

# Love the Lord your God with all your SOUL

March 4, 2018

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## Gathering

**Prelude** ..... Nora Miller, pianist

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

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

**Call to worship** ..... Nancy Waltner, worship leader

**Opening prayer**

## Praising

**Songs of faith:** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*  
*Psalm 16: I Will Not Be Shaken*

**Greet one another; children come forward**

**Children's focus** ..... Bryan Kehr

**Song of faith:** *In the bulb there is a flower* ..... \*H 614

**Offering:** Mennonite Mission Network  
**Offertory**

**Choral anthem:** *Wade in the water* arr. Hayes

## Hearing God's Word

**Scripture:** Mark 12:28-31; I Peter 1:3-9, 13-15, 22-25

**Sermon:** *The Outcome of Faith* ..... Pastor Anita Kehr

## Responding to God's Word

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

**Pastoral prayer** ..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

## Sending

**Sending song:** *The River is Here*

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

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\*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book    \*\*CS denotes Companion Songbook  
Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder; Musicians: Ben Regier, Tim Regier, Daryl Unruh,  
Jyl Ewy, choir accompanist.  
Childcare: Amanda Menninga, Camryn Entz  
Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, John Good, Janice Good  
Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn                      Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy  
Visuals: Cindy Unruh                      Property Committee: Alan Entz

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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 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
- 4:04 PM Catechism

### Monday, March 5

- 7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

### Tuesday, March 6

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

### Wednesday, March 7—Church Family Night

- 5:30 PM Meal served by New Life  
Menu: Baked Potato Bar with toppings, Salad, Cake
- 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 8

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

### Sunday, March 11—*Love the Lord your God with all your Mind*—Romans 8:5-6, 12:1-2

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

**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

March 4, 2018

**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.

**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](mailto: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 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, 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!

**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!

**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—205 Visitors—13
- Sunday School—155

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Local Missions Fund was \$6,571. The offering for March 11 is for Local Mission.

**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.

**Hospitalized last week**—Velma Frey at Newton Medical Center.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Scholarship Fund update.** The February offering gave a nice boost to the fund balance. On behalf of the students and their parents, the Scholarship Committee says *Thank you*. A large group of our young adults continue to pursue higher education at a Mennonite Christian school. For the 2018 Spring semester, \$8,100 was paid out for 19 scholarships at seven schools. With this being a consistent pattern over the past several years, please consider additional contributions to the Scholarship Fund during the upcoming months so there will be sufficient monies for the 2018 – 2019 school year. The young adults are blessed by a congregation that believes in and supports them. The students and their parents plus the Scholarship Committee appreciate the past and current generosity of the congregation.

**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.

## SR. HIGH YOUTH

*With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:  
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**NO S.A.L.T. TODAY!** (3/4/2018)

**CATECHISM - TODAY** (3/4) @ 4:04 PM

**VERENIKA FUNDRAISER**



- ▶▶ Tuesday, March 6 (4:00—?:??) make verenika. (Please bring rolling pin with your name on it.)
- ▶▶ Wednesday, March 7 (6:46—8:00) set-up and decorate
- ▶▶ 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

**CATECHISM** - Sunday (3/25) @ 4:04 PM

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



### Community Announcements

**KIPCOR Film Series presents** *The Empathy Gap: Masculinity and the Courage to Change*, today, 3:00 PM, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Following will be a talk-back session with Stacey Mann and Ben Rudeen Kreider of Offender Victim Ministries, Newton.

**First Mennonite Church in Hutchinson** continues a series of Sunday Concerts: *Celebrate Music in Worship* today, 7:00 PM, with the Tabor College Concert Choir under the direction of Dr. Bradley Vogel. The concert is free and will be followed by refreshments. We invite you to join us! Any questions call 620-662-9385 or hutchfmc.org.

**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 Parkinson's Support Group** at Kidron Bethel will meet in Menno Hall Tuesday, March 6, 2:00 PM. Tony Helfrich, Director, will give a presentation on "Exercise Options at the North Newton Wellness Center." All are welcome.

**Marathana Prothro will present** "Looking for Truth in a Fake-News World" at 8:00 PM, Friday, March 9, at Kauffman Museum in North Newton. The program is part of the annual corporation meeting of Mennonite World Review Inc. All are welcome to the business meeting at 7:00 PM, or just for the 8:00 PM program. Prothro is assistant professor of communication at Bluffton University and a member of the MWR board of directors. She formerly served at Hesston College and Mennonite Church USA in Newton.

**Registration deadline** for the academic conference "Mennonites and the Holocaust" is March 9. The conference will take place on the Bethel College campus **March 16-17**, with speakers and scholars from Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Ukraine and the United States. See [mla.bethelks.edu/MennosandHolocaust](http://mla.bethelks.edu/MennosandHolocaust) for more information or to register online.

**Circle Of Hope**—Register now for the next Volunteer Ally Training with Harvey County Circle of Hope: Saturday, March 10, 10:00 AM—4:00 PM, at 209 South Pine, Newton. Reserve your spot by March 8. Learn about hidden rules, discover your mental model, and explore ways to openly engage your community.

**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).