

# Thanksgiving Praise

## November 25, 2018

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### Gathering

Gathering song: *Oceans*

Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)

Prelude.....Amanda Entz, organist/pianist  
*The gift to be simple* arr. Wood

Call to worship and prayer ..... Peter Wintermote, worship leader  
Psalm 100

### Praising

Songs of faith: *All people that on earth do dwell* .....\*H 42  
*O come, loud anthems let us sing*.....H 68

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus ..... Sheralyn Goering

Song of faith: *Hosanna*

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory: *This I believe*

(Please pass the welcome pads)

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Habakkuk 3:17-18

Sermon: *Because*..... Pastor Anitakehr

### Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Asithi: Amen (Sing Amen)*..... H 64

Pastoral prayer .....June Thomsen, Caregiving Commission

### Sending

Sending song: *Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah*..... H 50

Blessing

Postlude

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

Chorister: Daryl Unruh; Musicians: Joey Menninga

Childcare: Chris Weaver, Sarah Koehn

Ushers: Alan Entz, Ryan Nye, Jan Groves, Wenda Black

Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn

Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering

Visuals: Cindy Unruh

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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 25—*Thanksgiving Praise*

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

## Wednesday, November 28

7:00 PM “Conversation Along the Way—Sharing our Stories from the Journey of These Years”

## Saturday, December 1

9:00 AM Decorating the church for Christmas

## Sunday, December 2—Advent 1: *Called as Witnesses*—Luke 1:26-56 and Matthew 1:18-25

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

## Upcoming Worship Services

December 9—Advent 2: *The Witness of the Prophets*—Micah 5:2-5a  
December 16—Advent 3: *The Witness of Creation*—Luke 2:1-4  
December 23—Advent 4: *Witness the Birth*—Luke 2:4-7

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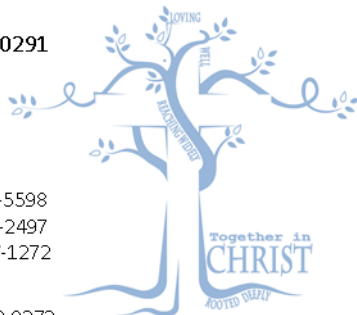
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**First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS**

# SR. HIGH YOUTH

With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:  
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*Hi-C focus + November = \*C\*HOICE*

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



Wednesday, November 28 @ 7-9 —Congregational Conversation (NO YOUTH GROUP)

Sunday, December 2 @ 12 noon—Youth Council/SALT/Sponsors planning pow-WOW!

**“Conversation along the Way—Sharing our Stories from the Journey of These Years”** is a congregational gathering being planned for **this 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!

**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!

**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.

**Homeless Shelter**—Our next week to serve the Harvey County Homeless Shelter is December 26-January 1. If you are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 316-284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

## Community Announcements

**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.

**All area churches are invited** to attend this year's Winter Luminary Walk, "The Prairie Sleeps," at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. The Luminary Walk will be 5:30-8:30 PM on November 30 and December 1. Admission to the event is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3 to 15, or advanced tickets can be purchased at dyckarboretum.org or at the Arboretum office for \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 3 to 12.

**Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk**—Saturday, December 1. Meet at 8:00 AM in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton – experienced birders will lead a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep.

**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.

**The community is invited** to Kidron Bethel's 12th annual Holiday Marketplace. The event will be held on December 1, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. Ten Thousand Villages and 20 other vendors will have items for sale.

**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.

**The third concert** of the 2018-19 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring Lindsay Lou, will be on Sunday, December 2, 4:00 PM, at the Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and good food in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$25 adults/\$15 kids, plus tax. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount. Purchase tickets online or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

**Join the community** in a prayer vigil and informational meeting about the Central American Caravan. Sunday, December 2, 8:00-9:00 PM at Hesston College, Bontrager Worship Center in the basement of Keim Center.

**Virtual author "visit"** at the Conference Resource Library on December 4. Hear from author Jacqueline Woodson as she shares her about new picture book *The Day You Begin* at 10:00 AM and her novel *Harbor Me* at 12:00 PM. These presentations are geared for children and youth but everyone is welcome! 2517 N. Main in North Newton.

**Night in the Barn**—presented by Tabor Mennonite Church from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, December 1, 2, 8, and 9. Please note the new location of Papa's Pumpkin Patch (372 E 70th, Newton—just off of K-15 between Newton and Goessel). Come and interact with the characters, animals, sights and sounds of this timeless tale. Enjoy this walking tour of the Nativity with family and friends. The suggested donation of \$5 per person includes a hot drink and snack. Come and share in the wonder of the Christmas Story!

**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—233 Visitors—14 Sunday School—158

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$7,877. The offering for December 2 is for Western District.

**In Sympathy**—Belva Unruh (94), passed away on Tuesday, November 20. Her funeral service was held here at FMC on Saturday, November 24. We extend our condolences to Belva's family.

**Pastors Kay and Joel** are in Colorado attending a nephew's wedding November 23-26.

##### **Transfer of membership:**

- Arthur Unruh to Northeast Baptist Church, Ponca City, OK

**Hear ye! Hear ye!** Come one, come all! The Worship Commission invites the whole church to help decorate for Christmas on Saturday, December 1, 9:00 AM. A light breakfast will be provided. Fun and fellowship guaranteed!

**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. Please leave the Nativity sets in the Church Office starting **today**.