

Epiphany: Yes! Let it be declared

January 7, 2018

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Gathering

Prelude Amanda Entz, organist/pianist
We Three Kings arr. Wilson; *Noel* by Daquin

Song of gathering: *Worship the Lord in the beauty* (stanzas 1-4) *H 220

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

Welcoming Kay Schroeder's return

Call to worship.....Pastor Joel Schroeder

Leader: Yes!

The light is here. We carry it within us.

All: *It is the star of the East; it is the morning sun.*

Leader: It is as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

All: *Praise the Lord!*

Lighting the Christmas candlesSarah Koehn

Leader: You, O God, have caused the mountains to shake.

You have torn open the heavens, and your glory reaches the earth.

All: *May we, like the magi, seek you until we find you.*

May we offer our gifts in your presence,

no matter where you are found.

Leader: Yes! Let your mystery be declared.

Opening prayer

Praising

Song of faith: *As with gladness men of old* (stanzas 1-4) H 218
I Heard From Heaven Today

Offering: Mennonite Mission Network

Offertory: *Now Thank We All Our God*

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12 Pastor Anita Kehr

Sermon: *Gifts*Pastor Kay Schroeder

Celebration of Communion

Invitation

Prayer of confession
(pause for silence)

Words of assurance

Affirmation of faith.....H 713

Words of institution for the bread
Passing the bread, partaking together

Words of institution for the cup
Passing the cup, serving each other
Children's blessing at the cross aisle

Prayer of thanksgiving and pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *Go tell it on the mountain*

Sending blessing

Postlude

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

Chorister: Carol Entz; Worship band: Ben Regier, Ken Regier, Dwayne Abrahams, Tim Regier

Childcare: Amanda Menninga, Camryn Entz

Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, John Good, Janice Good

Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn

Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering

Visuals: Pat Litsey

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 7—Epiphany: *Yes! Let it be declared*

7:45 AM Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
12:00 PM SALT

Wednesday, January 10

7:00 PM Nurture Commission
7:02 PM Youth Group

Sunday, January 14—*Knowing and Being Known*—1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

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10:30 AM Worship Service
4:00 PM Youth Group Bible Study—Joel's house

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



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In Sympathy—Jane Entz (85) passed away on Monday, January 1. Her funeral service was held here at First Mennonite Church on Saturday, January 6. We extend our condolences to Loren, Nancy, Christina, Nate, Derek, and the rest of Jane's family.

Thank you so much for your donations for the Salvation Army. We donated 21 caps, 3 pairs of socks, 6 scarves, and 26 pairs of gloves. The recipients appreciate these items during these cold days. The giving spirit of First Mennonite is always evident. Thank you and bless you!

Community Announcements

Sunday-Afternoon-at the-Museum—today, 3:00 PM, "Is the Community of Christ Becoming Anabaptist?" with Andrew Bolton at the Kauffman Museum. Bolton has served for a number of years in administrative positions with the Community of Christ (formerly the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) and was an organizer of the October 2017 symposium at the National World War I Museum and Memorial on conscientious objection to the Great War.

Save the Date—Sunday, January 14, for 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. 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!

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.

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.

Offender/Victim Ministries is celebrating 45 years of restorative justice and prison ministries! Join us for our 2018 annual meeting will be Sunday, January 14, 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.

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—170 Visitors—12
- Sunday School—124

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Missions Fund was \$39,821. The offering for January 14 is for Local Mission.

Our preliminary numbers indicate that our income exceeded our expenses. We will report the exact amount at a later time. Thank you to each of you for your offerings and thanks be to God, the Provider.

The family of Jerry Hiebert cannot find words to express our thankfulness for the love and prayers you as a church have given us thru Jerry's illness and death. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18—*Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.* We have lived this verse many times and God prepared us in a way that we could only imagine. May you all be comforted to know that we are at peace.
~The family of Jerry Hiebert

Congratulations to Nathan and Marissa Murphy on the birth of their son, James, born Tuesday, December 26!

SR. HIGH YOUTH

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SALT - TODAY! Sunday, 1/7 @ 12 noon—What are your youth group hopes for 2018? Meet in room across from Youth Room.

YOUTH GROUP - Wednesday, 1/10 @ 7:02 PM — Come ready to play the Anabaptist Game!!!

BIBLE STUDY - Sunday, 1/14 @ 4:04 PM— Gather at Joel's house for singing, Bible study, prayer and faspas (supper)!

CATECHISM - Sunday, 1/28 @ 4:04 PM

