

# Called and Calling

## January 21, 2018

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### Gathering

**Prelude** ..... Donna Stucky, organist/pianist

**Gathering song:** *Come, we that love the Lord*..... \*H 14

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

**Call to worship**.....Casson Schmidt, worship leader

**Opening prayer**

### Praising

**Songs of faith:** *God of our strength*..... H 36  
*Sing praise to God who reigns*..... H 59

**Greet one another; children come forward**

**Children's focus**.....Ken Frey

**Offering:** Local Mission  
**Offertory**

**Song of faith:** *Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling*..... H 491

# Hearing God's Word

**Scripture:** Jonah 3:1-10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

**Sermon:** *Following the One Who Goes Before*.....Pastor Anita Kehr

### Responding to God's Word

**Song of faith:** *Tú has venido a la orilla* .....H 229  
(*Lord, you have come to the lakeshore*)

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

### Sending

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

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

Chorister: Kay Schroeder  
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Ushers: Gus Dorado, Dave Goering, Mike Garcia, Andrea Regier  
Audio Tech: Tim Regier                      Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner  
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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:

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# WEEK AT A GLANCE

## Sunday, January 21—*Called and Calling*

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

## Wednesday, January 24—Church Family Night Begins

- 5:30 PM Meal served by New Disciples  
Menu: Cheesy Potatoes and Ham, Zwieback, Applesauce, Bar Cookies
- 6:45 PM Children-ages 2 years to 6th grade—Gather in Room 123
- 6:45 PM Adult Bible Study—Room 222-224  
2018 Theme—FMC's 12 Foundational Scriptures
- 6:45 PM Choir (Sanctuary)
- 6:45 PM Jr. High (Room 126)
- 6:45 PM Youth Group (Youth Rooms)

## Saturday, January 27

- 8:00 AM Committee and Commissions Retreat—FH

## Sunday, January 28—*Healing/Anointing, James 5:13-16*

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
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should call 620-327-8127 by 5:00 PM, on Friday before the Tuesday lecture for supper reservations.

**Circle of Hope**—There is an upcoming opportunity 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 session will be on Saturday, February 10, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. The 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.

### **Hesston College's Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS)**

conference February 23-25 will offer ordinary people a chance to effect change in their context. Hear from respected teachers and theologians, including the Dr. Drew G.I. Hart of Messiah College, Wichita-area pastors Kevass Harding and Lois Harder, Hesston Bible professor Michele Hershberger and Kansas Leadership Center faculty. Learn about the Doctrine of Discovery through the Ted. & Co. TheaterWorks show, "Discovery: A Comic Lament." Register by February 16 at [hesston.edu/avds](http://hesston.edu/avds).

**Save the date!** All women are invited to the Western District Women in Mission/South Central Women's Spring Supper on Thursday, March 15, 6:00 PM, at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston. Program (7:00 PM) to follow the \$10 supper (fundraiser for the youth).

**Thank you so much for your continued support** in making and donating comforters for MCC. This past year, MCC sent 49,223 blankets and comforters to people experiencing war, displacement, and natural disasters in Bosnia, Iraq, Jordan, North Korea, Somalia, and Ukraine. 1,958 of those came from the Central States region! MCC continues to receive more requests for comforters from our partners around the world. Save the date for the upcoming Comforter Blitz in Yoder, Kansas, taking place on March 5-7, as we work together to bring comfort to our brothers and sisters around the world, [mcc.org/comforter-blitz!](http://mcc.org/comforter-blitz)

**Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale**—You are invited to host, be a guest or organize a Fellowship Meal at your church. Annually, these simple meals help support the Relief Sale by raising funds towards the sale budget. Meals in area homes are scheduled for February 24 and March 4. Any questions contact Ruby or Gary Moore.

**Save the date**—the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is April 13 and 14.

**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—188 Visitors—6
- Sunday School—188

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Local Missions Fund was \$6,452. The offering for January 28 is for Local Mission.

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

**Church Family Nights** start back up this Wednesday evening, January 24! A friendship meal is served at 5:30 PM and activities for all ages start at 6:45 PM. Everyone is welcome!

**All-Commissions/Committees Retreat, January 27, 8:00 AM-12:00 noon:** All members of ministry commissions and resource committees should have received an invitation to the retreat to take place on January 27. Please plan to attend this important time of beginning a new year of ministry!

**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](mailto: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!

**Magazines added to the library**—there are a few AFA (American Family Association) Journal magazines that have been donated to the church library. They are located on the magazine rack if you are interested in reading one of them.

## SR. HIGH YOUTH

*With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:  
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**YOUTH GROUP - Wed., 1/24 @ 7:02 PM** — We'll continue to spread the spirit of hope through activities planned by the Mission Group!

# HOPE

**CATECHISM - Jan. 28 @ 4:04 PM**

**Winter Retreat—Feb. 23-25**



### Community Announcements

**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 today, 4:30 PM. 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.”

**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 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.

**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 fifth concert of the 2017-18 Prairie Window Concert Series**, featuring Mollie O'Brien & Rich Moore, will be on Sunday, January 28, 4:00 PM, at the Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and good food in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount. Purchase tickets online or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

**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](mailto:generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com). Applications are due Monday, January 29, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail.

**2018 Retreat Registration is open!** You are now able to sign up for all 2018 Camp Mennoscah Retreats. Those coming up soon are the Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats (February 23-25 and March 2-4) and the Youth Volunteer Weekend (March 16-17). We're looking forward to seeing you!

**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](http://mla.bethelk.edu/MennosandHolocaust) for more information or to register online.

**Please join us Tuesday, January 30, 5:30 PM**, for our 2nd Annual Soup Supper and Dessert Auction at First United Methodist Church, Newton. Enjoy a homemade soup supper (by donation) and music by *The NUTS*, as Mike and Deb Flavin auction off the best pies, cookies, and desserts in town in order to raise money for Circle of Hope and local families served by the program!

**On Tuesday, January 30, 6:30 PM**, the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains will begin its 2018 Winter Lecture Series with Jeff Hansen speaking about *Creating Bird Friendly Habitat*. The lecture will take place in the Prairie Pavilion, with a soup supper preceding it at 6:00 PM in the Visitor's Center. The cost of the lecture is \$5 per person, or supper and the lecture is \$10. Interested persons