

Easter Sunday-Christ is Risen!

April 1, 2018

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Gathering

Prelude Melody Bontrager, pianist

Choral introit: *I believe He is risen* arr. Drennan

Opening scripture: Mark 16:1-8 Dave Wiebe, reader

Welcome and prayer Pastor Joel Schroeder

The work of the people (announcements)

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Praising

Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 14, 22-24 Alyssa Becker, reader

Songs of faith: *This is the day*
I looked up

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Andrea Regier

Special music: *Were you there*

Pastoral prayer

Offering: Mennonite Mission Network

Offertory

Choral anthem: *An Easter Celebration* by Courtney

Christ the Lord is risen today (stanzas 1, 2, 3) *H 280

Song of faith: *Low in the grave he lay* H 273

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Isaiah 25:6-9; Acts 10:34-43 Isaac Entz, Linda Shelly, readers

Sermon: *Terrified and Amazed* Pastor Anita Kehr

Sending

Song of faith: *Lift your glad voices* H 275

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder; Musicians: Worship band: Ben Regier, Tim Regier, Ken Regier, Dwayne Abrahams, Austin Regier, Erin Graber. Trumpets: Sam Claassen, Tim Regier, Brent Voran.
Childcare: Amanda Menninga, Camryn Entz
Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, John Good, Janice Good
Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner
Visuals: Carol Hiebert 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, April 1—Easter Sunday

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

Monday, April 2

6:30 PM Prayer Meeting—Room 224

7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

Wednesday, April 4

7:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Rooms)

7:00 PM Choir

Thursday, April 5

7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

7:00 PM Nurture Commission

Saturday, April 7

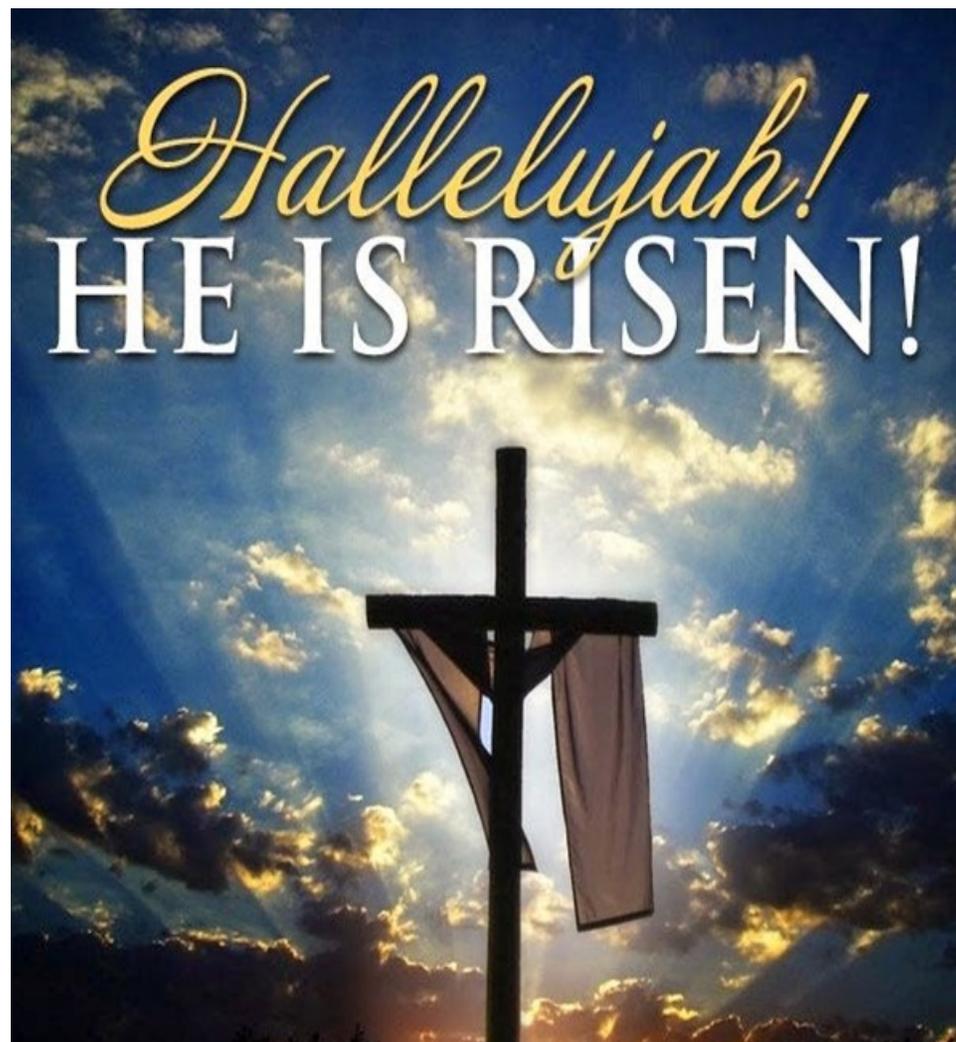
9:00-11:00 AM Safe Sanctuaries Training—FH

Sunday, April 8—John 20:19-31, 1 John 1:1-2:2

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

4:04 PM Catechism



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EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 1, 2018

Next Sunday, April 8, Michael Unruh from Camp Mennoscah will be sharing during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:15 AM) in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to join the Living Stones Sunday School class for this informational hour.

Two weeks until the MCC Sale—There is venenike, pies, and zwieback to be made. Please check the bulletin board in the Court Area for dates and times. Thanks for your help!
~Gary and Ruby Moore

Save the date! If you did not attend Safe Sanctuaries training in the Fall and wish to work with children in any capacity at our church, please plan to attend Safe Sanctuaries training either Saturday, April 7, 9:00-11:00 AM, or Wednesday, April 11, 6:30-8:30 PM. Please RSVP to Angela Black at adblack67114@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please ask any Nurture Commission member.

College scholarship money is available—If during the 2018-2019 school year you will be attending (or are considering) a Mennonite college or university for undergraduate study or a Mennonite seminary, you are invited to apply for scholarship funds from FMC. **By no later than Sunday, April 15, 2018,** submit the completed application to either Jyl Ewy or Ron Dietzel. For each school year, an FMC application must be completed. Some Mennonite colleges provide matching funds so your monies would be doubled when enrolled in one of those schools. Eligibility criteria for the FMC funds are provided on the application. The form is available in the Court Area at FMC.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE is introducing a new facility use and work order program to aid in enhanced communication about needs throughout our facility. If you have regular or special events that are held at the church we would like them to be on the church calendar. Please pick up and return the reservation forms to the church office. If you are aware of a maintenance, setup or cleaning need, please pick up a form from the foyer, fill out, and return to the church office. Thank you for helping us by communicating in this way!

PROPERTY COMMITTEE needs your help to maintain our facility. Can you help with: various window hardware, glass and glazing repairs or interior trim repairs? If so, please contact Jordan Miller at 316-217-4570 or jordanmiller795@gmail.com.

Save the Date: Petra Restaurant Fundraiser Dinner at FMC Fellowship Hall on Friday, May 18. Mark your calendars! More information will be coming out soon.

SR. HIGH YOUTH

*With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:
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YOUTH GROUP - Wednesday (4/4) @ 7:02 PM

CATECHISM - Sunday (4/8) @ 4:04 pm

YOUTH GROUP - Wednesday (4/11) @ 7:02 PM

BIBLE STUDY - Sunday (4/15) @ 4:04 pm



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!

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**.

SAVE THE DATE—May 26-27, 2018! On these dates First Mennonite Church will gather at Camp Mennoscah for a CELEBRATION of FAITH event which will include baptism in the morning of May 27! More details to come but the hope is to get EVERYONE to Camp Mennoscah for all or part of this celebration!

Community Announcements

Everence will continue its popular retirement workshop series this spring, starting with *Your Medicare options* on Tuesday, April 3, 6:30 PM. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will be 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.

Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group will meet Tuesday, April 3, 2:00 PM, in Menno Hall. Chaplain Eric Massanari will speak on "A Cup of Tea at the Brink of Despair: Meeting Our Losses (and our Blessings) With Awareness." All are welcome.

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 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 or 283-2720.

Harvey County Habitat for Humanity is now taking applications for its next home. Qualifying applicants must demonstrate housing need, have the ability to pay a monthly mortgage payment, and be willing to partner with Harvey County Habitat for Humanity. To learn more and obtain an application packet, applicants must attend one of the following meetings: April 8 at 3:00 PM, or April 9 at 7:00 PM. Both meetings will be held at First United Methodist Church, 801 N. Main, Newton. For more information, call Chris at 785-424-3551.

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus will be in concert at Central Community Church in Wichita on Sunday, April 8, 7:00 PM. They will also be in concert at Bethel College in North Newton on Sunday, April 15, 7:00 PM.

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.

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 freewill donation will be accepted. Please RSVP by March 30 at respite-care@att.net.

Offender Victim Ministries in Newton, seeks a full-time executive director to provide dynamic vision and overall strategic leadership for OVM's programs, development, promotion and constituency engagement. Qualifications include excellent communication, management and organizational skills, and a strong commitment to restorative justice principles. Send resumes and inquires to Becky Nickel, board chair, offendervictimministries@gmail.com by April 20.

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 for information or contact heidihuber@mcc.org.

This year's Masterworks at Bethel College will be Mozart's *Requiem*, on Sunday, May 6. The chorus is open to any interested singers, with rehearsals taking place in the two weeks before the concert. If interested, contact Dr. William Eash, 284-5316 or weash@bethelks.edu, for more information, including a complete rehearsal schedule.

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 Graham and Rachel Unruh (Court Area display case); Daryl, Cindy and Mason Unruh (Library display case); and Otis Unruh (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—218
- Visitors—4 Sunday School—169

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$5,989. The offering for April 8 is for Local Mission.

Received or has received care—Arlen Wiens, NMC.

Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits, food and phone calls that were all very meaningful during my recovery from knee replacement surgery. Your caring thoughts and kindness were greatly appreciated. ~Velma and Vernon Frey

Lester Matthies, 92, passed away on March 25, 2018, in Cedaredge, Colorado. Lester was a brother to Mary Janzen, brother-in-law to Otis Unruh, and uncle to Daryl and Cindy Unruh. Memorial service will be held April 7 at the Cedaredge Baptist Church where he has been a member for many years. We extend our condolences to Mary, Otis, Daryl and Cindy.

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!

TODAY is your last opportunity to claim your lost items from the table in the Court Area. You are also welcome to help yourself to anything on the table you might have use for. On Monday, April 2, items left will be taken to the Et Cetera Shop. Also, please check the kitchen to make sure you have all your dishes that belong to you.

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