

Knowing and Being Known

January 14, 2018

Gathering

Prelude Amanda Entz, organist/pianist
Noel #6 by Daquin

Gathering song: *Open now thy gates of beauty* *H 19

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

Call to worship June Thomsen, worship leader

Opening prayer

Praising

Song of faith: *I sing the mighty power of God*..... H 46

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Song of faith: *I sought the Lord*..... H 506

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus (from 1 Samuel 3:1-10):..... Renee Hamm

Kingdom celebration: 2017 Year in Review video

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory: *March* from "Athalia" arr. Adams with Carol Entz, piano

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: John 1:43-51

Song of faith: *Come and see*H 20
Carol Entz and Kenna Graber, flutes

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Meditation: *Listening, Loving, Living* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Here I am, Lord*H 395

Pastoral prayer Pastor Kay Schroeder

Sending

Sending blessing

Postlude

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

Chorister: Kay Schroeder

Childcare: Chris Weaver, Brooklynn Black

Ushers: Bob Schmidt, Brian Walker, Heath Kerr, Donnie Kingsley

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Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy

Visuals: Pat Litsey

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, January 14—*Knowing and Being Known*

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 4:00 PM Youth Group Bible Study—Joel's house

Monday, January 1—*Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 16

- 7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission—June Thomsen's house

Wednesday, January 17

- 12:00 Noon Worship Commission
- 7:00 PM Youth Group
- 7:00 PM Capital Fund Development Committee—Warkentin Room

Thursday, January 18

- 7:00 PM Church Board

Sunday, January 21—*Called and Calling*—Jonah 3:1-10, Psalm 62:5-12, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, and Mark 1:14-20.

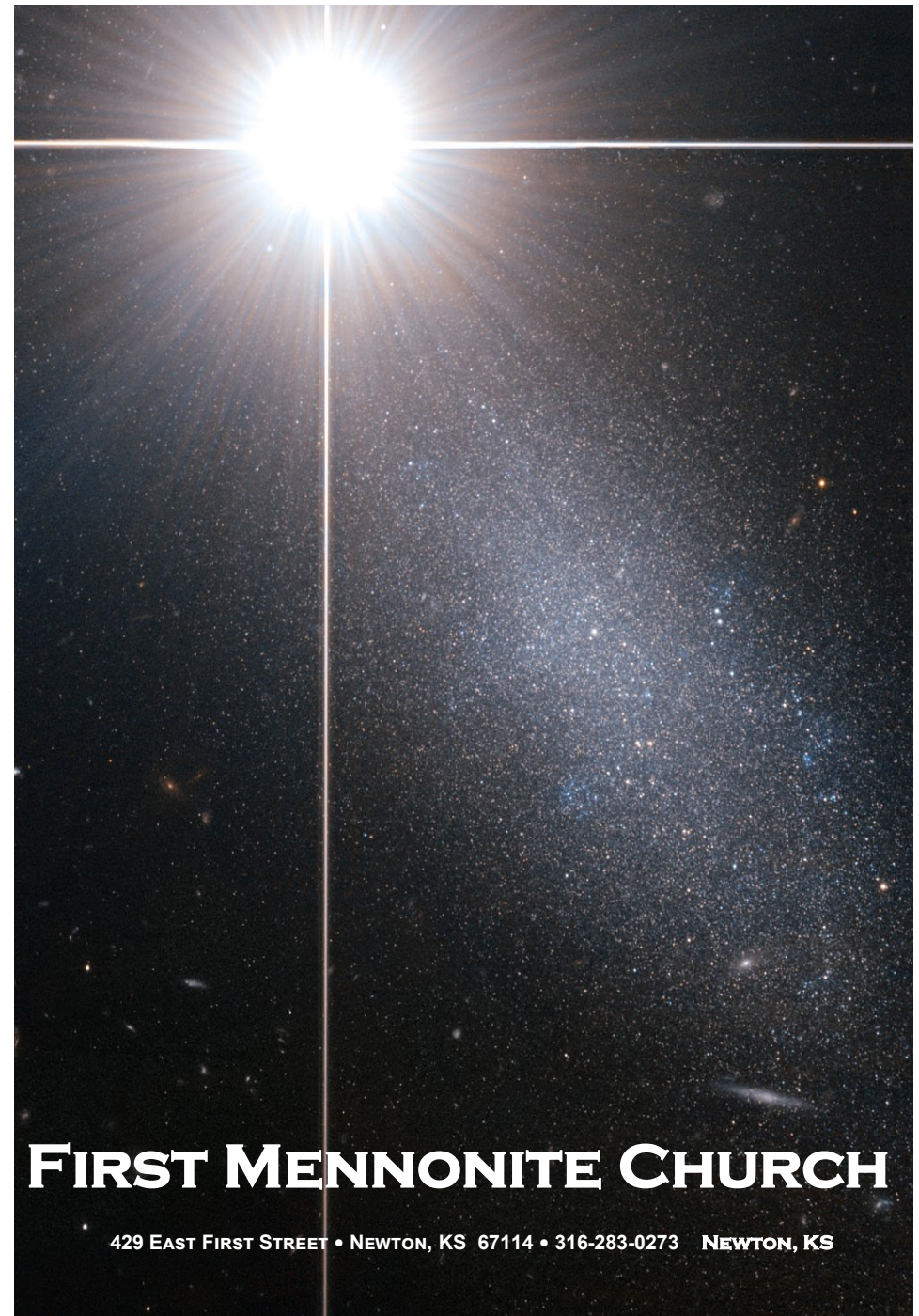
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Last chance to view—*Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War*, the special traveling exhibit at Kauffman Museum on conscientious objection by Mennonites and others during the Second World War. The exhibit closes at 4:30 PM, Sunday, January 21. Kauffman Museum hours are: Tuesday-Friday, 9:30 AM-4:30 PM, Saturday-Sunday 1:30-4:30 PM (closed Mondays). There is an admission charge for non-museum members.

You are invited to the next city-wide Prayer Gathering on January 25, 7:00 PM. The prayer gathering will be held at Newton Christian Church, 210 Southport Drive.

Annual celebration of Kansas Day, with the theme “On the Trail Again,” marking 150 years of the Chisholm Trail will be Saturday, January 27, 1:00-4:00 PM, at Kauffman Museum and grounds. Kids’ activities and crafts, bake sale and silent auction, demonstrations, programs and free admission to the special exhibit “The Chisholm Trail: Driving the American West.”

The Bethel College Concert Choir home concert, following their tour to Europe during January, will be Sunday, January 27, 7:00 PM in Memorial Hall.

The Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring a clothing manager for 30-40 hours/week. The clothing manager, in cooperation with the management team, receives and processes donations; trains and supervises clothing and accessory volunteers; prepares volunteer projects and work spaces; helps manage the sales floor; and participates in regular system evaluation and store planning. The full job description and applications are available at the store or via e-mail, generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com. Applications are due Monday, January 29, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail.

Registration is now open for the academic conference “Mennonites and the Holocaust,” to be held on the Bethel College campus March 16-17, with speakers and scholars from Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Ukraine and the United States. See mla.bethelk.edu/MennosandHolocaust for more information or to register online.

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 Helen Entz (Court Area display case); Alan and Joan Entz and family (Library display case); and Jordan Miller (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—222 Visitors—14
- Sunday School—222

Offering: Last week’s offering for Mennonite Mission Network was \$2,224 and Local Missions Fund was \$4,295. The offering for January 21 is for Local Mission.

On behalf of the Financial Stewardship Committee we would like to express our appreciation for the way you as a congregation responded to our financial needs in 2017. For the year 2017, cash receipts were \$418,672. Our total expenses were \$396,748. This means that we received \$21,923 more than we spent. Once again we have experienced God's continued blessings for our church.

Receiving or has received care—Jim Huxman, Wesley Hospital.

In Sympathy—Florene Wiens (95) passed away on Monday, January 8. Her and her son Albert’s memorial service was held here at First Mennonite on Friday, January 12. We extend our condolences to Florene and Albert’s family.

In Sympathy—Clara Wance (93) passed away on Monday, January 8. Her memorial service was held at Schowalter Villa Chapel on Saturday, January 13. We extend our condolences to Clara’s family.

SR. HIGH YOUTH

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BIBLE STUDY - TODAY! Sunday, 1/14 @ 4:04 PM—Join in the worship, Bible Study, prayer plus an AWESOME meal at Joel's house!

HOPE

YOUTH GROUP - Wed., 1/17 @ 7:02 PM —
We'll be doing some planned random acts of kindness in the community to build hope!
CATECHISM - Sunday, 1/28 @ 4:04 PM



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Thank you to everyone who took the Christmas decorations down on Sunday. Willing hands made it possible for it to take only half an hour. It was greatly appreciated!

The Survivors of Sexual Abuse Support Group will meet this week. All primary survivors of sexual abuse are welcome. Please contact Nancy Waltner at 283-3245 for more details.

Mark your calendars—Church Family Night starts on Wednesday, January 24.

The next Women's Fellowship meeting will be on Tuesday, February 20, 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. **There will not be a meeting in January.**

Hosts needed! April 5-8—Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) local leadership from all across the country will be coming to Newton for several days of planning, networking and dreaming! And we are looking for places for them to stay. If you have a spare room and would like to host someone, please contact Ben Regier by email at andrea.and.ben@gmail.com or at 283-9427. They will be arriving on April 5 or 6, and departing on Sunday, April 8. They will need a place to sleep and breakfasts in the morning. We will provide transportation and all other meals. MVS local leaders are all wonderful people, and excellent guests!

Community Announcements

Today, Sunday, January 14! You're invited to a special screening of the film *Awake: A Dream from Standing Rock* at 3:00 PM in the Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas. The film captures the

story of Native-led defiance that forever changed the fight for clean water, our environment and the future of our planet. A talk-back session will follow the film featuring film Co-Director Myron Dewey. MCC is teaming up with Kansas Institute for Peace & Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) for this free event. Please join us!

Singers of the area are invited to join a celebration of Kansas Paraguay Partners' half century of joint activity. This 50th year of the Kansas-Paraguay chapter within Partners of the Americas will begin with maestro Enrique Alfonso of Asuncion, Paraguay, conducting musical events in south central Kansas. **The special choir is open to anyone interested.** Rehearsals will be Saturdays, 3:00-5:00 PM, January 13, 20, 27 and February 3 in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College in the choral room. The performance will be the evening of February 3—location to be announced. For more information call Arlo Kasper, 620-951-4838.

Offender/Victim Ministries is celebrating 45 years of restorative justice and prison ministries! Join us for our 2018 annual meeting today, 4:00 PM at Shalom Mennonite Church. Come hear stories from the past year and learn about exciting initiatives to come in 2018. A light meal (faspas) will be served.

Celebrate Martin Luther King Day on January 15, by taking a local history walk! Racial Justice in Newton: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow is a walking tour to hear the stories of Newton's racial and ethnic diversity, to celebrate our accomplishments, and to seek positive change in the community. Tours start at 3:00 and 3:30 PM, at the Newton Recreation Commission (415 N. Poplar) and last around 90 minutes. Bus transportation is available for those needing assistance getting to the two other sites and back to the Rec. This event is free and open to the public.

Circle of Hope—There are two upcoming opportunities to attend training to volunteer as a Volunteer Ally. Do you like building relationships? Do you want to build a better community? Can you listen? Training sessions will be on Thursday, January 18, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM or Saturday, February 10, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Both trainings utilize concepts from Bridges Out of Poverty and are held at First United Methodist Church. The trainings are free and lunch is provided. For more information or to reserve your spot, call Peace Connections at 284-0000.