

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

## Sunday, February 26—Exploring our Vision and Mission—What’s Next

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

## Monday, February 27

Jail Ministry: Gary Moore

## Wednesday, March 1

5:30 PM Meal served by Casa Betania  
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)  
7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service

## Thursday, March 2

7:00 PM Nurture Commission

## Sunday, March 5—Lent 1: Restore us, O God! We hunger.

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
3:00 PM Casa Betania Service—Pastor Jaime’s Ordination

## Upcoming Worship Services

March 12—Lent 2: Restore us, O God! We wonder. Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121;  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

\*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book \*\*CS denotes Companion Songbook  
Chorister: Daryl Unruh; HAT: Janet Franz, Nora Miller, Woody Miller, Larry Entz  
Worship band: Seth Bontrager—drums; Joey Menninga—vocals, guitar; Michelle Regier—  
vocals; Tim Regier—bass guitar; Kay Schroeder—piano; Diana Unruh—cello, electric guitar.  
Ushers: Alan Entz, Ryan Nye, Jan Groves, Wenda Black  
Childcare: Michael or Pamela Garcia, Callie Knopp  
Audio Tech: Ron Bachman Video/Lighting Tech: Tyler Shelly



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**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**

**FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH**

**Sunday, February 26, 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.

# Exploring our Vision and Mission: What's Next Sunday, February 26, 2017

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## Gathering

**Prelude**..... Amanda Rempel, organist

**Gathering song:** *Lord, be glorified* ..... \*\*CS 6

**The work of the people (announcements)**

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

**Opening prayer**

## Praising

**Songs of faith:** *Hosanna (Praise is rising)*  
*Did you feel the mountains tremble*

**Greet one another; children come forward**

**Children's focus:** Mark 10:13-16 ..... Bryan Kehr

**Offering:** Local Mission

**Offertory**

(Please pass the welcome pads)

## Hearing God's Word

**Scriptures:** Mark 12:28-31; Romans 12:1-2

Gary and Myrna Grochowsky, readers

## Living Our Mission Toward God's Vision

Reflections by Pastors Anita, Joel, and Kay

***Together in Christ: rooted deeply***

Faith-Focused, Mission-Minded, and Community-Connected

**Kingdom sharing:** "Faith-Focused"—Dave Wiebe, Worship Commission

**Song of faith:** *Cornerstone*

***Together in Christ: reaching widely***

Mission-Minded, Community-Connected, Faith-Focused

**Kingdom happening** ..... \*H 796

Commissioning for short term missions—Clarence and Amanda Rempel

**Song of faith:** *Here I am, Lord* (verses 1 and 3) ..... H 395

***Together in Christ: loving well***

Community-Connected, Faith-Focused, Mission-Minded

**Congregational sharing:** How do we, together in Christ, become more deeply rooted, reach more widely, love more completely?

**Song of faith:** *Jesus, be the center*

**Pastoral prayer**..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

## Sending

**Blessing:** Philippians 4:4-9

**Sending song:** (reprise *Did you feel the mountains tremble*)

**Postlude**

# SR. HIGH YOUTH

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



**Tuesday, February 26—Pre-registration for DOOR!**

**Wednesday, March 1**

▶▶ **6:46 PM—Youth Group!** Come and join the FUN!  
Friends always welcome!



**Sunday, March 5**

▶▶ **9:15 AM—Sunday School**

▶▶ **10:30 Am—Worship Service**

▶▶ **6:06 PM—Bible Study!** Come and join the FUN! Friends welcome.

**July 16-21—D.O.O.R.** Summer Mission Trip (Chicago, IL)

**"Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"** And thanks to those who gave and prayed for the organ renovation project. The project is very close to completion. The work from our two major craftsmen is finished. Some cleaning work remains and will likely be completed in the next weeks. We hope to give a brief demonstration of some of the changes after everything is done.

**Pastor Jaime Cazares' ordination** service will be here at First Mennonite Church on Sunday, March 5, 3:00 PM, with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend!

**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 pruning trees and bushes around the church building, 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.

**Mennonite Men has placed** an electronic church display in our foyer. Please take a few minutes to view this display. Mennonite Men is an organization that works to promote men's groups by offering study materials, retreats, and mentoring relationships. It also works to raise money for new churches looking to build their first place of worship through the JoinHands program. Learn more by viewing the display or visiting [MennoniteMen.org](http://MennoniteMen.org). Any questions? Ask Brent Voran or Clarence Rempel.

## Community Announcements

**Fundraiser for the Whale!** There will be a hymn sing and dessert auction fundraiser for the new playground structure (otherwise known as "the whale") today, 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!

**Harvey County Circles of Hope** is a relationship-based initiative that seeks to improve the financial health and well-being of the community and our residents. Circles of Hope

connects community volunteers with families ready and willing to begin their journey towards financial stability. Community volunteers support and encourage families by sharing their time and friendship. A volunteer ally training will be held on February 28. Currently, Circles is one person short in having enough allies. If you are interested in taking the training, please contact Circles at 283-0000. We meet at First United Methodist Church at 801 North Main in Newton. Supper begins at 5:30 PM with the meeting at 6:30 PM. Please call Peace Connections if you will be bringing children.

**The Dyck Arboretum of the Plains** will continue its 2017 Winter Lecture Series with Hutchinson Community College biology professor Mark Nolen speaking about "Animal Sounds Around Us." The lecture will take place in the Prairie Pavilion on Tuesday, February 28, 6:30 PM, in Hesston, 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.

**People of the Land: Mennonites and the Doctrine of Discovery** is the topic of a presentation by Karin Kaufman Wall on Friday, March 3, 8:00 PM, at the Mennonite Central Committee Central States office, 121 E. 30th St., in North Newton. Kaufman Wall is peace and justice education coordinator with MCC Central States. Her presentation is part of the annual corporation meeting of Mennonite World Review Inc. All are welcome to attend the business meeting at 7:00 PM or come at 8:00 PM for Kaufman Wall's presentation.

**"Make a Joyful Song: Celebrating the Legacy of Walter Jost"** is the theme of the Newton Chorale's 40th season concert on Sunday, March 5, 6:30 PM at Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton. Director Renae Schmidt Peters has included many of Jost's favorite works, including Harold Moyer's "Songs of Faith." Admission is free with an offering taken to help cover concert expenses.

**Bethel College wind ensemble** and Bethel College philharmonia orchestra joint concert—Sunday, March 5, 8:00 PM, in Memorial Hall. Featuring music by Stucky, Gilmore, Mahler, Buxtehude and Wagner, with special guest Soyoun Chun, voice.

**NAMI Mid Kansas is a family-to-family series** of 12 weekly classes structured to help loved ones and caregivers understand and support individuals with serious mental disorders while maintaining their own well-being. Meetings start March 6-May 22, 6:30-9:00 PM, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Newton. Call 316-651-6027 for more information.

**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](http://campmennoscah.org).

**Join us on Saturday, March 11,** at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains for the 7th Annual Go Green Leprechaun Run, including 10K and 2-mile races, a costume contest, refreshments and games. Festivities will begin with an 8:30 AM start of the 10K race and last until 11:30 AM at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains, located at 177 West Hickory in Hesston. Registration is available online at [dyckarboretum.org/event/leprechaun-run/](http://dyckarboretum.org/event/leprechaun-run/). Participants may alternatively print their registration form from the website and submit their completed form with payment to the Arboretum office. Registration forms submitted after March 1 will incur an additional \$5 fee. Volunteers are also needed for this event. For more information, contact Dyck Arboretum at 620-327-8127 or [arboretum@hesston.edu](mailto:arboretum@hesston.edu).

**Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association** will hold its annual meeting, Sunday, March 12, 2:30 PM, here at First Mennonite in the Fellowship Hall. The speaker for the program will be Mr. Curt Goering. The public is invited to attend.

**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 the meal count.

**Rooted and Grounded: A conference on land and Christian discipleship**—April 20–22 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. Imagine and embody alternative ways of relating to the land that cultivate shalom between human beings, the rest of creation and God. This three-day event will weave together worship, theology, biblical study and praxis. Keynote speakers are Sarah Augustine, Dr. Stanley Saunders and Todd Wynward. Cost: \$100/standard, \$25/students. For more information: [ambs.edu/rootedandgrounded](http://ambs.edu/rootedandgrounded).

**Camp Mennoscah's 2017 camp catalogs** should be in your hands. Didn't get yours? Call us at 620-297-3290. We'll get one to you quicker than quick. You can also find the catalog online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or on the shelf outside the church office.

**Camp Mennoscah is looking for** fun-loving folks to be kitchen volunteers for our summer youth camps. Our summer camps run from June 11-August 4. The only skills needed are the ability to follow directions, helpful hands, and a desire to have a good time. Email [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or call us at 620-297-3290 for more information. It's a great time!

**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 Stan and Esther Epp and family (Library display case), Edith Harms (Court Area display case), Willard Epp (Court Area display case). The display case next to the office has information about the MCC Relief Sale. Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

#### **First Mennonite Church by the numbers**

##### **Attendance:**

•Worship—210; Visitors—4; Sunday School—159

**Receiving or has received care**—Fern Koehn, NMC Rehab

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Local Missions was \$7,832. The offering for March 5 is for Mennonite Mission Network.

**Today the buckets will be passed during the offering time** to collect loose change for the relief work of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). The buckets will be passed each week until the MCC Sale on April 7 and 8.

**The Kingdom Sharing today** comes from a request by the Church Board to each commission and committee to offer a report once a month on one part of our Mission statement (Faith-Focused, Mission-Minded, Community-Connected). This month's sharing comes from the Worship Commission who is reflecting on "Faith-Focused."

**Everyone is invited** to our Ash Wednesday service this Wednesday, March 1, 7:30 PM.

**THANK YOU for your on-going support** of youth ministry at FMC! Donations received at the verenika dinner fundraiser totaled \$6,845!

**Scholarship Fund update.** The February offering gave a significant boost to the fund balance. On behalf of the students and their parents, the Scholarship Committee says "Thank you." A large group of our young adults continue to pursue higher education at a Mennonite Christian school. For the 2017 Spring semester, \$8,000 was paid out for 16 scholarships. Comparable numbers are forecast for the 2017 Fall semester; and then again in the 2018 Spring semester. Please consider additional contributions to the Scholarship Fund during the upcoming months so there will be sufficient monies for the 2017-2018 school year. The young adults are blessed by a congregation that believes in and supports them. The students and their parents plus the Scholarship Committee appreciate the past and current generosity of the congregation.