

# Thanksgiving and Gratitude

## November 18, 2018

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### Gathering

**Gathering song:** *We gather together* ..... \*H 17

**Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)**

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

**Call to worship and prayer** .....Nancy Waltner, worship leader  
1 Samuel 2:1-10

### Praising

**Songs of faith:** *Come, ye thankful people* .....H 94

*Sing to the Lord of harvest*.....H 98

**Greet one another; children come forward**

**Children's focus** ..... Erin Graber

**Song of faith:** *We plow the fields and scatter*.....H 96

**Offering:** Local Mission

**Offertory**

(Please pass the welcome pads)

## Hearing God's Word

**Scripture:** Hebrews 10:11-23

**Sermon:** *In Response* ..... Pastor Anita Kehr

### Responding to God's Word

**Song of faith:** *Take my life* (stanzas 1, 5, 6) ..... H 389

**Pastoral prayer** ..... Sean Claassen, Caregiving Commission

### Sending

**Sending song:** *Now thank we all our God* ..... H 86

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

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

Chorister: Matthew Graber

Childcare: Greg or Laura Myers/Amanda Menninga, Evelyn Gaertner

Ushers: Gus Dorado, Dave Goering, Mike Garcia, Andrea Regier

Audio Tech: Tim Regier

Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner

Visuals: Cindy Unruh

Property Committee: Jordan Miller

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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, November 18**—*Thanksgiving and Gratitude*

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

## **Monday, November 19**

11:30 AM Worship Commission—Cora Voran's house  
7:00 PM Property Committee

## **Tuesday, November 20**

4:00 PM Christmas Eve Planning

## **Thursday, November 22**

Church Office Closed—Happy Thanksgiving!

## **Friday, November 23**

Church Office Closed

## **Sunday, November 25**—*Thanksgiving and Praise*

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

## **Upcoming Worship Services**

December 2—Advent 1: Called as Witnesses—Luke 1:26-56 and  
Matthew 1:18-25  
December 9—Advent 2: The Witness of the Prophets—Micah 5:2-5a

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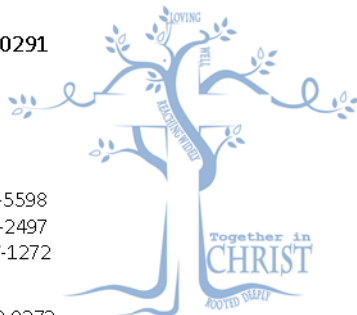
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**First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS**

# SR. HIGH YOUTH

With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:  
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Hi-C focus 4 November = "C"HOICE

Wednesday, November 21 —NO YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, November 25 @ 4:04 pm—Bible Study at the Kennell's house!

Wednesday, November 28—Congregational Conversation (NO YOUTH GROUP)



**Due to the Thanksgiving holiday**, all bulletin announcements for the November 25 bulletin need to be turned into the Church Office by this Tuesday, November 20, at noon.

**In December**, we would like to display Nativity sets in all the church showcases. If you have a Nativity set that you would be willing to share with the church for the month of December, please contact one of the following persons: Jerry and Delora Decker, John and Janice Good or Dewayne and Betty Pauls.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing**—Due to slow response for volunteers the last few years, I believe it's time for new blood to take over Salvation Army Bell Ringing leadership. Are any of you interested? Thank you for all the volunteers that have helped this great mission for the needy for the last 15 years.

~Bob Schmidt

**Harvest of Love**—Throughout November and December, the Salvation Army invites you to join in our annual food and fund drive to support people in need in our county. Items always needed are canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce, hamburger helper, tuna helper, cereal (of any kind), peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, and soups. A box is available in the Court Area to collect nonperishable items. If you wish to make a monetary donation you may write a check to "Harvest of Love" and place it in the offering. So far, we've donated 128 pounds. Every donation is a gift that makes a difference in our neighbors' lives!

**"Conversation along the Way—Sharing our Stories from the Journey of These Years"** is a congregational gathering being planned for Wednesday, November 28, 7:00-9:00 PM. More information is on the green sheet that has been in your mailboxes. Please plan to attend!

**Christmas Eve rehearsals** for the children's Christmas Eve program will be December 5 and 12, 6:30-7:15 PM, with the dress rehearsal on December 19, 6:30-7:30 PM. This is for children who are in grades K-6. Please meet in the sanctuary. We will also be practicing our songs at the end of the Sunday School hour in December so please come! The theme for this year's program is *Silent Night, Holy Night*. Please call or email Cora Voran with questions.

**As furniture begins to arrive** for the newly renovated foyer there are opportunities for two new areas of ministry: **Coffee cart**—would you be willing to provide this service of welcoming and fellowship for Sunday mornings? **Wall hung TV monitors**—would you be willing to create scrolling displays for Sunday mornings? If either of these areas interest you and you are willing to commit your time to our congregation please contact a member of Property Committee so we can select and purchase the equipment needed.

**Cards are available in the pews** for you to share your thoughts, prayer requests, ask for a visit, or whatever you would like to communicate. Remember to sign them and put them in the offering plate.

## Community Announcements

**Bethel College Women's Ensemble** Fall Concert, Sunday, November 18, 4:00 PM in the Administration Building chapel.

**Dementia Caregivers Support Group** at Kidron Bethel Village: On the last Thursday of each month at 3:00 PM, in Menno Hall Chapel, Kidron Bethel holds a support group meeting for persons who are caring for loved ones living with dementia. This is an ongoing group that meets on the last Thursday of every month. The group is open to participants from the wider Newton community and has affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association of Central and Western Kansas. Eric Massanari, KBV Chaplain, and Beth Penner, Associate Director of Independent Living, serve as group facilitators. Please contact Eric Massanari with any questions: 316-836-4829.

**Bethel College Wind Ensemble** will have a concert, Friday, November 30, 7:30 PM with music celebrating the 100th birthday of Leonard Bernstein. The concert will take place in Memorial Hall.

**Five Places of Christmas** hosted by the Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA) will be held December 1, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Located at Bethel College, Luyken Fine Art Center, BCWA's theme is *Star of Bethlehem*. Children (and those young at heart) can make their own star ornaments. All can find homemade candies, peppernuts, baked goods, and handcrafted gifts. Other locations this year are Warkentin House, Carriage Factory Gallery, Kauffman Museum and the Harvey County Historical Society Museum and Archives. Please help with your presence and donations of baked goods, including peppernuts and candies. Donations can be delivered to Luyken Fine Art Center Friday, November 30, 3:00-5:00 PM or Saturday, December 1, 8:00-10:00 AM.

**Everence will host an all-inclusive** retirement planning workshop on Saturday, December 1, 9:00-11:30 AM. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will take place at the MCC Central States Office, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at 316- 283-3800; 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

**NEWTON TREBLE CLEF ANNUAL VESPERS**—Sunday, December 2, 3:00 PM, at Faith Mennonite Church (2100 N Anderson Ave, Newton). The program will include: Treble Clef Chorus; Open Road Men's Ensemble from Bethel College; The Book of Jebb, bluegrass and folk band; and Connie Rickard, playing saxophone together with Joan Wulf on piano/organ. A freewill offering will be taken for the Treble Clef Scholarship Fund. All are invited. For questions, contact Janet Ediger at (316) 772-2169.

**Christmas Gathering for** all Camp Mennoscah volunteers! Put it on your calendar, wonderful counselors and program directors and cooks and nurses and staffers! We're gathering on December 15, 2:30 PM for conversation, cookies, games and great fun. Families invited to join.



**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 John Schmidt (Court Area display case); Nick and Laura Sharp and family (Library display case); Ryan and Miriam Goertzen-Regier (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

#### **First Mennonite Church by the numbers**

##### **Attendance:**

•Worship—191 Visitors—12 Sunday School—163

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$5,906. The offering for November 25 is for Local Missions.

**In Sympathy**—Edward Miller (93), Kevin Miller's father, passed away on Tuesday, November 13. His funeral service will be held in Goshen, Indiana on Monday, November 19. We extend our condolences to Kevin, Carolyn and their family.

**Pastors Joel and Kay** are attending the Youth Specialties Youth Workers Convention in St. Louis November 15-18.

**The Mennonite**—It is time to renew our subscriptions for *The Mennonite*. If you would like to renew your subscription the group rate is \$37.

**Subscriptions are due today.** Please return the form that was in your church mailbox to the office and make checks payable to First Mennonite Church with *The Mennonite* on the memo line.

**The FMC Sr. High Youth** along with Mennonite Mission Network and area youth groups are providing Thanksgiving meals for persons connected with the New Hope Shelter. If you are interested in baking pies for this project, please contact Joel. The pies are needed by Monday, November 19.