

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

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

Monday, February 6

Jail Ministry: Gary and Ruby Moore, Arlen Wiens

Wednesday, February 8

5:30 PM Meal served by New Disciples Sunday School
Menu: Taco Salad, Applesauce, and Bar Cookies
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 9

7:00 PM Church Board Meeting

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

Upcoming Worship Services

February 19—Exploring our Vision and Mission—Community-Connected
February 26—Exploring our Vision and Mission—What's Next?
March 5—Lent 1: Restore us, O God! We hunger.



**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
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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, February 5, 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: Faith-Focused Sunday, February 5, 2017

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Gathering

Prelude.....Ben Regier

Choral introit: *Come Before His Presence with Singing!* By Cristi Cary Miller
(based on Psalm 98 and 100)

The work of the people (announcements)

Call to worship..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *Take My Whole Heart*
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Cindy Combs

Kingdom happening Ib and June Thomsen
Commissioning for short-term missions

Song of faith: *Move in our midst* *H 418

Offering: Scholarship Fund

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Hearing God's Word

Choral prayer for illumination: *Open my ears, open my eyes* by Clemens

Scripture: Matthew 7:7-11, Romans 8:38-39..... Olivia and Sophia Miller

Sermon: *Trust* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding

Question: What are the practices that build/develop our faith, leading to spiritual growth and an anchoring in God's love and faithfulness?

Song of faith: *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *The Lorica*

Blessing

Postlude

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

Chorister: Kay Schroeder; Musicians: Melody Bontrager, pianist;

Bluegrass band: Ben Regier, Dwayne Abrahams, Ken Regier, Tim Regier, Austin Regier

Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, Donnie Kingsley, Allen Schmidt

Childcare: Phil or Linda Gaertner, Camryn Entz

Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn

Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering

Visuals: Janet Franz

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and college-age young adults. Everyone is welcome to attend and encouraged to bring extra as we are inviting college students. Come and enjoy the community-connectedness.

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

Verenike Supper Deliveries—The youth group is hosting a February Fundraiser Meal on Wednesday, February 15, 5:30-7:00 PM. As in the past, the youth will be glad to deliver a meal to the homes of shut-ins and the elderly from First Mennonite. 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.

2017 Youth Group Auction—Coming later this spring, on Wednesday, April 26, the youth group is hosting the bi-annual auction. This is always a fun church family event and brings visibility to the community. The youth offer their services and skills to be auctioned along with many items donated by the church family. Watch for future announcements over the next few months. Proceeds will go to help pay for our July trip to the Mennonite-affiliated DOOR program in Chicago, Illinois.

~Carol Entz, Auction Coordinator

SR. HIGH YOUTH

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Verenika Dinner FUNDRAISER

- » Tuesday (2/7) 4:00-8:00 pm PREP (make verenika and zwieback)
- » Wednesday (2/8) 4:00-8:00 pm PREP (make verenika and zwieback)
- » Wednesday (2/15) 4:00-8:00 pm — Verenika Dinner Fundraiser (meal serving time 5:30-7:00 pm)



February 12—Bible Study

February 18-20—Winter Retreat @ Camp Mennoscah

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



Community Announcements

The Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group will meet February 7, 2:00 PM, in Menno Hall. Chaplain Eric Massanari will speak on "Prayer of Loving Attention." All interested persons are invited.

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.

Bethel College Alumni Association invites you to join us on Saturday, February 11, 6:00-8:00 PM at Play-Mor Lanes, 1105 Washington Road. We will have lanes reserved for you to enjoy an evening of bowling. There is a registration fee of \$10 for the event, with a portion of your fee used as a donation to Bethel College.

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.

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.

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, fun, and fellowship, Register online at campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 for more information. Bring a friend for a discount!

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.

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.

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. 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.

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 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 comfortable 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 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—215; Visitors—13
- Sunday School—190

Offering: Last week's offering for Western District was \$1,400 and Local Missions was \$5,900. The offering for February 12 is for Local Mission.

Scholarship Fund needs replenishment. A large group of our young people continues to pursue higher education at a Mennonite Christian school. For the 2017 Spring semester, \$8,000 was paid out for 16 FMC scholarships since each student received the maximum possible. Monies were sent to Bethel, Tabor, Eastern Mennonite, and Hesston. This was feasible due to the generosity of the congregation. As people who believe in the youth and support them, please consider a contribution to the Scholarship Fund. It needs replenishment so there will be sufficient monies for the 2017 Fall semester plus the 2018 Spring semester. The youth are blessed by a congregation that believes in them and supports them. The students and their parents plus the Scholarship Committee appreciate the past and current generosity of the congregation.

Mel Pauls has been released from Newton Medical Rehab Center to be at home. He will continue to use a neck brace until the vertebra injury has healed. Thanks to all for the visits, cards, and the prayers. ~Mel and Nancy Pauls and 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!

Seconds @ FIRST Potluck—Our next potluck will be next Sunday, February 12, 12:00 Noon, when we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall with family, friends, visitors,