Together* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *O healing river* H 372

Pastoral prayer..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

Sending

Sending song: *You shall go out with joy*..... H 427

Sending words:

One: From where we are
to where you need us.

ALL: Jesus, now lead on.

One: From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you will reveal,

ALL: Jesus, now lead on.

One: To refashion the fabric of this world
until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,

All: Jesus, now lead on.

One: Because good things have been prepared
for those who love God,

ALL: Jesus, now lead on.

Postlude

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

Chorister: Carol Entz; HAT: Stephanie Weaver, Michelle Regier, Brent Voran, Daryl Unruh

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

Childcare: Greg or Laura Myers, Callie Knopp

Audio Tech: Tim Regier Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner

Visuals: Pat Litsey

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

Due to weather, the work on a new boys' cabin at Camp Mennoscah scheduled for this weekend has been postponed. The tentative new dates are February 4 and 6. Mark your calendars.

Sunday School children, Beginners through grade 8: You may remember that the current Sunday School offering project was originally going toward making repairs on the popular play structure the "Whale" at Camp Mennoscah. However, since starting this offering collection in September, the decision has been made to take down the "Whale" and build a brand new, safer play structure at camp, which is now what your offering money will be used for. So far, you have contributed a combined total of over \$140 to help build this new play structure. Please continue to bring your offering money through February 26 to help Camp Mennoscah get the new structure built and ready in time for camps this summer!

Women's Fellowship—Tuesday, January 17, 9:30 AM. We welcome women of all ages to our work day to make various items for the MCC Sale. We will be knotting blankets, embroidering, and working on crafts. Bring a sack lunch; drinks will be furnished. The offering will be for Mennonite Women USA. Gerry Wiebe will have the devotions. We will adjourn following lunch time.

Guy's Grubfest—Saturday January 21, 8:30 AM. We will meet at 606 N Main Street in the meeting room below Faith and Life Bookstore. Enter by the east door. Males of all ages are welcome to attend. Bring your favorite breakfast item to share.

New Hope Shelter—Our next week to serve at the shelter is January 25-31. If you or your group are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 316-284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

All-Commissions/Committees Retreat, January 28, 8:00-12:00 noon: All members of ministry commissions and resource committees should have received an invitation to the retreat to take place on January 28. Please plan to attend this important time of beginning a new year of ministry!

SR. HIGH YOUTH *With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:
Faith-focused, Mission-minded, Community-Centered*



Sunday, January 15

» 4:02 pm—Bible Study @ Addy Regiers (Supper included!)

Wednesday, January 18

» 6:44 pm—Youth Group Key word = noodles! Good times!

Greeters needed. Are you friendly, helpful, and outgoing? Do you have a good "grip"? We are looking for a few good people to be on our team of greeters for Sunday morning services. You only have to work once a month and there are no committee meetings! Pay is far below minimum wage, but the benefits are great! Contact Brent Voran for an interview.

Family Life Ministry is hosting a Freezer Meal Party on Saturday, February 4, 9:00 AM, with prep starting the evening of February 3. We will be assembling five 9x13 casseroles and are expecting the cost to be around \$50 per family. Any funds received above the cost of groceries will be used to assemble extra casseroles to bless families/individuals outside of our group. The menu will be posted as soon as it is available. We are asking that each person who signs up to attend the event also helps with either Friday evening prep or Saturday afternoon clean up. The deadline for signing up is Sunday, January 29. We are limiting this event to 15 families so don't wait!! You can either sign up by calling/texting Christa Hiebert at 316-283-1984 or by marking that you are going on our Facebook Group "First Mennonite Church Family Life Ministry."

Seconds @ FIRST Potluck—Our next potluck will be Sunday, February 12—We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall with family, friends, visitors, and college-age young adults. Everyone is welcome to attend and encouraged to bring additional food to share with guests.

Community Announcements

Prairie Window Concert Series—The fifth concert of the 2016-17 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring award-winning songwriter Liz Longley, will be today, 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. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount. Purchase tickets online or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

The Hesston College music faculty will perform a recital today, 2:00 PM, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. A variety of instruments and voices will be featured. The recital is free and open to the public.

The Allies group, which supports people with various sexual identities and their families and friends, will be meeting today, 4:00 PM at Wendy and Paul Schrag's home. Please contact Wendy or Paul if you have any questions.

Bethel College annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, Monday, January 16, 7:00 PM at Krehbiel Auditorium: Regina Shands Stoltzfus, assistant professor for peace, justice and conflict studies at Goshen (Indiana) College, will be speaking on *Renewing the Spirit of Empowerment*.

Kauffman Museum marks the 150th anniversary of the Chisholm Trail with its Kansas Day celebration on Saturday, January 28, 11:00 AM. The program will be by Jim Gray, executive director of the National Drovers Hall of Fame, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. There will be special activities in and around the museum from 1:30 to 4:30 PM.

Attention Young Adults! There will be an Area Wide PC-PF (Post College- Pre Family) Potluck and Game Night on Saturday, February 4, 6:00 PM at Tabor Mennonite Church. This group is designed for young adults in similar life stages to socialize together. Please bring table service, a dish to share, and games to play. Drinks will be provided. If you have questions, please contact Kristin Unruh at kristin.unruh@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

What's So Funny about Money?—a Ted and Company show—is coming to the McPherson Opera House, 219 S Main St, McPherson, KS on Sunday, February 19, 7:00 PM. This show is open to the public by donation to benefit the WDC Matching Fund, assisting pastors with financial challenges. Invite your friends!

Wanted for Kansas MCC Sale—Cars, Trucks, Tractors, Farm Equipment (old and new) and large items of value for the Kansas MCC Sale. These are tax deductible donations that can benefit you as well as MCC. If you have items you don't know what to do with, PLEASE consider donating them to the Kansas MCC Sale. We take your donations seriously and will make every effort possible to help it bring a good price. Call Jerry Toews, (620) 367-8257, for information and details.

Hesston College's 2017 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series conference is a month away. The February 17-19 conference will cover the topic "When the Unthinkable Happens," and will discuss how congregations and communities can prepare for and respond to trauma. For the full schedule, more information and registration, visit hesston.edu/avds.

Fundraiser for the Whale! There will be a hymn sing and dessert auction fundraiser for the new playground structure (otherwise known as "the whale") on February 26, 4:00-6:00 PM, at Eden Mennonite Church in Moundridge. All are invited to come to this time of singing, fellowship, and bidding on tasty desserts!

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Fellowship Meals—You are invited to sign-up to host or be a guest on March 5 and March 12. Flyers and registration forms are on the bulletin board in the Court Area. For more information or questions contact Gary or Ruby Moore.

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 Dora Voth (Library display case), Ivan and Janice Welty (Court Area display case), and FMC 2016 highlights (middle cases). Take a look at the display cases and learn more about each family.

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—231; Visitors—8
- Sunday School—188

Offering: Last week's offering for Mennonite Mission Network was \$2,779 and Local Missions was \$5,313. The offering for January 22 is for Local Missions.

Praise the Lord! A huge THANKS to all of you! We covered our costs for 2016. We ended the year positive with \$335.82. The Lord provides—and so do you! Words cannot express how thankful we are for this church family. Thank you one and all.
~ Financial Stewardship Committee

Receiving or has received care—Louise Janzen, Wesley Hospital

In sympathy—Willard Tieszen (90), Laura Friesen's brother, passed away on Sunday, January 8, in Billings, Montana. Please keep Laura in your thoughts and prayers.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, January 16, in observance of the holiday.

Thank you!! Thank you for your generosity in giving to the hat and glove tree. We collected 33 hats, 35 pairs of gloves, and 5 pairs of socks.

Pastor Joel and Pastor Kay will be out of the office January 19 and 20.

For your information—if church services get cancelled due to weather, please look for the announcement on our Facebook page, our church website, or on the KWCH television station.