

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 16—Easter: Restore us, O God! We live!

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

Monday, April 17

Jail Ministry: Jerry Regier

Tuesday, April 18

9:30 AM Women's Fellowship—FH
7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission

Wednesday, April 19

7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, April 20

7:00 PM Church Board

Saturday, April 22

10:00 AM Catechism—Warkentin Room

Sunday, April 23—Trust God; Love People—Acts 2:14a, 22-28; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9;

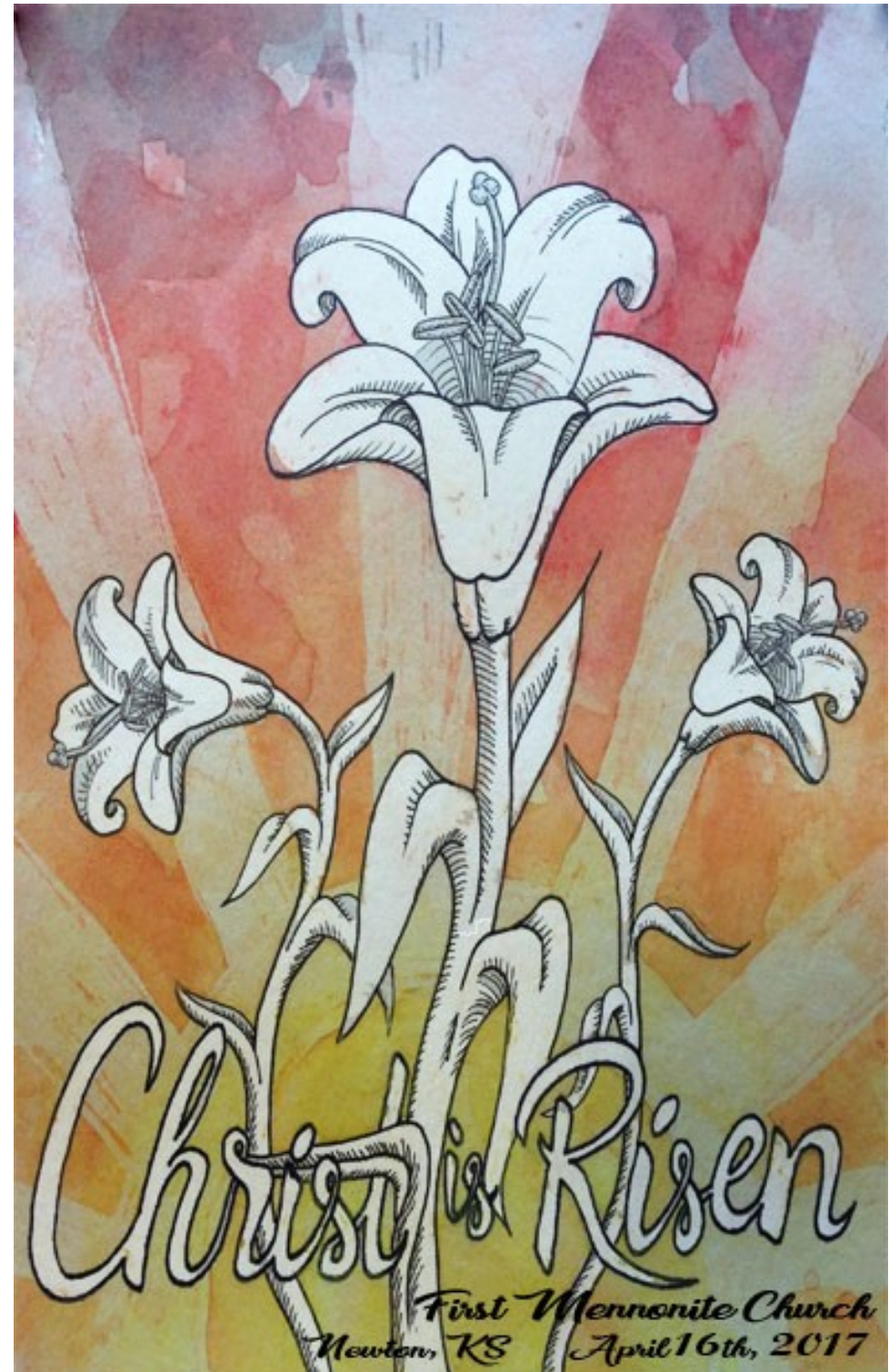
John 20:19-31

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
12:00 Noon Potluck/Spring Congregational Meeting—FH

Upcoming Worship Services

April 30—Guest Speaker: Kathy Goering Reid
May 7—Trusting the Trustworthy One—Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25,
John 10:1-10

Focus statement: When our hopes for what will bring life are shattered, we come to the tomb feeling lost, confused, disillusioned, and afraid. But it is precisely there that God meets us—revealed in the mystery of the risen Christ. God, the Author of life, empowers us to live fully and enables us to praise once again. We dance, we sing, we proclaim: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!



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Easter! Christ is Risen! Restore us, O God! We live.

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Gathering

PreludeAmanda Rempel, organ; Amanda Entz, piano
O sons and daughters, let us sing two arrangements by Young, Peeters
Thine is the glory Handel/Guilmant
Christ the Lord is risen today arr. Lani Smith

Choral introit: *Life is Given, Hallelujah!* by Russell Nagy

The Ragman: Part TwoDavid Wiebe, storyteller

Call to worship Pastor Joel Schroeder

Leader: When all hope seems lost, Christ is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed!

Leader: When fear hovers close at hand, Christ is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed!

Leader: When disillusionment and despair threaten us, Christ is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed!

Leader: Come! Celebrate the risen Lord! Alleluia!

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *This is amazing grace*
Low in the grave he lay..... *H 273

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus..... Keith Knopp

Songs of faith: *Forever*
Lift your glad voices..... H 275

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory: *Christ we do all adore thee* Dubois/Wyrtzen, Hustad
(Please pass the welcome pads)

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Choral anthem: *Run with me to the garden* by Douglas Nolan

Meditation: *Come, See, Go, Tell*.....Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Receiving new members: Michelle Claassen, Jeff Enns, Melody Enns,
Kacie McGee, Casson Schmidt

Sharing

Covenanting.....H 794

Song of faith: *Thine is the glory*H 269

Pastoral prayer Pastor Joel Schroeder

Song of faith: *Christ the Lord is risen today*H 280

Benediction

Postlude: *Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!* Willan

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

Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder; Musicians: Choir; Brent Voran, Tim Regier, trumpets; Kenna Graber, Carol Entz, flutes; Joey Menninga, vocals & guitar; Kay Schroeder, vocals; Jyl Ewy, piano
Ushers: Gus Dorado, Ray Franz, Mike Garcia, Andrea Regier

Childcare: Greg or Laura Myers, Madelynn Hamm

Audio Tech: Tim Regier

Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy

Visuals: Carol Hiebert

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

Congregational Ministry in the Face of Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence—On April 29, Western District Conference is sponsoring a workshop on how congregational leaders can respond when abuse takes place that affects the broader congregation. Kathryn Goering Reid, a credentialed minister and Executive Director of Family Abuse Center, Waco, TX, will be our seminar leader. The workshop takes place at First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, KS, 8:00 am-3:30 pm. Together we will look at models that have worked in some congregations and suggest actions that will help a congregation work through these complex situations. For more information, see mennowdc.org/congregational-ministry-in-the-face-of-sexual-abuse-and-domestic-violence/. **Our congregation has paid the registration fee that covers attendance for everyone from the congregation who wishes to attend. Please let Pastor Anita know by today if you are planning to attend.**

Women's Fellowship will meet Tuesday, April 18, 9:30 AM, with a sack lunch at noon. We will be finishing projects and have fellowship and discussion about future meetings. Devotions will be by Amanda Rempel, and the offering will be for the Homeless Shelter. Please join us.

The sign-up sheet for Camp Mennoscah is on the bulletin board in the court area. Please sign your children up by April 30 if they're planning to attend; Nurture Commission needs the information to plan for scholarships! Thank you.

Camp Mennoscah time is approaching! Over the last few years, First Mennonite has offered scholarships of \$100 per student for children in both our congregation and in Casa Betania. Depending on what we receive, scholarships may be lower this year. This experience has been a vital part of the faith formation of those who attend. Last year, we distributed \$4,300. The Nurture Commission is grateful for any help you can give. Please talk to any member of the commission for more information. Thank you!

SR. HIGH YOUTH *With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:
Faith-Focused, Mission-Minded, Community-Centered*



TODAY! Sunday, April 16

- ▶▶ 9:15 AM—Sunday School
- ▶▶ 10:30 AM—Worship Service

Wednesday, April 19

- ▶▶ 7:02 PM—Youth Auction Prep Night! ALL YOUTH be prepared to submit auction items, sign up for work tasks, plus receive Safe Sanctuary Awareness training for child-care.



**COMING
EVENTS**

April 26—Bi-annual Youth Group Auction

Youth needed to help set-up at 5:05 pm. Meal served at 6:00 pm with the auction beginning at 6:45 pm.

May 1—DOOR forms and deposit due.

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

A carry-in dinner is planned for next Sunday, April 23, prior to the spring congregational meeting. Please bring food dishes to share and your tableware. Drinks will be provided.

Spring Congregational Meeting is being called for next Sunday, April 23, following a carry-in dinner after the worship service. The meeting will begin at approximately 12:30 PM. Child care will be provided. Reports will be shared on a variety of topics plus updates will be given on our current financial information. Please plan to attend this important meeting in the life of our congregation.

Youth Group Meal and Auction—Wednesday, April 26, 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Auction Items: Bring to the church office before Tuesday, April 25, or basement Fellowship Hall, no later than 4:00 PM, Wednesday, April 26. Items will be available for viewing at 6:00 PM. Next Sunday, we will have a full listing of all auction items in your mailboxes. For questions, call Carol Entz, 283-0525.

Grocery Shower—Join us in celebrating the marriage on March 11 of Miriam and Ryan Goertzen-Regier. The Fellowship Commission will host a grocery shower on **Sunday, April 30**, between Sunday School and the worship service (**10:00-10:30 AM**) in the **Fellowship Hall**. The congregation is invited to come greet the couple, enjoy some punch and cookies, and offer a grocery gift. If you are unable to attend but would like to offer a gift, you may bring your gift to the church office. ~The Fellowship Commission

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 painting the new shed, 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.

Community Announcements

MEDA Kansas Chapter—Join us for a panel discussion with young adults on Millennials in the Workplace on Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 PM at AGCO in Hesston. For questions contact Carla Wedman 620-896-7381.

The final concert for the Hesston College Andover Organ Series season will feature University of Kansas graduate students Shayla Van Hal and Bethany Johnson at 7:00 PM, Friday, April 21, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Flannelbacks will have a farewell concert on Friday, April 21, 8:00 PM, at Bethel College on the Green.

Shalom Mennonite Church is hosting a Community Conversation on Immigration on Saturday, April 22, 10:00 AM-12 noon. It will be a moderated panel discussion with a question and answer time to follow. The discussion will focus on the panelists' general perspectives on issues that affect refugees and immigrants in Kansas and Harvey County. Confirmed panel participants are Bob Myers and Tim Hodge (State Representative). If you have questions about the event you can contact Shalom at office@shalomnewton.org.

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.

Bluestem Communities Independent Living will have an open house on April 23, 1:00-3:00 PM. The Kidron Bethel Village, North Newton tour begins at 15 Lakewood Circle. The Schowalter Villa, Hesston tour begins at Water's Edge Lobby, 701 S. Main.

Call for singers—Bethel College choirs, Philharmonia Orchestra and community chorus will perform Haydn's *Missa in Angustiis (Mass for Troubled Times)* on Sunday, May 7. You are still welcome to join the chorus—come to the **first rehearsal Monday, April 24, 6:30 PM, in Luyken Fine Arts Center on campus**. Time commitment: eight 3-hour rehearsals (April 24-25, April 27, May 1-2, May 4-6) and the May 7 performance. Contact William Eash, weash@bethelks.edu or 316-284-5316 for more information.

Stories of courage, stories of faith, stories of fun! Retirees of all ages are invited to join us for Retirees Relaxation Retreat at Camp Mennoscah April 24-26. We'll hear stories from a number of different people, have Bible study, do some singing, and have coffee breaks. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290. We'll see you there!

If you enjoy playing golf and would like to support Harvey County Circle of Hope, join us Saturday, April 29, 8:00 AM, at Fox Ridge Golf Course for a 4-person scramble, followed by a delicious lunch! For more information contact Peace Connections at 284-0000 or visit peaceconnections.org.

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus will be in concert at Pressor Hall in Lindsborg on Sunday, April 30, at 4:30 PM. They will also be in concert at Hesston High School on Sunday, May 7, at 7:00 PM.

Western District Women in Mission is accepting registrations for the Sister Care: Level 2 "Going Deeper" weekend retreat led by Carolyn Heggen and Rhoda Keener. The event is May 5-7, at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita. Contact Darlene Powers at dpowers11@cox.net for a registration form and any questions.

Men & Boys Retreat is at Camp Mennoscah on April 28-30! Gather together as friends and family for a weekend of spending time with friends, worshiping, fishing, sitting by the fire, or canoeing. Registration begins on Saturday, but many arrive on Friday. The first meal provided is Saturday supper. Saturday evening will feature a performance by the Flannelbacks, a bluegrass band from the Bethel College area. Michael Unruh will be our speaker for the weekend. No pre-registration is necessary, but if you have questions contact Kevin Neufeld at kevinneufeld2@gmail.com or 316-322-5515.

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 second half of 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 Woody and Nora Miller and family (Court Area display case), Jim and Alice Huxman (Library display case), Gary and Ruby Moore (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—253 Visitors—23
- Sunday School—199

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$10,328. The offering for April 23 is for Local Mission.

March financials are done. We are short by \$1,333.42 for the month, bringing the year's shortfall total to \$8,497.45. We need to bring in an average of \$8,298 per week in order to meet this year's budget. Thank you. ~ Financial Stewardship Committee

Thank you to Kacie McGee for drawing the front cover of the bulletin this week.

Boxes have been placed in the foyer to collect designated school supplies for the MCC school kits. A second box is for school kit bags; sewing instructions are available on the box. The contents for the MCC school kits are very specific – 4 notebooks, 8 unsharpened pencils, large eraser, 12"/30 cm ruler and 12 colored pencils (no markers). Check the box in the foyer or the bulletin board in the basement by the Fellowship Hall for examples.

College scholarship money is available—If you will be attending (or are considering) a Mennonite college, university or seminary in 2017-2018, you are invited to apply for scholarship funds from FMC. **By no later than today**, submit the completed application to either Jyl Ewy or Ron Dietzel. For each school year, an FMC application must be completed. Some Mennonite colleges provide matching funds so your monies would be doubled when enrolled in one of those schools. Eligibility criteria for the FMC funds are provided on the application. The form is available in the Court Area at FMC.

We invite each of you, ages 14 to 114, to complete the survey which GRACE (Godly Response to Abuse in the Christian Environment) has developed. Their survey is part of a review to examine the response of First Mennonite Church to issues related to sexual abuse. The survey is available online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/fmcgracesurvey or call the church office and we will email you a live link. If you are unable to complete the survey online, a paper version is available in the church office. Both the online and the paper version will go directly to GRACE and be completely confidential. Please complete the survey by April 26.