

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 29—Exploring our Vision and Mission

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

Monday, January 30

Jail Ministry: Gary Moore

Wednesday, January 31

5:30 PM Meal served by Christian Fellowship Sunday School
Menu: Chili, Corn Chips, French Bread, Relishes, Cupcakes
6:45 PM Children—ages 2 years to 6th grade—Gather in Room 123
6:45 PM Adult Study—"Songs of the Heart"—Room 222-224
6:45 PM Choir (Sanctuary)
6:45 PM Jr. High (Room 126)
6:45 PM Youth Group (Youth Rooms)

Thursday, February 2

7:00 PM Nurture Commission
7:00 PM Church Board Meeting

Sunday, February 5—Exploring our Vision and Mission—Faith-Focused

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

Upcoming Worship Services

February 12—Exploring our Vision and Mission—Mission-Minded
February 19—Exploring our Vision and Mission—Community-Connected
February 26—Exploring our Vision and Mission—What's Next?

OUR VISION: Together in Christ:
rooted deeply, reaching widely, loving well

OUR MISSION: With Jesus as our center,
we are called to be:

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, January 29, 2017

OUR PRAYER:

O God, builder of all that is good,
join us together in Jesus Christ
so that we may be your dwelling place.
Teach us to think your thoughts,
to dream your dreams,
to hear your voice,
and to see your vision.

Form us to be the salt of the earth and light to the world.
Let it be that we may grow as a community of grace, joy and peace,
so that your healing and hope may flow through us to the world.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
relying upon the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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Exploring our Vision and Mission

Sunday, January 29, 2017

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Gathering

Prelude: *Il maestro e lo scolare* by HaydnAmanda Entz, pianist
Jyl Ewy, pianist

Gathering song: *Lord Lead Me On*

The work of the people (announcements)

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

Opening prayer

Songs of faith: *God You Reign*
Give Us Clean Hands

Greet one another; children come forward

Praising

Children's focusStefanie Knopp

Kingdom happening Ryan Koehn

Song of faith: *Offering*

Offering: Western District Conference

Offertory: *Marche Militaire* by Schubert
(Please pass the welcome pads)

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12; Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon: *Whatever You Do* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Be thou my vision*..... H 545

Pastoral prayer..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

Sending

Sending song: *Unity*

Blessing

Postlude: *This Little Light of Mine*

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Paul Schrag; HAT: Carol Entz, Nora Miller, Woody Miller, Bob Schmidt
Musicians: FMC Youth Group
Ushers: Loren Entz, Ivan Goering, Clint Litsey, Allen Schmidt
Childcare: Keith Knopp, Schyler Entz
Audio Tech: Larry Becker Video/Lighting Tech: Tyler Shelly
Visuals: Pat Litsey

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of February 3. We will be assembling five 9x13 casseroles and are expecting the cost to be around \$50 per family. The deadline for signing up is **today**. 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, when 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

On Tuesday, January 31, 6:30 PM in Hesston, the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains will begin its 2017 Winter Lecture Series with Nature Conservancy ecologist and field manager Ken Brunson speaking about "Fire Recovery in the Red Hills." 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.

Circles of Hope, Harvey County will host its first-ever soup supper and dessert auction on Tuesday, January 31, at the First United Methodist Church, 801 N. Main, Newton, Kansas. Enjoy a delicious dinner from 5:30 to 6:15 PM at our by-donation soup supper and then make your bid on some mouth-watering desserts from 6:15 to 7:30 PM, with guest auctioneer Mike Flavin! All proceeds benefit Circles of Hope.

Hesston College is hosting a new fine arts series—the Andover Organ Series—which will bring four talented organists to south central Kansas in three concerts to perform on Hesston Mennonite Church's Andover pipe organ during the spring 2017 semester. The first concert is at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, January 31, and will

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Wednesday, February 1

- » 5:30-6:45 pm—Church Family Meal
- » 6:46 pm—Youth Group Come EXPERIENCE worship around the world
- » Catechism forms are due.



**COMING
EVENTS**

February 7, 8—Verenika Dinner Fundraiser PREP

February 15—Verenika Dinner Fundraiser

February 18-20—Winter Retreat @ Camp Mennoscah

July 16-21—Summer Mission Trip (Chicago, IL)

feature Emmanuel Arakélian of Paris, France. The concert is free and open to the public; a reception will follow.

Everence Financial will present an informational webinar on the topic of *Women and Money* Thursday, February 2, from 12:00 to 12:30 PM. This is designed to address the distinctive financial needs of women. The presentation will include information on saving and investing for the future (including retirement) and getting started on a sound financial plan. The information will be presented by Andrea Bontrager Unzicker, Managing Director for Everence Financial Advisors in Central Kansas. To register, go to everence.com/kansas or contact Darlene Buller at (620) 327-4043, (877) 467-7294 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk—Saturday, February 4. Join experienced birders Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel at 8:00 AM in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep. (For help locating Kauffman Museum, see www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/)

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!

Come to the MCC Make It Day! Come and learn how to sew an infant gown for the infant care kits at MCC. These simple, sweet gowns provide warmth and comfort to infants around the world, and we would love to find more people to sew them! Join in the fun at the MCC Material Resource Center in North Newton (121 E. 30th) on Friday, February 10, 9:00 AM-12 Noon, to learn more and to make a gown or two yourself. Materials and instructions will be provided. MCC has a few sewing machines, but you are encouraged to bring your own if possible. Please contact Kate Mast if you are planning to attend or have any questions: katemast@mcc.org, 316-283-2720.

You are invited to a forum on "Native American Justice" on Saturday, February 11, 9:00 AM—12:00 noon at Mennonite Church of the Servant, 2401 N. Woodland in Wichita. The focus will be on the North American history of colonization and land loss, the Kanza story, and practical steps toward justice. There is a suggested donation of \$5. If you have questions please call John Stoesz at 316-213-2006 (cell) or email him at johnstoesz1@gmail.com.

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.

The Bethel College Alumni Choir is looking for more singers interested in getting together for music, fun and fellowship. The next concert will be Sunday, February 5, 3:00 PM (you'll be out in time for football!), with one rehearsal, Saturday, February 4, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. If you're a Bethel choir alumnus and want to be involved, contact Andrew Voth, votha@usd411.org; see "Bethel College Alumni Choir" on Facebook for more information.

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.

MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program is seeking volunteer groups and summer staff. Summer will be here before we know it, so make your summer plans now to join SWAP in Kentucky. Don't miss out on your chance to serve with this home repair ministry while learning about life in Appalachia. Groups or individuals can volunteer to serve as week-long volunteers. SWAP is also looking for summer staff to serve as job site coordinators and meals coordinators/cooks for three month assignments. Summer staff vary in age from 19 to 70+, and they receive meals, lodging and a weekly stipend for their service. For more information about bringing a group to SWAP or serving as summer staff, visit swap.mcc.org or contact Angela Maggard at AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org or 606-633-5065.

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 Kevin and Renee Hamm and family (Library display case), Roxane Pohl, and Bob and Mary Lou Schmidt (Court Area display cases). Take a look at the display cases and learn more about each family.

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—277; Visitors—14
- Sunday School—203

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Missions was \$19,379. The offering for February 5 is for the Scholarship Fund.

Receiving or has received care—Belva Unruh, NMC; Melvin Pauls, NMC Rehab

In sympathy—Kenton Britton (75), Janice Good's brother, passed away on Friday, January 20. We extend our condolences to Janice, John and their family.

Help OVM and Mennonite Central Committee in reaching out to prisoners by helping us collect items for Prisoner Care Kits. See the items needed listed on the collection box in the Court Area. We will be collecting until February 14. Let's show some love!

New cabin build at Camp Mennoscah! This winter/spring a new boys' cabin will be built at Camp Mennoscah. On February 3, 4, and 6 a work crew from First Mennonite Church will clear trees, do dirt work, and pour the foundation! If you are able to join the FMC Foundation Crew (full or part-time) please contact Kent Erb ASAP!

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.

We still have spots available...come join the fun! Family Life Ministry is hosting a Freezer Meal Party Saturday, February 4, 9:00 AM with prep starting the evening