

Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 19, 2017

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Gathering

Prelude..... Donna Stucky, organist

Choral introit: *I Will Ever Sing Thy Praises* – Lucas

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

Call to worship Ryan Koehn, worship leader

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *Praise to God, immortal praise* *H 91
Lord, should rising whirlwinds..... H 92

Greeting one another; children come forward

Children's focus.....Keith Knopp

Kingdom report: Sara Dick, Et Cetera Shop

Choral anthem: *Now Thank We All Our God* – Helvey

Offering: Local Mission
Offertory

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Psalm 103, Habakkuk 3:17-19

Sermon: *Nevertheless*..... Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *O bless the Lord, my soul*..... H 600

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Song of benediction: *Peace I Leave With You* by Shue

Sending blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Choir Director/Chorister: Matthew Graber
Childcare: Greg or Laura Myers, Madelynn Hamm
Ushers: Gus Dorado, Dave Goering, Mike Garcia, Andrea Regier
Audio Tech: Tim Regier Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner
Visuals: Cindy Unruh

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**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 19—Thanksgiving

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

Monday, November 20

7:00 PM Property Committee

Tuesday, November 21

7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission

Wednesday, November 22

12:28 PM Catechism

Thursday, November 23

Church Office Closed—Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, November 24

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Sunday, November 26—Thanksgiving

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

Upcoming Worship Services

December 3—Advent 1—*Let it be*—Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37
December 10—Advent 2—*Let it be so*—Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13;
2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8
December 17—Advent 3—*Let it be whole*—Isiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 or
Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28



First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
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If you are interested in helping several families in Casa Betania with current and future Immigration costs, please make out a check to Casa Betania (Memo: Caring Fund).

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, all bulletin announcements for the November 26 bulletin need to be turned into the Church Office by this Tuesday, November 21, at noon.

Looking for a Messiah? Children's Christmas Eve practices will be on Wednesdays, December 6, 13 and 20, 6:30-8:00 PM. This is for ages K-5 only. Please meet in the sanctuary. Each Sunday morning during class time (10:05-10:15 AM) beginning December 3 and going through December 17, the children will meet in room 316 to learn songs as well. They will be escorted back to their regular classroom for pick up by parents. Dress rehearsal with the choir will be December 20, 6:30 PM. The program is December 24, 7:00 PM, with children meeting in the basement at 6:30 PM. If you have any questions, please call or email Cora Voran.

SR. HIGH YOUTH

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CATECHISM - Wednesday, Nov. 22 @ 12:28-2:02 PM

- ▶ *"Who is GOD?"*
- ▶ *God's Story, Our Story—chapters 1, 2 / Confession of Faith— Article 1.*
- ▶ *At FMC in the Warkentin Room (by the library). Enter west doors.*

BIBLE STUDY - Sunday, Nov. 26 @ 4:04 PM (?)

YOUTH GROUP - Wednesday, Nov. 29 @ 7:07 PM

S.A.L.T. - Sunday, Dec. 3 @ 12 noon



Community Announcements

Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble and Bethel College Jazz Combo I will have a concert, today, 4:30 PM, featuring guest artists and student compositions, in Memorial Hall.

DISCOVERY: A COMIC LAMENT—This premier Kansas theatrical production will be presented today, 7:00 PM, Krehbiel Auditorium-Bethel College Campus. All seats are reserved and are \$10.00 each. They are available at the

Bethel College Thresher Bookstore or by calling 316-283-2500. The Doctrine of Discovery is a set of ideas and laws declaring that the first European Christian country to discover a new land has a legal right to occupy the land and dominate the Indigenous People. These patterns of oppression, begun in the fifteenth century, are still used to justify slavery, genocide, land theft, resource extraction, and environmental destruction to this very day. Those familiar with other productions of Ted and Co. TheaterWorks will be aware that even a subject as serious as this will be treated with a delightful blend of humor, sensitivity, and vision.

All area churches are invited to attend this year's Winter Luminary Walk, focusing on the theme "The Prairie Sleeps" at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. The Luminary Walk will be from 5:30 to 8:00 PM on November 24 and 25, and December 1 and 2. Admission to the event is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3 to 15, or advanced tickets can be purchased at dyckarboretum.org or at the Arboretum office for \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 3 to 12.

Spread cozy, colorful warmth around the world! All you have to do is tie knots! Mennonite Central Committee has a generous number of comforter tops, and now **we need your help tying them!** MCC has paired tops and backs that are ready to be tied, and we are inviting you or your church group to pick some up (or we can ship them to you)! If you are interested, please either stop by the MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton, or contact Kate Mast at katemast@mcc.org, or 316-283-2720. We ask that you provide the batting and the crochet tying thread if possible. Thank you in advance for helping to spread warmth and love to our brothers and sisters around the world!

Many people do their Christmas shopping at the Newton Et Cetera Shop! Please bring us your clean, gently-used toys, shoes, jewelry and children's coats. Your donated items might end up as cherished gifts under someone's Christmas tree! Support MCC Thrift Shops because you care . . . about your family, your community, and beyond. Thank you!

We need your help! Camp Mennoscah is seeking volunteers to help prepare the kitchen for renovations beginning Saturday, December 2, and continuing Monday-Saturday, **December 4-9**, until the kitchen is completely gutted. Both women and men are welcome to come out and help, and we will have a variety of tasks to complete. All work will be inside, so don't worry about cold temperatures! If you wish to volunteer multiple days, that's great! We can

arrange lodging and meals for you. Carpooling to camp may be available on some or all of the days. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Jim Yoder at 316-284-3890 (call or text), jdyoder@cox.net, or Camp Mennoscah at office@campmennoscah.org, 620-297-3290. Bring a friend, or bring multiple friends! Thank you for considering this opportunity!

Five Places of Christmas—Saturday, December 2, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Bethel College Women's Association offers the rare chance to see the decorated main floor of Goerz House, traditionally the president's residence, with baked goods, home-made candy (by the pound) and Bethel gift items for sale. Kauffman Museum offers free admission (including the special exhibit "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War"), refreshments, sale items in the museum store, and Karen Bauman Schlabaugh playing Christmas music at 3:00 PM on the historic Teschemacher-Deknatel-van der Smissen parlor organ.

Nurture children's faith at home this Advent and Christmas through family worship. Find a free, downloadable guide at anabaptistfaithformation.org/faith-at-home, and click on the link under Advent Family Worship. For use between December 3 and January 6, it includes a daily Bible reading, short litany, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder together.

Register now for the Year of Evangelism Kick Off: Anabaptist Witness, January 19-20, 2018. Reconnect ancient spiritual practices, social justice, and authentic Anabaptist evangelism for today. See the poster on the bulletin boards. Find a schedule and more information about this exciting workshop for church groups and individuals at: <http://mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/>. Registration is \$30/person or \$25/person if four or more people from the same congregation attend. Contact Anita Kehr if you're interested.



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 Justin and Angela Black and family (Court Area display case); Bill and Wenda Black (Library display case); and Travis and Amanda Black and family (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—208 Visitors—8
- Sunday School—170

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Missions Fund was \$6,341. The offering for November 26 is for Local Mission.

A big thank you to everyone who donated to the Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes. We packed 62 shoeboxes on Wednesday evening during Church Family Night. We appreciate your donations of gifts and money.

In an effort to continue to make FMC a safe and secure place for everyone and as we are attentive to our culture, we are asking all groups and persons using the FMC building to keep the doors locked at all times. If you unlock the doors for a meeting, please ask someone to be physically present to monitor who enters the building. Please lock the door once your activity or meeting begins. Thank you!

Harvest of Love—Throughout November and December, the Salvation Army invites you to join in our annual food and fund drive to support people in need in our county. Items always needed are canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, hamburger helper, tuna helper, cereal (of any kind), peanut butter, canned vegetables, and soups. A box is available in the Court Area to collect nonperishable items. If you wish to make a monetary donation you may write a check to "Harvest of Love" and place it in the offering. Every donation is a gift that makes a difference in our neighbors' lives!