

Words of assurance

Leader: Throughout the tumult of life,
God holds you close in love.
Rejoice,
because God’s wisdom is your guide,
God’s compassion is your strength.
God’s love is your redemption.

ALL: Come, let us walk in the way of God’s heart!

Words of institution

Coming forward to partake

Prayer of thanksgiving and pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *Sent forth by God’s blessing* H 478

Benediction

Leader: Come! Walk in the way of God’s heart.
The dawn is breaking!
Christ has come to set us free.
He will show us the way. Alleluia!

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Daryl Unruh; HAT: Carol Entz, Renee Hamm, Chris Weaver, Larry Entz
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Visuals: Pat Litsey, Janet Franz, Cindy Unruh



Epiphany

Come, walk in the way of God's heart

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January 8, 2017

Gathering

PreludeNora Miller, pianist

The work of the people (announcements)
(Please pass the welcome pads)

Call to worshipPastor Joel Schroeder

Leader: Day has dawned!
The light of Christ has come into the world.

**People: We see God's radiance in creation
and in our lives.
We rejoice in God's boundless riches
given for all.
We worship and adore our Savior,
Christ the Lord.**

All: Come! Let us walk in the way of God's heart!

Opening Prayer

Lighting the Advent candle wreathBrooklynn Black

Songs of faith: *Come, Light of the world*
Great God, we sing *H 639

Greeting one another

Praising

Kingdom celebration: Video review of 2016

Song of response: *Praise God from whom* (stanza A) H 119

Old Testament reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Song of faith: *Worship the Lord in the beauty* H 220

Offering: Mennonite Mission Network

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Hearing God's Word

Gospel reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Meditation: *Epiphany and the Table*Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding

Song of faith: *Let all together praise our God* H 213

Service of Communion

Invitation and prayer of confession

Leader: Radiant God,

People: we yearn to walk in your way

but often choose our own path of turmoil and pain.

Save us, Lord,

from the pride and foolishness of choosing our own

course,

that we may humbly and confidently

follow your lead,

through Jesus Christ, Amen.

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!

The organ pedal board and keyboards were removed on Wednesday this past week. Our contract with the craftsman gives him two months to complete the renovation, though it could be finished sooner. We look forward to the completion of this project in the near future.

New Cabin build at Camp Mennoscah! This winter/spring a new boys' cabin will be built at Camp Mennoscah! On January 13, 14, and 16, 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!

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.

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."

Radical Hospitality Class: Please note that our guest speaker, Director of Episcopal Migration Ministries who works with refugees in Wichita, Marla Schmidt, is coming

SR. HIGH YOUTH

With Jesus as the center, we are called to be: Faith-focused, Mission-minded, Community Centered

THIS WEEK!

TODAY Sunday, January 15

▶▶ 4:32 pm—Partnering with Parents (Youth Rooms)

Wednesday, January 11

▶▶ 7:00 pm—Youth Group Come and find out what's new in 2017! Good times!

January 13, 14, 16—Work at Camp Mennoscah

Sunday, January 15

▶▶ 6:06 pm—Bible Study (faspa, worship, Bible study, small group prayer)



to speak to us in the Fellowship Hall on January 29 (not February 5 as earlier stated) during the normal Sunday School hour. All are welcome!

Newton Community for Racial Justice will have an anti-racism training. The training will be held February 17-19, 2017, at the Newton Recreation Center. If you have any questions or to request a registration form, please visit the Roots of Justice website at rootsofjusticetraining.org. Cost per participant is \$250 if registered by January 9, 2017.

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.

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 Sunday, January 15, 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 on Sunday, January 15, 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 Sunday, January 15, 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*.

Circles of Hope, Harvey County will host our 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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 8—Epiphany and Communion

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 4:32 PM Partnering with Parents

Monday, January 9

Jail Ministry: Gary Moore

Wednesday, January 11

7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, January 12

7:00 PM Church Board

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

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:06 PM Youth Group Bible Study

Upcoming Worship Services

- January 22—World Fellowship Sunday (Mennonite World Conference)
“My Cry is Heard”
- January 29—Exploring our Vision and Mission

The Property Committee needs your help to maintain our facility! There are several projects that need completing, and we want you to have the opportunity to help. We need help with raking leaves around the church building and in the flower beds, painting the walls and ceiling in the balcony classroom, and installing pipe insulation and replacing a few ceiling tiles in the Jr. High room. Contact Jordan Miller, Alan Entz, Clint Litsey, Ryan Nye, or Rod Schmidt for more information.

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—157; Visitors—3
- Sunday School—77

Offering: Last week’s offering for Local Mission was \$4,932. The offering for January 15 is for Local Mission.

Receiving or has received care—Irene Schmidt, NMC; Belva Unruh, NMC; Jerry Decker, NMC

In sympathy—Naomi Engle (51), Willard Epp’s daughter, passed away January 1 in Wauseon, OH. Please keep Willard, Stan, Esther, and their families in your prayers.

Be sure to stop by the bulletin board and see the thank you card that was sent to us from Rod Pauls.

Our congregation responded so graciously to the Harvest of Love project. We collected 599.5 lbs of food and \$270 in cash. Special thanks to the youth group and sponsors who worked hard to bring in a large amount of food. Thank you, congregation, for helping those in need through this project.

A big thank you to the 15 volunteers who donated their time in ringing the Salvation Army bell at South Dillons. Thank you for your contribution of service to the community and representing First Mennonite Church. ~Bob Schmidt

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



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