

Worship through Music

February 18, 2018

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Gathering

Prelude Amanda Entz, organist/pianist
Dark Horse by Lanz
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. House

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

Call to worship: Psalm 95:1-7..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

Opening prayer

Praising and Hearing God's Word

Song of faith: *O come, loud anthems let us sing* *H 68

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Bryan Kehr

Looking ahead into Lent Pastor Anita Kehr

Scripture: Psalm 100

Song of faith: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (stanzas 1 and 4) H 37

Sharing Austin Regier

Open Road: *I'm Feeling Fine* by Mosie Lister
Sanctus by Franz Schubert

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory: *Ain'a That Good News!* by William L. Dawson

Sharing Nate Kroeker

Open Road: *Deep River* arranged by H.T. Burleigh
Beati Mortui by Felix Mendelssohn

Sharing Kelson Graber

Open Road: *This I Pray* by Kelson Graber

Pastoral prayer Pastor Anita Kehr

Sending

Sending song: *Alleluia* arranged by Eddie Wright and Jim Henry

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Daryl Unruh; Musicians: Open Road from Bethel College
Childcare: Greg or Laura Myers, Madelynn Hamm
Ushers: Gus Dorado, Mike Garcia, Andrea Regier, Dave Goering
Audio Tech: Tim Regier Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy
Visuals: Janet Franz Property Committee: Kevin Hamm

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, February 18—Worship through Music—Open Road

Psalm 100, Psalm 95:1-7

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Potluck—FH
- 4:00 PM Ron Bachman's Celebration of Life Service

Monday, February 19

- 7:00 PM Property Committee
- 7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

Tuesday, February 20

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

Wednesday, February 21—Church Family Night

- 12:00 PM Worship Commission
- 5:30 PM Meal served by In the Word/Young Adult
Menu: Chicken Fajitas (with lettuce, rice, salsa, sour cream), Ice Cream Bars
- 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)

Thursday, February 22

- 7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

Friday, February 23

- 10:02 PM Youth Group Winter Retreat begins

Sunday, February 25—*Intentions of the Heart*—Mark 12:28-31

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 3:00 PM Youth Group return from Winter Retreat

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Newton, KS
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Join us at the 2018 annual Comforter Blitz at Journey (3605 E. Longview Road, Yoder, Kansas), to help in making comforters for MCC to distribute to our brothers and sisters around the world! We will meet on the following dates—March 5, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM; March 6, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; and March 7, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! Lunch is available each day by donation. Please bring a snack to share. We hope to see you there!

The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA) will hold its annual business meeting March 11, 2:30 PM at First Mennonite Church of Pretty Prairie, 1718 West Pretty Prairie Rd, Pretty Prairie, KS. In addition to the business meeting the speaker will be Rev. Kathryn Goering Reid.

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).

Camp Mennoscah's annual Youth Volunteer Weekend for grades 7-12 is March 16-17! This over-the-top, laid-back, faith-filled and service-doused retreat should not be missed! We will stay in the Retreat Center due to renovations at the main camp kitchen. There will be music, worship, counselors, and projects for all. Register online at campmennoscah.org or contact us at 620-297-3290 for assistance. We'll see you there!

It's a new kitchen! Camp Mennoscah is seeking kitchen helpers for our summer youth camps. The renovations of the kitchen will be complete and it will be a whole new world of cooking fun. Parents receive a camper discount up to full camp fees. Contact us at 620-297-3290 for further information.

The Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring a housewares sorter/receiver for 20-30 hours/week. The sorter/receiver maintains an active presence in the processing area, in both receiving and sorting donations. They will be primarily responsible for sorting through houseware donations, placing items in appropriate price categories, recycling and discarding, as needed. The full job description and applications are available at the store (619 N. Main) or via e-mail at generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com. Applications are due Monday, March 5, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail.

URGENT NEED: The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Board of Directors is asking for 2 volunteers to perform the task of being the Building Superintendents in the Domestic Arts Building and Sunflower North respectively. The individuals/couples to do this job are located in our churches, our sale constituency, and among the people who have participated in the Sale for many years. Please prayerfully consider and contact Jim Robb, Board Chair (620-245-7142 or 620-747-0186).

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 Nathan and Marissa Murphy and family (Court Area display case); Eric and Judy Murphy and family (Library display case); Linda Connor (Court Area display case); Tristan, Ashton, and Colton Molello (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—198 Visitors—4
- Sunday School—154

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Missions Fund was \$5,852. The offering for February 25 is for Local Mission.

TODAY—Welcome to Open Road from Bethel College and thank you for sharing with us in worship! Members are: Dominick Geddert, Nathan Kroeker, Alec Loganbill, Nicholas Preheim, Austin Regier, Randall Schmidt, Tyler Shima, Kendrick Weaver, and David Wulf-Cochrane.

Today the buckets will be passed during the offering time to collect loose change for the relief work of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). The buckets will be passed each week until the MCC Sale on April 13-14.

In Sympathy—Ron Bachman (63) passed away on Tuesday, February 13. His service will be here at FMC today at 4:00 PM. We extend our condolences to Karen, Helen, Ken, Kathryn and Don Penner, and the rest of the family.

Having or has received care—Sara Reimer, St. Francis Hospital.

A potluck lunch will follow the worship service today. Everyone is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for great food and great fellowship.

Women's Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, February 20, 9:30 AM, in the Fellowship Hall (weather permitting). We will work on knotting and binding blankets, baby blankets, and MCC projects. Please bring a covered dish of food of your choice for our noon potluck meal. We will have devotions and the offering will be for Western District Women. Everyone is welcome!

“13”**YOUTH GROUP** - Wed. (2/21) @ 6:46 PM**WINTER “WHO” RETREAT**—Feb. 23-25

We'll gather at FMC at 10:02 pm and travel to Cross Wind Conference Center (Hesston) for a

fabulous weekend of fun and discernment as we explore “WHO am I?” WHO are YOU?” and WHO are WE?” As always, friends are welcome—WHOever they are!

**VERENIKA FUNDRAISER**—Wednesday, March 14 (Tuesday, March 6—prep)**The Survivors of Sexual Abuse Support Group** will meet on Tuesday, February 20, 7:00 PM. Other survivors of sexual abuse who would like to join this group are invited to contact June Thomsen, 316-239-8747, for the location.**Ladies Exercise** is on Monday and Thursday at 7:00 PM, for about an hour, at the north end of the Fellowship Hall. This is low impact exercise, using DVD's. Please bring an exercise mat and use the gravel parking lot entrance. Contact Melody Enns at mel@jeff-mel.com, or 288-1041 with questions.**Community Announcements****It's not too late** to start Lent family worship. Go to anabaptistfaithformation.org and download "Between Me & You," a free guide for family worship from now through Easter, April 1.**First Mennonite Church (52 Rambler Road in Hutchinson)** presents *Sunday Concerts: Celebrate Music in Worship today, 4:00 PM* with a concert titles: *Psalms in Christian Worship* provided by various groups from Central Christian College of Kansas. The concert is free and will be followed by refreshments. The CCC Concert Choir and Chanter Tigres (select vocal ensemble) are made up of both music majors and non-majors. They are under the direction of Ms. Tiffney Harms and accompanied by Dr. Brett Janssen. We invite you to join us!**Raise the Roof in Song**—A hymn sing and fundraiser for Mennonite Disaster Service will be **today**, 4:00 PM (doors open at 3:30 PM to view auction items). This will take place at Southern Hills Mennonite Church, 511 SE 37th Street, Topeka, KS. Join us for a fun way to raise funds for Mennonite Disaster Service.**Attend the Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series** conference February 23-25 at Hesston College to become an effective change agent. You'll find or create a small group that shares your passion and begin to learn strategies for fighting injustice alongside others in your congregation and community. The Kansas Leadership Center and Dr. Drew G.I. Hart of Messiah College will help to clarify our purposes and strengthen our Biblical theology of justice while small groups will engage todevelop meaningful responses. Register now at Hesston.edu/avds. Cost is \$100/person, \$75 each for two or more.**Everyone is invited to join** the board and staff of Mennonite Central Committee Central States for our annual meeting on Friday, February 23, 10:30 AM at the MCC Center (121 E. 30th, North Newton, KS 67117).**Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats are here!** Register online at campmennoscah.org for a delightfully long weekend of project time, sharing new ideas, devotions, and fun people. Two weekends are offered, February 23-25 and March 2-4. Join us for a cozy weekend of craftiness and coffee or walk the campgrounds for some time in creation! Call 620-297-3290 with questions.**Sunday, February 25, 7:00 PM**—Staley Lecture with Malinda Elizabeth Berry, a professor of theology and ethics at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, on “Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence,” in the Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Berry will also speak in convocation on Monday, February 26, 11:00 AM, in Krehbiel Auditorium.**Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum** with Christy Davis, executive director, Symphony in the Flint Hills, will be on Sunday, February 25, 3:00 PM. Her presentation is titled, “The Other Chisholm Trail: Little-Known Facts About the Great Cattle Drives,” and will take place at Kauffman Museum.**The penultimate concert** of the 2017-18 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring John Fullbright, will be on Sunday, February 25, 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.**A Child Protection/Sexual Abuse Prevention** training will be held at the MCC Center on March 1, 6:30 PM. "Beyond Good Touch/Bad Touch" is the topic and the presenter is Kathy Wiens. This workshop will explore how education on consent, respect, listening, and empowerment helps protect children against sexual perpetrators. The cost is \$20.00. For more information email kathywiens59@gmail.com or visit katherinebwiens.com.**Everence will host an all-inclusive** retirement planning workshop on Saturday, March 3, 9:00-11:30 AM. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will take place at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.