

Love the Lord your God with all your HEART February 25, 2018

Gathering

PreludeJyl Ewy, pianist

Choral introit: *Love the Lord your God* by Patty Shelly

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

Call to worship Pastor Kay Schroeder

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *This is Amazing Grace*
One Thing Remains

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Sheralyn Goering

Offering: Local Mission
Offertory: *Great Are You, Lord*

Choral anthem: *O Power of Love* by Walter Hohmann

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 6:19-21; 12:33-37

Sermon: *Intentions of the Heart* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Love the Lord your God* by Patty Shelly

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *I Love You Lord* **CS 50

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder; Musicians: Joey Menninga, Kay Schroeder, Jyl Ewy, Ted Krehbiel
Childcare: Stephanie Weaver, Sarah Koehn
Ushers: Alan Entz, Ryan Nye, Jan Groves, Wenda Black
Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn Video/Lighting Tech: Tyler Shelly
Visuals: Janet Franz Property Committee: Rod Schmidt

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 25—*Intentions of the Heart*—Mark 12:28-31; Matthew 6:19-21, 12:33-37

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

Monday, February 26

- 7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

Wednesday, February 28—Church Family Night

- 5:30 PM Meal served by Casa Betania
Menu: Chicken Enchiladas, Rice, Dessert
- 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, March 1

- 7:00 PM Nurture Commission
- 7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

Saturday, March 3

- 9:00 AM Men's Ministry Breakfast—Charlie's Restaurant

Sunday, March 4—*Love the Lord your God with all your soul*—Mark 12:28-31; 1 Peter 1

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

LOVE the Lord
your God with all
your HEART and
with all your SOUL
and with all your
MIND and with all
your STRENGTH.

Mark 12:30

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LENTEN SERIES

First Mennonite Church

February 25, 2018

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.

New for the 50th Annual Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. As we meet for our 50th anniversary Sale to raise money for the Mennonite Central Committee, the Sale Board is providing a few new events. One of those events is a program with Mini Auction on Friday night, April 13, and featuring the vocals of the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus. A scavenger hunt for all ages is being organized to help you find things and learn about the workings of the sale. Finally, our brothers and sisters with MDS will be putting on their MCC hats and building a tool shed on the Fairgrounds during the sale weekend. Construction will start on Friday at noon and the blitz build will be completed by Saturday noon. Sale attendees of all ages will be encouraged to pick up a hammer or a paint brush to help with the construction. The tool shed will be auctioned as part of the General Auction. Please mark your calendars for April 13 and 14 for the 50th Annual MCC Sale!

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—234 Visitors—29
- Sunday School—178

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Missions Fund was \$7,634. The offering for March 4 is for Mennonite Mission Network.

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—Janet Welty (75) passed away on Wednesday, February 21. Her funeral services were held here at FMC yesterday, February 24. We extend our condolences to Ivan and the rest of the family.

Thank you for your significant contributions through conversation groups and surveys. The Hope through Understanding Team asks that all remaining survey forms be deposited today. Thank you, again, for helping to rebuild a healthy community!

A term review for Pastor Joel and Pastor Kay is in process. This process called appreciative inquiry is intended to encourage personal and professional growth. If you would like to participate in this process for one or both, you can do so by contacting Tracy in the church office. Tracy will provide you with a link to an electronic survey or a paper copy. Both the electronic or paper survey should be completed by Monday, March 5. Paper surveys should be returned to the church office. Questions regarding the review process can be addressed to any member of the Church and Staff Relations Committee: Wendy Funk Schrag, Judy Murphy, Ryan Koehn or Ron Ratzlaff.

“13”**WINTER “WHO” RETREAT**—Feb. 23-25

Sr. High Youth are at 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?” They will return to FMC this afternoon (Sunday) around 3:17 pm!

YOUTH GROUP - Wed. (2/28) @ 6:46 PM**S.A.L.T.** - Sunday (3/4) @ 12 noon**VERENIKA FUNDRAISER**—Wednesday, March 14 (Tuesday, March 6—prep)

Urgent Need: Greeters! FMC is in need of entry-way greeters on Sunday morning. We are also in need of one or two ushers. It's a fun way to get to know people at church and welcome newcomers. And it's only a **once-a-month** commitment! Please contact Andrea Regier (283-9427) if you are interested.

At their February 20 meeting, the Caregiving and Membership Commission acted to release the following members: P. Frank and Helen Diringer, transferring membership to Grace Community Church, Newton; Rusty and Mary Lou Bonham transferring membership to Springwater, Portland, OR; Dr. Timothy Wiens, resignation of membership.

Men's Ministry Breakfast—Saturday, March 3, 9:00 AM. Males of all ages are welcome to gather at Charlies Restaurant (Newell's Truck Stop) for food and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

Youth Group Verenike Supper—As a fundraiser for our summer mission trip, the youth group will be hosting a verenike supper on Wednesday, March 14, 5:30-7:00 PM. The menu will include verenike, ham gravy, green beans, zweibach, and cherry moos. Friends and family are welcome!

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.

The Bethel Academy of Performing Arts will have a faculty recital today, 3:00 PM in the Bethel College Chapel.

Today, 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 today, 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 today, 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.

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. It is offered the weekend of 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.

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.

Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk—Saturday, March 3. Join experienced birders at **7:30 AM**, in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep.

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!