

# Love the Lord your God with all your MIND

March 11, 2018

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## Gathering

**Prelude** ..... Amanda Entz, organist/pianist

**Gathering song:** *New earth, heavens new* ..... \*H 299

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

**Call to worship:** Mark 12:28-31 ..... Casson Schmidt, worship leader

**Opening prayer**

## Praising

**Songs of faith:** *We would extol thee* ..... H 74  
*Love the Lord your God*

**Greet one another; children come forward**

**Children's focus**..... Keith Knopp

**Scripture:** Romans 8:5-6, 12:1-2

**Song of faith:** *If all you want, Lord* ..... H 512

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

## Hearing God's Word

**Scripture:** Colossians 3:1-3

**Sermon:** *What do you think?* ..... Pastor Kay Schroeder

## Responding to God's Word

**Song of response:** *Gracious Spirit, dwell with me*.....H 507  
(verses 1, 2, 5)

**Pastoral prayer** ..... Pastor Anita Kehr

## Sending

**Sending song:** *Be thou my vision*.....H 545  
(verses 1, 2, 5)

**Sending blessing:** Ephesians 3:18-19

**Postlude**

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

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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:

- Faith-Focused
- Mission-Minded
- Community-Connected

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, March 11—*Love the Lord your God with all your Mind*

#### Daylight Savings Time begins

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 4:00 PM Youth Group Bible Study

### Monday, March 12

- 7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

### Tuesday, March 13

- 4:00 PM Youth Group Meal Prep—FH/Kitchen

### Wednesday, March 14—Church Family Night

- 5:30 PM Meal served by the Youth Group  
Menu: Verenike, Ham Gravy, Green Beans, Zweibach, and Cherry Moos.
- 6:45 PM Children-ages 2 years to 6th grade—Play-Mor Lanes—parents drop off kids
- 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 15

- 7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

### Sunday, March 18—*Love the Lord your God with all your strength—Mark 12:29-30;*

#### James 2:14-26

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

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

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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!

**We've got 8 weeks!** Camp Mennoscah has 8 summer camps for youth in grades 3-12 (fall 2018), and we want you to come. We're discovering amazing adventures in God's love and seeking God in creation and community. Register for your adventure at Camp Mennoscah—[campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org). Early registration discount until May 1 when full camp fees are paid!

**Newton Et Cetera Shop invites organizations to apply for their annual Local Giving grants.** Local Giving grants are made available each spring by the Newton Et Cetera Shop board of directors. Application forms may be downloaded at [newtonetceterashop.com](http://newtonetceterashop.com) and must be submitted by e-mail to [localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com](mailto:localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com) by April 13. Multiple grants will be awarded to selected groups by June 2018, in amounts up to \$5,000. Applicants for the Local Giving grants must hold legal nonprofit status and operate out of and serve Newton, North Newton, Hesston, Goessel, Moundridge, Whitewater, Elbing, Halstead or Walton. Applicants do not need to have a religious affiliation or mission, but they must function in a manner consistent with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and be guided by purposes consistent with MCC's.

**Refresh and Renew!** Camp Mennoscah's Retirees Retreat invites retirees and interested persons of all ages to join us April 23-25 for several days of renewal. Speakers will share about Vietnam, teen prison ministry, storm chasing and so much more! Coffee breaks will give you a chance to discuss further and enjoy a good chat. Contact Camp Mennoscah for a brochure or find it online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org)! We'll see you there for an amazingly good time.

**Rainbow Summer Program** (Rainbow Mennonite Church, Kansas City, KS) is hiring summer interns! Rainbow Summer Program is a six-week summer enrichment program for 100 children who have completed grades K – 8. Interns serve in the classrooms and are paid a stipend for the summer. For more information on how to apply, please visit [www.rainbowmennonite.org/serving/rainbow-summer-program/](http://www.rainbowmennonite.org/serving/rainbow-summer-program/)

**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 Roy and Sheralyn Goering and family (Court Area display case); Items for sale for the upcoming MCC Relief Sale (Library display case); and Hobbies of Richard Denno (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

#### **First Mennonite Church by the numbers**

##### **Attendance:**

- Worship—193 Visitors—12
- Sunday School—155

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Mennonite Mission Network was \$2,398 and Local Mission was \$5,400. The offering for March 18 is for Local Mission.

**Has this winter left you feeling drained?** It has our financials. To date we have spent \$9,460.49 more than we brought in. Please prayerfully consider what you can give to Local Missions. ~Financial Stewardship Committee

**Della M. Buller, (91)**, passed away on March 2, 2018 in Lancaster, CA. She was a life-long member of First Mennonite until her move to California in 2012. Friends may sign the register book from 1:00 to 5:00 PM, Sunday afternoon. A graveside service only will be Monday, March 12, at 2:00 PM in the Greenwood Cemetery. We extend our sympathies to her family and friends.

**Take a look at the bulletin board** in the Court Area for more information and sign-up sheets for the upcoming Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale.

**The Caring Fund** has had a number of expenses in recent months and could use some replenishment. This fund responds to the needs of people within our congregation and from the local community, and it also supports local helping organizations. Thank you for any assistance you can give!

**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! If you are homebound and would like a meal delivered to you, please call the church office.

**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.

**To help celebrate** the 2017-2018 CFN session, this Wednesday, March 14, children in K-5 will be going bowling. Please drop off your child(ren) at Play-Mor (1105 Washington Road) by 7:00 PM and pick up by 8:00 PM. Please make sure your child is wearing or has a pair of socks with them for bowling.

**FMC's week at the New Hope Shelter** is March 21-27. Contact Lee Penner or Ruby Moore if you can help with meals or staffing.

**MEN'S ON-LINE DEVOTIONAL GROUP**—All men are invited to join an on-line devotional group that will include a daily devotional, scripture, and opportunity to post reflections. We hope to start on Thursday. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Joel at joelschr46@gmail.com, and a link for the devotional will be sent to you.

**Camp Mennoscah time is approaching!** Over the last few years, First Mennonite has offered scholarships of \$100 per student for children in both our congregation and in Casa Betania. This experience has been a vital part of the faith formation of those who attend. Last year, the number of students we supported was 36. The Nurture Commission would be grateful for any help you can give toward supporting our children in this way. Please talk to any member of the commission for more information. Thank you!

**The new updated Yearbooks are in your church mailbox.** If you no longer need the old one, please consider recycling it to the Church Office so that we may reuse the binding off the old books. Thanks so much!

## SR. HIGH YOUTH

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**BIBLE STUDY—TODAY!** (3/11) 4:32 PM @ the home of Derek Entz!

### **VERENIKA FUNDRAISER WEEK!!**

- ▶ Tuesday, March 13 ( 4:04—?:??) make cherry moos and zwiebach
- ▶ Wednesday, March 14—FUNDRAISER
  - ⇒ 4:04 pm —EVERYONE NEEDED TO PREPARE/SERVE
  - ⇒ 5:30-7:00 pm—Meal Served

**YOUTH GROUP Pizza/Movie Night** - Wed. (3/21) @ 6:32 PM

**YOUTH GROUP / S.A.L.T.** - Wed. (3/28)



## Community Announcements

**The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA)** will hold its annual business meeting today, 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.

**First Mennonite Church in Hutchinson** continues a series of *Sunday Concerts: Celebrate Music in Worship* today, 4:00 PM, with the Hesston College Men's Chorus and Women's Chorus under the direction of Ken Rodgers. The concert is free and will be followed by refreshments.

**The Bethel College Jazz Ensemble II, Jazz Combos I and 2,** will perform on Monday, March 12, 7:00 PM, at Mojo's Coffee Bar in Schultz Student Center.

**Continuing to bring quality performing arts** from around the world to south central Kansas, the next concert in the 2017-18 Andover Organ Series will feature organist Dr. Ryan Hebert at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 13, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. The concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the concert.

**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](http://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.

**New for the 50<sup>th</sup> 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, 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.