

Hope

February 4, 2018

Gathering

Prelude Jyl Ewy, pianist

Gathering song: *Psalm 121 (I lift my eyes up to the mountain)*

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

Opening: *Got Hope?*..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

Gathering words and prayer..... Carol Entz, worship leader

Praising

Songs of faith: *On the Wings of an Eagle*
Psalm 16: I Will Not Be Shaken

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Keith Knopp

Song of faith: *My hope is built on nothing less*..... *H 343

Kingdom happening: Commissioning of the Hope through Understanding Team

Pastoral prayer Pastor Kay Schroeder

Offering: Scholarship Fund
Offertory

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:10-14 (NIV); Romans 5:1-5 (NRSV)

Sermon: *God Hope!* Pastor Joel Schroeder

Responding to God's Word

Sending song: *You shall go out with joy*..... H 427

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Kay Schroeder; Musicians: Ben's Band: Ben Regier, Dwayne Abrahams,
Austin Regier, Ken Regier, Tim Regier
Childcare: Stephanie Weaver, Sarah Koehn
Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, John Good, Janice Good
Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering
Visuals: Pat Litsey Property Committee: Jordan Miller

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**
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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 4—*Hope*; Jeremiah 29:10-14 and Romans 5:1-5

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM SALT—Youth Rooms

Monday, February 5

- 7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

Wednesday, February 7—Church Family Night

- 5:30 PM Meal served by Life Sharing
Menu: Mexican Chicken Chowder, Relishes, Bread, 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, February 8

- 7:00 PM Church Board
- 7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

Sunday, February 11—Transfiguration Sunday; 2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9.

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



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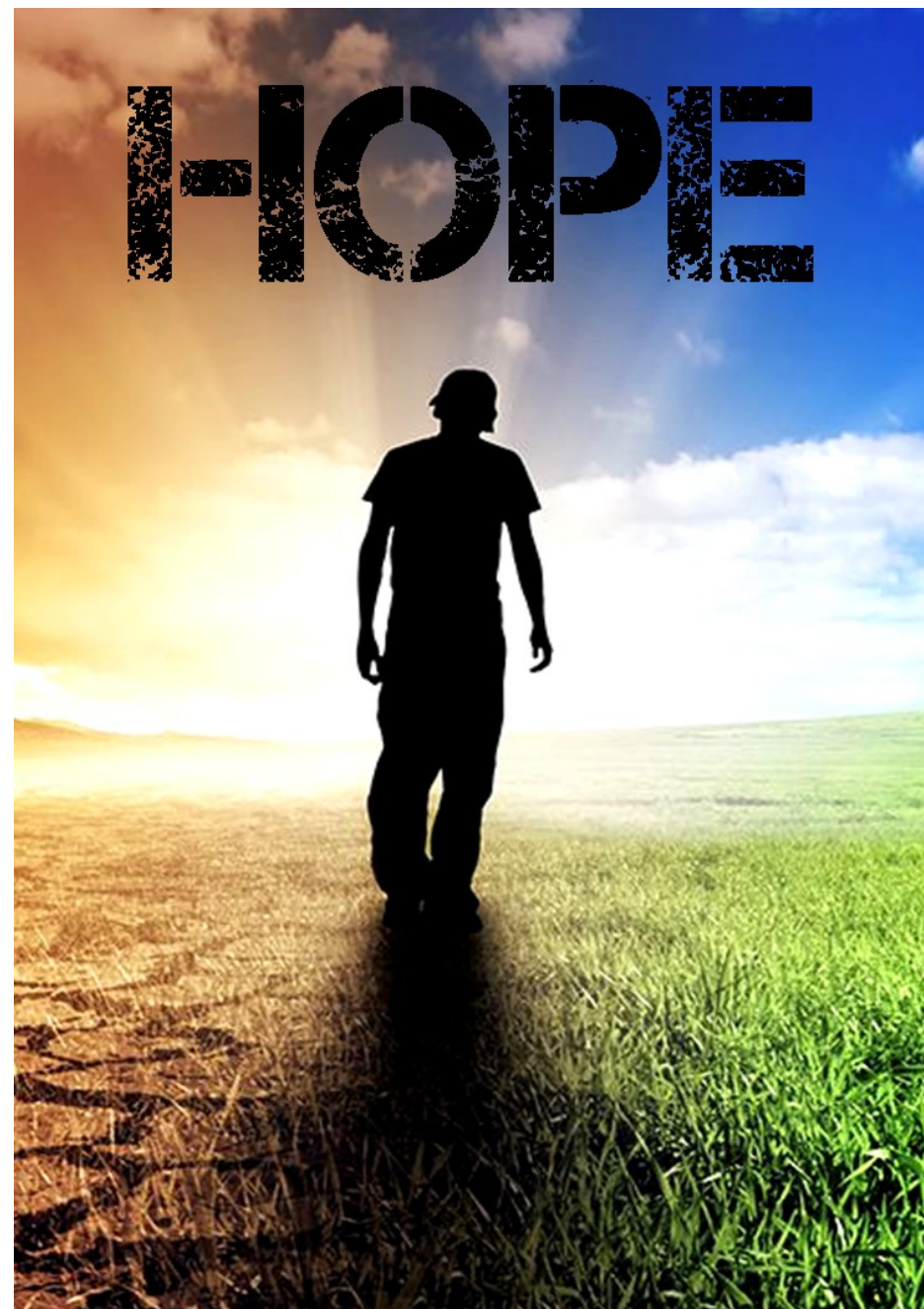
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12:00 PM. The \$10 bonus, hands-on workshop 1:00-3:00 PM, will be opportunity to apply what was introduced in the morning session. For info or to register, contact Barb Orsi (barborsi@yahoo.com; 316-300-0287) or Kathy Goering (kjgo@mtelco.net; 316-371-6189).

Raise the Roof in Song—A hymn sing and fundraiser for Mennonite Disaster Service will be Sunday, February 18, 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 in a fun way to raise funds for Mennonite Disaster Service.

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!

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).

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!

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 Keith and Stefanie Knopp and family (Court Area display case); Raymond and Janet Franz (Library display case); Delia Schroeder (Court Area display case); and the Library has a display up of some good books to read this winter. (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—233 Visitors—5
- Sunday School—157

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Missions Fund was \$6,645. The offering for February 11 is for Local Mission.

In Sympathy—Les Groves (85) father of Jan Groves passed away on Monday, January 22, in McPherson. We extend our condolences to Jan, Anne, and Lia.

We would like to express our thanks to our church family for all the support we received during mom's hospitalization and death. The cards, food, flowers, prayers and other expressions of sympathy were appreciated. A special thanks to Pastor Anita and Pastor Joel for their visits and words of encouragement.

~The family of Jane Entz

Anita has been on vacation from this past Thursday through today. She'll be back in the office on Tuesday.

Wanted—Couples or individuals who love to welcome visitors and members to our church services and Sunday School. Not an every Sunday position. Contact Miriam Goertzen-Regier or another member of Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission or Bob Schmidt, Gifts Discernment Committee—772-3595 or 283-3916.

SR. HIGH YOUTH

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S.A.L.T. - Feb. 4 (TODAY) @ 12 noon
YOUTH GROUP - Wed., 2/7 @ 6:46 PM
Bible Study—Sunday, 2/11 @ 4:04 PM
Winter Retreat—Feb. 23-25

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Scholarship Fund needs replenishment. A large group of our young people continue to pursue higher education at a Mennonite Christian school. For the 2018 Spring semester, \$8,100 was paid out for 19 scholarships (17 full time and 2 part time). Monies were sent to six schools. For the 2017-2018 school year, \$15,863 was paid out. This was feasible due to the generosity of the congregation. As people who believe in the youth and support them, please consider a contribution to the Scholarship Fund. It needs replenishment so there will be sufficient monies for the 2018 Fall semester plus the 2019 Spring semester. The youth are blessed by a congregation that believes in them and supports them. The students and their parents plus the Scholarship Committee appreciate the past and current generosity of the congregation.

Ladies exercise will begin on February 5, on Monday and Thursday at 7:00 PM, for about an hour, at the north end of the Fellowship Hall. Please use the gravel parking lot entrance. We will start with low impact exercises and aerobics, using DVD's, so bring an exercise mat. Please email mel@jeff-mel.com, text or call Melody Enns at 288-1041 with questions.

FMC Allies, a group that supports people with various sexual identities and their families, will meet at 4:00 PM, Sunday, February 11, at the home of Frances Schrag, 520 W. 9th, in Newton. Anyone interested is welcome.

Community Announcements

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP—This month's meeting of the Parkinson's Support Group at Kidron Bethel will meet Tuesday, February 6, at 2:00 PM, in the Chapel. Robert Schmidt will share his experience with Deep Brain Stimulation. All are welcome.

Everence will hold its second retirement workshop of 2018 on Tuesday, February 6, at 6:30 PM. *Social Security and retirement income planning* will cover when to begin taking Social Security, risks that can impact your savings and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. The workshops are presented by Everence staff and held at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main Street, North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Hesston College will have several opportunities to enjoy the arts this week. Lauded as one of the most talented organists of his generation, Italian organist Davide Mariano will perform as part of the Andover Organ Series at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, February 6, at Hesston Mennonite Church. The concert is free and open to the public. Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts will feature the British a cappella ensemble, VOCES8 at 7:30 PM, Friday, February 9, at Hesston Mennonite Church. Tickets can be purchased at hesstonbethel.org or by calling 620-327-8105. Piano instructor Bradley Baker will perform a free faculty recital at 2:00 PM, Sunday, February 11, at Hesston Mennonite Church.

The sixth concert of the 2017-18 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring Freddy & Francine, will be on Sunday, February 11, 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.

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.

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? A 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 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.

Writing to Save Your Life workshop offered on Saturday, February 17, at Pine Village Wellness Center, in Moundridge. Learn how writing can be used as a tool for healing and transformation. The \$20 workshop will be from 9:00 AM-