

# Good News!

## April 8, 2018

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### Gathering

**Prelude** ..... Amanda Rempel, organist

**Gathering song:** *Jesus, stand among us* ..... \*H 25

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

**Call to worship**.....Pastor Kay Schroeder

**Opening prayer**

### Praising

**Songs of faith:** *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing* ..... H 278  
*Lift every voice and sing*..... H 579

**Greet one another; children come forward**

**Children's focus** ..... Renee Hamm

**Greetings from Camp Mennoscah**.....Michael Unruh, executive director

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

**Song of faith:** *We walk by faith* .....H 570

## Hearing God's Word

**Scripture:** John 20:19-31; 1 John 1:1-2:2

**Sermon:** *Scarred and Whole*..... Pastor Anita Kehr

### Responding to God's Word

**Song of faith:** *Breathe on me, breath of God* ..... H 356

**Pastoral prayer**

### Sending

**Sending song:** *I want Jesus to walk with me* ..... H 439

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

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

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Ushers: Bob Schmidt, Brian Walker, Heath Kerr, Donnie Kingsley

Audio Tech: Joey Menninga

Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering

Visuals: Carol Hiebert

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:

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

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

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

### Monday, April 9

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

### Tuesday, April 10

- 7:00 PM Church Board

### Wednesday, April 11

- 6:30 PM Safe Sanctuaries Training
- 7:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Rooms)
- 7:00 PM Choir

### Thursday, April 12

- 7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

### Sunday, April 15—Good News—Mark 15:33-39; Psalm 139; John 14:8-14

- 7:45 AM Outreach, Missions and Peace Commission
- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 4:00 PM Youth Group Bible Study

### Upcoming Worship Services

April 22— Woven (women's acapella group from Bethel College) leads in worship

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Are **YOU** ready for some  
**GOOD NEWS**  
TODAY?

April 8, 2018  
First Mennonite Church

# SR. HIGH YOUTH

*With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:  
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**CATECHISM - TODAY!** Sunday (4/8) @ 4:04 pm

**YOUTH GROUP** - Wednesdays (4/11, 18) @ 7:02 PM

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

**CATECHISM** - Sunday (4/22) @ 6:32 pm

**AREA-WIDE YOUTH GATHERING** - Wednesday (4/25) @ 7:02 PM



**It's Time to Do Some Growing!**

**One week until the MCC Sale**—some items that are needed for the sale: pies, bread, baked goods, crafts, and items for the children's auction—donations of good quality items for kids needed. Please check the bulletin board in the Court Area for dates, times and signup opportunities. **Please bring all of your MCC Sale items to the Court Area by noon on Friday, April 13.** Thanks for your help! ~Gary and Ruby Moore

**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 a Safe Sanctuaries training on 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.

**Come join us on April 28, 9:30-11:30 AM**—Outreach, Missions and Peace Commission is hosting FMC's first (of several) Love Newton Community Service experience! We will be splitting up into small groups and picking up trash in various Newton parks and helping an FMC neighbor-in-need with painting and yard work. Pizza lunch will follow! Please sign up in the Court Area, or call Andrea Regier at 283-9427. All participants get a free FMC t-shirt with our NEW logo!

**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 it 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.

**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!

**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

**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 today, 7:00 PM. They will also be in concert at Bethel College in North Newton on Sunday, April 15, 7:00 PM.

**DINE OUT 2 DONATE**—New Hope Shelter is excited to announce their upcoming fundraiser, *Dine Out 2 Donate*. On Tuesday, April 10, 5:00-8:00 PM, participating restaurants will be contributing 10-20% of your total order to New Hope Shelter! The participating restaurants are Sonic, Casa Fiesta, China Inn (Newton), Panda Kitchen (Hesston) and The Barn (Burrton).

**Consider the Conversation 2:** *A discussion on Advance Care Planning* is being presented by Newton Medical Center on Friday, April 20, 10:00 AM in the YMCA Studio A. This free event will give information about palliative care and end-of-life conversations with medical professionals.

**Men and Boys Retreat** is April 20-22 at Camp Mennoscah. This retreat for men and boys of all ages requires no pre-registration. Lodging options include the cabins, staff houses, tents, bringing an RV, or just sleeping under the stars, available on a first

come, first served basis. The optional meals available are Saturday supper through Sunday lunch, and will cost about \$6.00 apiece. Activities include fishing, canoeing, horseshoes, basketball, ping pong, walking trails, or just relaxing. Adam Voth Unruh will be our speaker on Sunday and will be sharing about "Trusting God on your faith journey." For questions about the retreat please contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515 or kevinneufeld2@gmail.com.

**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.

**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.

**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 inquiries to Becky Nickel, board chair, [offendervictimministries@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://mcc.org/seed) for information or contact [heidihuber@mcc.org](mailto: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](mailto:weash@bethelks.edu), for more information, including a complete rehearsal schedule.

**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 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—377
- Visitors—56    Sunday School—194

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Mennonite Mission Network was \$2,876 and Local Mission was \$5,095. The offering for April 15 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). **Today** is the **last Sunday** the buckets will be passed.

**In Sympathy**—Quinten Miller (88) , father of Forrest Miller, passed away on Wednesday, April 4, in Iowa. His Celebration of Life service was held on Saturday, April 7, in Kalona, Iowa. We extend our condolences to Forrest, Nora, Olivia, and Sophia.

**Be sure to stop and read** the newest update from Rod and Andrea Pauls located on the bulletin board.

**All are invited** to a time of prayer for the vitality of our congregation 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.

**A backup Administrative Assistant** is needed to fill in for Tracy on her days off and for time away for vacation. It might be possible to have several people "on call" to serve a day or two at a time, or even partial days. Qualifications include having a pleasant and responsive personality, must be well organized and have the ability to multi-task, must be proficient with Microsoft Office products such as Outlook, Excel, Word and especially Publisher. If you feel called to serve in this role, please contact Tracy in the office to request an application for employment.