

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 12—Exploring our Vision and Mission—Mission-Minded

- 7:45 AM Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission
- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 Noon Potluck—FH
- 6:00 PM Youth Group Bible Study

Monday, February 13

Jail Ministry: Gary Moore

Wednesday, February 15

- 5:30 PM Meal served by the Youth Group
Menu: Verenika with Ham Gravy, Sausage, Green Beans, Zwieback, Cherry Moos
- 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)

Saturday, February 18

- 8:30 AM Guy's Grubfast—606 N Main (meeting room below Faith and Life)
- Youth Group Winter Retreat

Sunday, February 19—Exploring our Vision and Mission—Community-Connected

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Upcoming Worship Services

- February 26—Exploring our Vision and Mission—What's Next?
- March 5—Lent 1: Restore us, O God! We hunger. Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11



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

OUR MISSION: With Jesus as our center,
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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, February 12, 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: Mission-Minded Sunday, February 12, 2017

Gathering

Prelude..... Amanda Rempel

Gathering song: *Love is Here*

The work of the people (announcements)

Call to worship..... Pastor Anita Kehr

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *Better Is One Day*
Beautiful Things

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Sheralyn Goering

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11 Jenna Ratzlaff, reader

Song of faith: *All hail the power of Jesus' name* *H 285

Sermon: *The M&M Gospel*..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

Responding To God's Word

Question: What are the practices that build/develop the mission of sharing hope and grace through Spirit-inspired, passion-driven faith in action?

Song of faith: *Lord, I Need You*

Pastoral prayer..... Pastor Kay Schroeder

Sending

Sending song: *Cornerstone*

Blessing: Matthew 28:18-20

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Carol Entz; Musicians: Hesston College Worship Band; HAT: Stephanie Weaver, Renee Hamm, Bryan Kehr, Kent Erb
Ushers: Bob Schmidt, Brian Walker, Rod Schmidt, Allen Schmidt
Childcare: Chris or Stephanie Weaver, Justen Schroeder
Audio Tech: Ron Bachman Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy
Visuals: Janet Franz

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YOUTH GROUP VERENIKA SUPPER—The Youth Group is having a February fundraiser for our mission trip to Chicago, Illinois this July. This Wednesday, February 15, 5:30-7:00 PM, we will be serving verenika with ham gravy, sausage, green beans, zwiebach, and cherry moos. Bring your family and friends.

Verenika Supper Deliveries—As in the past, the youth will be glad to deliver a meal this Wednesday to the homes of shut-ins and the elderly **from First Menonite**. If you would like to have a meal delivered to your house, please call Tracy Kerr in the church office (283-0273). The meal will be delivered on February 15 between 5:00 and 5:30 PM.

The ELEPHANT in the room . . . needs some careful painting! If you are willing to give some TLC to a much loved, well-used children's rocker, please contact Kay Schroeder at 316-217-1272 or kays@firstmennonitenewton.org.

Guy's Grubfest—Saturday, February 18, 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. Please bring your favorite breakfast item to share.

Graphic designers, artists, those who enjoy drawing or doodling— would you be interested in sharing your gifts through bulletin covers? If the answer is yes, please contact Kay Schroeder at 316-217-1272 or kays@firstmennonitenewton.org.

There is a thank you note on the bulletin board from Sharon Harder. Stop by and take a look!

SR. HIGH YOUTH *With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:
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Bible Study (Faspa, worship, Bible study, prayer)

» **TODAY! Sunday (2/12) 6:06 pm @ FMC**

VERENIKA DINNER FUNDRAISER

» **Tuesday (2/14) 4:00-8:00 pm PREP** (make zwieback and cherry moos)

» **Wednesday (2/15) 4:00-8:00 pm — Verenika Dinner**
(meal served 5:30-7:00 pm)

February 18-20—Winter Retreat @ Camp Mennoscah

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



Community Announcements

The sixth concert of the 2016-17 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring multi-instrumentalist and award-winning songwriter Molly Tuttle with the Molly Tuttle Band, will be today, 4:00 PM at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Also, due to icy weather in January, the Liz Longley concert has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 19 at 4:00 PM. 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.

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.

A KIPCOR Film Series presents *Do Not Resist*, a documentary by Craig Atkinson about police militarization in the U.S. since 9/11, will be on Sunday, February 19, **3:00 PM**, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Talk-back follows with scheduled resource people DJuan Wash and AJ Bohannon, community organizers from Wichita.

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!

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!

Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats—March 3-5 and March 17-19! These retreats at Camp Mennoscah are filled with hours of time for your crafts, devotions, fellowship, and fun. Register online at campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 for more information. Bring a friend for a discount!

Youth Volunteer Weekend! Camp Mennoscah is offering a short weekend of worship, service, fellowship, and fun for those in grades 7-12 on March 10-11. We'll have counselors (i.e. adults) for those attending and youth groups are welcome to join. Please contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 if you are a youth sponsor who would like to attend. Scholarships are available. Register online at campmennoscah.org.

On Saturday, March 18, 2017, the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston will host its annual spring educational symposium on the theme of *Living the Land Ethic in Kansas*. The goals of the symposium are to introduce the concept of 20th century conservationist Aldo Leopold's *Land Ethic*, to learn more about the elemental prairie resources that shape our Kansas economy and identity, to find inspiration from the practitioners who steward our Kansas natural and human resources, and to hear a message of hope for how to be better stewards in the future. The cost of registration is \$40 for Dyck Arboretum members and \$50 for non-members for those who register by March 10 and includes a full day of presentations, breakfast, and lunch. After March 10, registration will increase to \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members. RSVP by March 15 to be included in meal count.

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.

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a fulltime Mennonite Voluntary Service Program Director to provide visionary, spiritual and programmatic leadership for sustaining and developing this evolving program. A collaborative and compassionate leader is essential to develop and maintain ongoing relationships with congregational leaders and support committees in host locations and to lead the MVS team in the administration of budget and unit management. This person will embrace God's reconciling mission to the world, be committed to Jesus Christ's path of peace, and be active in a local Anabaptist faith community. Openness to frequent travel and comfort with communicating by phone and email is required. Prior inter-cultural experience in mission or service is helpful. Anticipated start date is June 2017. Read the full position description at www.MennoniteMission.net. Please send resumé and letter of interest to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net.

Call for singers—Sunday, May 7, at Bethel College, the Masterworks Chorus and Orchestra will perform Haydn's *Missa in Angustiis*, also known as the *Lord Nelson Mass*. If interested in joining the choir, contact Dr. William Eash, 316-284-5316 or weash@bethelks.edu, for rehearsal and performance 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 Kevin and Renee Hamm and family (Library display case), Roxane Pohl, and Bob and Mary Lou Schmidt (Court Area display cases). The First 100 years of FMC History is also displayed in the Court Area case. Take a look at the display cases and learn more about each family.

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—263; Visitors—7
- Sunday School—178

Please welcome the Hesston College Worship Band as they help to lead us in worship today. The members are: Noah Yoder from Harrisonburg, Virginia; David Ladwig from Wichita, Kansas; Mackenzie Miller from Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Emily Griffioen from Belmond, Iowa

Receiving or has received care—Carol Hiebert, NMC.

Offering: Last week's offering for the Scholarship Fund was \$2,925 and Local Missions was \$3,160. The offering for February 19 is for Local Mission.

Thank you one and all for supporting our local missions. We have a deficit of \$3,485.54 for January 2017. We had some December invoices that did not get paid until January. Please continue to pray for our local needs and help out where you can.
~ Financial Stewardship Committee

Seconds @ FIRST Potluck today! Everyone (college students, guests, regular attenders...everyone) is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service today for great food and great fellowship.

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!