

# Love the Lord your God with all your STRENGTH

## March 18, 2018

### Gathering

**Prelude** ..... Donna Stucky, organist/pianist

**Choral introit:** *O be joyful* by Angell

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

**Call to worship:** Mark 12:29-30 ..... Nancy Waltner, worship leader

**Opening prayer**

### Praising

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

Strength Medley: *The Joy of the Lord*  
*His Strength is Perfect*  
*They that wait upon the Lord* ..... H 584

**Greet one another; children come forward**

**Children's focus**..... Peter Wintermote

**Choral anthem:** *The Journey is Our Home* by Pote

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

**Pastoral prayer** ..... Pastor Kay Schroeder

**Song of faith:** *Brothers and sisters of mine* ..... H 142

### Hearing God's Word

**Sermon:** *Pump YOU Up* ..... Pastor Joel Schroeder  
**Scripture:** James 2:14-26

### Sending

**Sending song:** *Renew your church* ..... H 363

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

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\*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book    \*\*CS denotes Companion Songbook  
Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder; Jyl Ewy, choir accompanist  
Childcare: Greg or Laura Myers, Amanda Menninga, Madelynn Hamm  
Ushers: Gus Dorado, Dave Goering, Mike Garcia, Andrea Regier  
Audio Tech: Tim Regier                      Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy  
Visuals: Cindy Unruh                      Property Committee: Casson Schmidt

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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:

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## WEEK AT A GLANCE

**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

**Monday, March 19**

6:30 PM Prayer Meeting—Room 224  
7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

**Tuesday, March 20**

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

**Wednesday, March 21—Homeless Shelter week begins**

6:32 PM Youth Group (Youth Rooms)  
7:00 PM Choir

**Thursday, March 22**

7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH  
7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission

**Friday, March 23**

10:00 AM Safety Team Meeting—Warkentin Room

**Sunday, March 25—Palm Sunday—Mark 11:1-11; Philippians 2:5-11**

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
4:00 PM Catechism

**Upcoming event—Maundy Thursday Service—March 29, 7:00 PM**

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**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

## LENTEN SERIES

First Mennonite Church

March 18, 2018

**Newton Community Children's Choir** will have a Spring concert on Sunday, April 29, 3:00 PM, at Shalom Mennonite Church (800 E. First Street, Newton). Admission is free. A donation offering will be collected.

**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!

**Trinity Heights Respite Care** would like to invite you to 25 years of care serving the communities of Harvey and Marion County. They will be celebrating with a dinner, entertainment, and an auction on April 6, 6:00 PM. A free will donation will be accepted. Please RSVP by March 30 at [respite-care@att.net](mailto:respite-care@att.net).

**Newton Et Cetera Shop invites organizations to apply for their annual Local Giving grants.** 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/).

**Young adult opportunity to serve with MCC:** Looking for ways to actively engage in issues around justice and equity, with the support of a community? Are you a Spanish speaker? Perhaps the Seed Central America Program is for you! Seed, a global two-year program, is being implemented and led by MCC with young adults between 20 and 30 years of age. The Seed Central America program focuses on the crossroads of place and ecologies of peace -- in Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Visit [mcc.org/seed](http://mcc.org/seed) for information or contact [heidhuber@mcc.org](mailto:heidhuber@mcc.org).

**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—213 Visitors—9
- Sunday School—173

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$6,078. The offering for March 25 is for Local Mission.

**Receiving or has received care**—Otis Unruh, NMC.

**THANK YOU for your support** of Sr. High Youth Ministry at FMC. THANK YOU for being one of the 340 persons that devoured around 900 verenika and 400 zwiebach plus sausage, green beans, and cherry moos! THANK YOU for your donations which totaled \$6,927.96!  
~Sr. High Youth Group

**The youth are selling uncooked, frozen sausage** in one pound packages for \$6. If you would like some, please go to the kitchen after worship today or contact the church office. Thank you!

**Please check the table in the Court Area.** There are many items that have been left here at the church over the last few months. Please claim anything that belongs to you. Also, please check the kitchen to make sure you have all your dishes that belong to you. After a couple of weeks, anything that is left will be donated to Et Cetera.

**All are invited** to a time of prayer on Mondays at 6:30-7:00 PM in room 224 led by June Thomsen and Pastor Kay. Please enter the church using the south doors.

**Even though the MCC Sale is still several weeks away** (April 13-14), we want to remind you to check the bulletin board in the Court Area (east wall) for information concerning the sale. There are many ways our church can help with the sale.

**An official complaint** was received by the Church Board and Western District Conference. If you were not able to attend the meeting last Sunday, but would like more information, please contact a board member.

**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!

**Women's Fellowship will meet on** Tuesday, March 20, 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Knotting and binding of blankets will take place. There is still time for MCC projects. We will have a carry in meal at noon, with devotions, offering and discussion to follow. Please come when you can.

**Wednesday, March 21**— JR High Youth Service project at MCC center in North Newton (packing school kits). **We will meet at church at 6:00 PM** for pizza, then travel to North Newton for the service project. **We will return to church by 8:15 PM.** Each youth will need a completed release form in order to be transported.

## SR. HIGH YOUTH

*With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:  
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**YOUTH GROUP Pizza/Movie Night** - Wed. (3/21) @ 6:32 PM

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



**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.

**Palm Branch Processional**—Next Sunday, March 25, children ages 2 through grade 6 are invited to participate in our palm branch processional during the worship service.

**You are invited to bring lilies** and leave them in classroom 224 prior to the Easter Sunday, April 1, worship service. They will be arranged in the sanctuary for Easter morning. You may pick yours up following the service.

**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.

**Safety Team:** A new group has formed to review and update emergency procedures for our church, as well as to think about other ways of supporting a safe and welcoming culture in our congregation. The group includes Pat Denno (Safe Sanctuaries Committee), Alan Entz (Ushers, Property Committee), Jordan Miller

(Property Committee), Gail Pryce (Nurture Commission), Gary Moore (Outreach, Missions and Peace Commission), Joel Schroeder (Pastor, Outreach, Missions and Peace Commission), Anita Kehr (Pastor, Nurture Commission). Look for more information about their work in coming months, including ways in which you can be involved. Being a safe and welcoming church is **everybody's responsibility**.

**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!

**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!

### Community Announcements

**The final concert of the 2017-18 Prairie Window Concert Series**, featuring Smooth Hound Smith, will be on Sunday, March 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.

**Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum** program with Jim Hoy, professor of English, at Emporia State University, will be on Sunday, March 25, 3:00 PM. *Kansas Legends and Folktales*, will be at Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.

**On Tuesday, March 27, 6:30 PM**, in Hesston, the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains will complete its 2018 Winter Lecture Series with Curtis Schmidt speaking about "Bats of Kansas". The lecture will take place in the Prairie Pavilion, with a soup supper preceding it at 6:00 PM in the Visitor's Center. The cost of the lecture is \$5 per person, or supper and the lecture is \$10. Interested persons should call 620-327-8127 by 5:00 PM on Friday before the Tuesday lecture for supper reservations.

**Lunch & Learn at MCC with Joanna Shenk!** Join us on Thursday, April 5 from noon to 1:00 PM at MCC in North Newton, Kansas to hear Joanna share about her new book, "The Movement Makes Us Human—an Interview with Dr. Vincent Harding on Mennonites, Vietnam and MLK." Lunch will be provided by Mojo's Coffee Bar. Please RSVP for lunch by April 3. For the first time, we're offering an opportunity for you to join this event virtually, on any computer or device. Visit [mcc.org/lunch-learn](http://mcc.org/lunch-learn) for information about Joanna, the book and about how to join the event from your home or office! Questions or to RSVP: [patsydirksen@mcc.org](mailto:patsydirksen@mcc.org) or 283-2720.