

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 25, 2018

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Gathering

PreludeJyl Ewy, pianist

Gathering song: *Hosanna*..... **CS 60

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

Call to worship..... Pastor Kay Schroeder

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*
Hosanna, loud hosanna..... *238

Greet one another; children come forward

Children’s focus.....Ken Frey

Kingdom report: Schyler Entz, Bentley Hiebert

Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11

Song of faith: *This I Believe*

Offering: Local Mission
Offertory: *Hosanna*

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture: Mark 11:1-11

Sermon: *Extreme Days* Pastor Joel Schroeder
Scripture: Mark 14:1-11

Responding to God’s Word

Song of response: All glory, laud, and honorH 237

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *Ride on, ride on in majesty*H 239

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Paul Schrag; Musicians: Kay - piano, Michelle Regier - vocals, Amanda Entz - bass, Joey Menninga - guitar, vocals.
Childcare: Chris Weaver, Melody Enns, Sarah Koehn
Ushers: Alan Entz, Ryan Nye, Jan Groves, Wenda Black
Audio Tech: Tim Regier Video/Lighting Tech: Tyler Shelly
Visuals: Cindy Unruh Property Committee: Kevin Hamm

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 25—Palm Sunday—Mark 11:1-11, 14:1-11; Philippians 2:5-11

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

Monday, March 26

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

Wednesday, March 28

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

Thursday, March 29

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service—Sanctuary

Friday, March 30—Good Friday

Church Office Closed

Sunday, April 1—Easter Sunday

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PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 25, 2018

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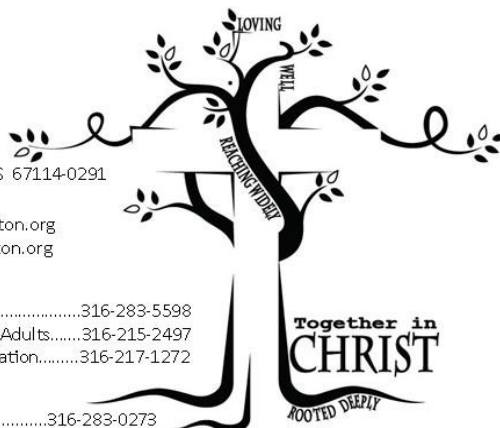
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Maunder Thursday Service—Everyone is invited to attend. *Names of Jesus—Journey to the cross* will begin at 7:00 PM, Thursday, March 29, in the sanctuary. The names of Jesus recorded in scripture will guide an evening of remembrance through scripture, song, prayer, and communion.

Formal Complaint—If anyone desires to review the formal complaint that was received by the church board, please contact a board member.

Three 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

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.

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.

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!

Next Sunday, you are invited to bring lilies and leave them in classroom 224 prior to the Easter Sunday 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.

SR. HIGH YOUTH *With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:
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YOUTH GROUP - Wednesday (3/28) @ 7:02 PM
(Crucifixion: What's the BIG deal?)

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

BIBLE STUDY - Sunday (4/8) @ 4:04 pm



PROPERTY COMMITTEE is introducing a new facility use and work order program to aide 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: Jr. High Room painting of windows and trim or painting of a few sanctuary walls? If so, please contact Jordan Miller 316-217-4570 or jordanmiller795@gmail.com.

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

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

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.

The Hesston College Bel Canto Singers, under the direction of Dr. Russell Adrian, will perform their final home concert of the 2017-18 year at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 27, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. Following the concert, everyone is invited to a reception with informal performances by group members in the church's community center.

The Community Good Friday service sponsored by the Newton Ministerial Alliance will take place Friday, March 30, at 7:00 PM at Trinity Heights United Methodist Church.

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.

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.

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 free will 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.

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—209 Visitors—10 Sunday School—155

Thank you to Madelynn Hamm for drawing the bulletin cover.

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$13,089. The offering for April 1 is for Mennonite Mission Network.

Palm Branch Processional—Children ages two through grade six are invited to participate in our palm branch processional today. When announced from the pulpit, the children should exit the sanctuary at the west door and gather in the Court Area to receive their palm branches. (Parents, please accompany your little ones if necessary.) Children will parade down the main aisle and side aisles and then return to the front for the children's focus.

In Sympathy—Jerry Martin, (56) father of Jake Martin, passed away on Saturday, March 17. His funeral service was on Friday, March 23 in Wichita. We extend our condolences to Jake and Maisie (Pryce) Martin.

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.