

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 13—*Going Home*

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 2:00 PM Catechism
- 4:04 PM Youth Group Bible Study

Tuesday, January 15

- 7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission—June Thomsen's house

Wednesday, January 16—Church Family Begins

- 5:30 PM Meal served by Christian Fellowship
Menu: Chili, Fritos, Relishes, Dessert
- 6:45 PM Children—ages 2 years to 6th grade—Gather in Room 123
- 6:45 PM Adult Bible Study—Room 222-224
- 6:45 PM Choir (Sanctuary)
- 6:45 PM Jr. High (Room 126)
- 6:45 PM Youth Group (Youth Rooms)

Sunday, January 20—World Fellowship Sunday/Mennonite World Conference

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

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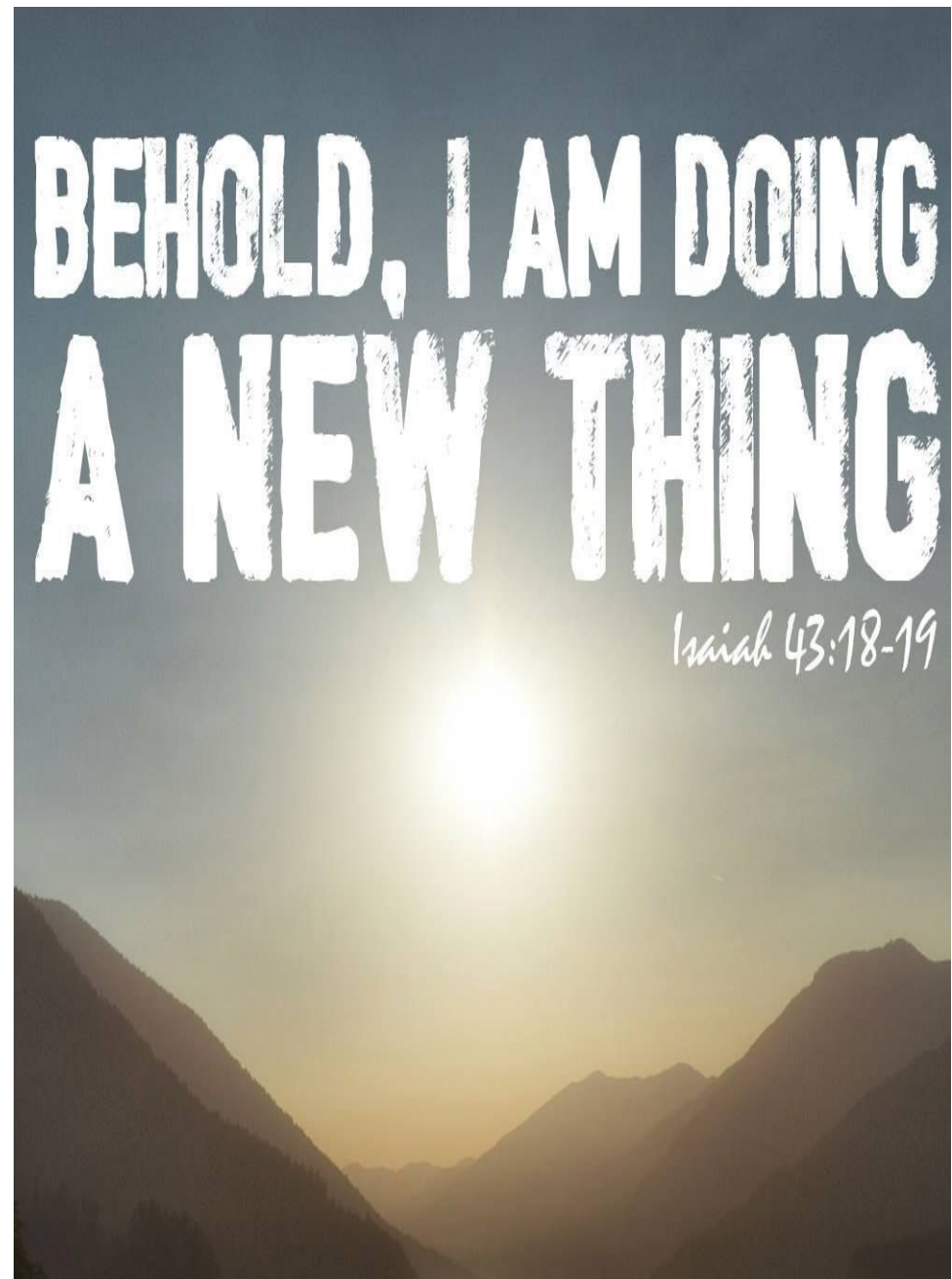
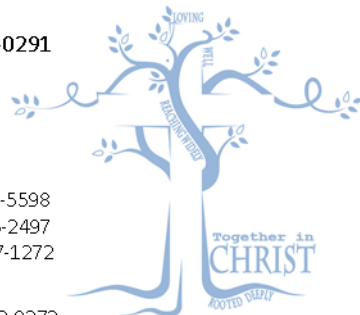
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First Mennonite Church Newton, KS

Community Announcements

Men's Breakfast—Saturday, January 19, 8:30 AM. Males of all ages are invited to gather in the fellowship hall for breakfast, conversation, and a devotional this Saturday (January 19). Please bring breakfasty stuff to share! Invite others.

ALL MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS: On **Thursday, January 24, 2019**, you are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a light supper followed by our **BEGINNINGS 2019** discussion. We will be planning for our ministries for 2019. Please join us from **6:00 to 9:00 PM. This is an important start to our year!**

PRAYERS NEEDED: We have vacancies on our lay leadership groups of Worship, Financial Stewardship, and Church Staff Relations. The Church Board will be contacting people regarding these openings, but request your prayers that God will lead us to those who would be open to serving in these roles. Thank you.

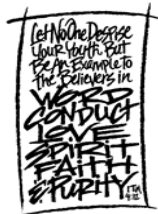
FMC has a long history of serving a light fellowship meal after a funeral to family and friends as they remember a loved one. These meals include salads and cakes brought in by volunteers from our church. We would like to give you an opportunity to sign up to bring cakes and/or salads to be served at these meals. Also, please consider signing up to help serve at these fellowship meals as well. This is a ministry of caring compassion for members of our church family. A sign-up sheet will be in the Court Area near the east wall on the table as marked. Thank you for your participation. ~Jo Frye, Cindy Combs, Cindy Unruh

NT CRISPR Challenge 44.4 (Week 6)—January 13 Mark 16:1-20; **January 14** Luke 1:1-45; **January 15** Luke 1:46-80; **January 16** Luke 2:1-52; **January 17** Luke 3:1-38; **January 18** Luke 4:1-44; **January 19** Luke 5:1-39.

Nurture Commission is looking for a few more people to come play with our youngest children! We are looking for an additional 1-2 people to help with childcare during the church service for our kiddos ages 2-5. You would be one of 2 adults with a junior high helper. We also need people to help care for our babies in the nursery, preferably during Sunday School and church, once a month. You must be Safe Sanctuary certified and love to play with young children! Please contact Stephanie Weaver if you are willing to help or have more questions!

SR. HIGH YOUTH

*With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:
Faith-Focused, Mission-Minded, Community-Connected*



Focus 4 January 2019 = Identity + Context

Sunday, Jan. 13 (TODAY)

- ▶▶ 9:15 am —SUNDAY SCHOOL
- ▶▶ 2:02 pm —CATECHISM (10 Commands, other gods)
- ▶▶ 4:04 pm —BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, January 16 @ 6:16-8:16 pm —YOUTH GROUP



The Parkinson's Support Group at Kidron Bethel will meet Tuesday, January 15, 2:00 PM, in Menno Hall. Haylie Berning, director of the Bethel College Academy for Performing Arts dance program, will talk about the effectiveness of movement for Parkinson's Disease and share a sample class of 15-20 minutes of movement. All are welcome.

Online registration for 2019 Camp Mennoscah Retreats will open January 12! Go to campmennoscah.org to register for retreats like Scrapbook and Crafts, Family Weekend, and Retirees Retreat. There's always something that goes awry in the update—please let us know if something is amiss! We can't wait to see you again!

Everence will continue its popular retirement workshop series in 2019, starting with *Make Medicare an easy step* on Monday, January 14, at 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 St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at 283-3800; 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Bethel College annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, Monday, January 21, 7:00 PM, with guest speaker Sherdeill H. Breathett, Sr. The program will be in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day event—Saturday, January 26. The program will feature middle-school history teacher Keil Hileman in Krehbiel Auditorium at 11:00 AM. Starting at 11:30 AM, there will be food trucks in the museum parking lot. Other events in and around the museum are 1:00-4:00 PM. See the Kauffman Museum website or Facebook page for more information.

Summer staff applications WELCOMED! Camp Mennoscah is searching for and reaching out to those folks 18 and older to be part of our summer leadership family. We're looking for lifeguards, music leaders, crafts leaders, office and media assistants, naturalists, and grounds/maintenance. It will be a summer of fun times, meaningful relationship building, and leadership skills! Apply online at campmennoscah.org under Summer Youth Camps. This is an amazing way for young adults to serve and grow in faith!

Be part of Hesston College's Missional Leadership class during the Spring 2019 semester to explore the theology and leadership strategies of missional Christian congregations, and empower yourself, your congregations, and those with whom

you worship in evangelism and “disciple-making.” Led by Bible and Ministry Professor Michele Hershberger, the class will meet from 6:00 to 7:40 PM on Monday nights, January 21–May 6, on the Hesston College campus. Both audit and credit options are available. If you have questions, contact Michele at michele.hershberger@hesston.edu or register for the class by contacting the Registrar’s Office at 620-327-8231.

Circle of Hope's Soup Supper (by donation) and Dessert Auction is scheduled for Tuesday, January 29, 5:30–7:30 PM, at First United Methodist Church, 801 North Main Street. Great food, fun and desserts! All proceeds benefit Harvey County Circle of Hope.

Join us for an MCC Lunch and Learn with John Sharp on Wednesday, January 30, 12:00–1:00 PM, at MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St.). John will share his presentation, *Changing the World One Life at a Time: the MJ Sharp Story*. MJ and his colleague Zaida Catalán, part of a U.N. panel of experts investigating conflicts that have been ongoing in Congo since the mid-1990s, were abducted and killed in March 2017. MJ served with MCC in the Congo prior to his work with the U.N. John is passionate about telling MJ's story and he and his wife Michelle's journey with him. John will also share updates to the investigation that is ongoing in Congo. Please RSVP to this event by January 25 to patsydirksen@mcc.org. Lunch will be catered by Mojo’s Coffee Bar; please list food sensitivities when you RSVP.

Practice spiritual disciplines using your body and voice to follow Jesus at Hesston College’s annual Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) conference, February 1 to 3, on the Hesston College campus. *Growing More Like Jesus from the Outside In: Transforming Heart and Mind* will be led by Christian spirituality experts Mark and Lisa Scandrette, referencing their practical Ninefold Path of the Beatitudes. Participants will dwell deeply in the Word, re-examine values and learn to tend to the individual soul in order to live vital counter-cultural lives. Learn more and register now at hesston.edu/avds.

Camp Mennoscah is now accepting applicants for a quarter-time (10 hours/week) custodial-housekeeping position. The position will remain open until filled. Contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290 for further information. Spread the word!

Graduate Students in Healthcare Professions: Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) offers educational grants for Anabaptist students to learn and serve in cross-cultural mission/service settings in developing countries. Deadline for 2019–20 academic year is May 15, 2019. For details and application form, see mennohealth.org/student_term/, email: info@mennohealth.org, or call 1-888-406-3643.

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!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

•Worship—212 Visitors—7 Sunday School—166

Offering: Last week’s offering for Mennonite Mission Network was \$1,164 and Local Mission was \$3,204. The offering for January 20 is for Local Mission.

Update for the 2018 Budget—With a few additional donations, we were only short \$1,946.23 for 2018. **THANK YOU SO MUCH** for all the generous donations!

Receiving or has received care—Brent Voran, Wesley Hospital.

We will keep the nativity sets in the church showcases through today. This will allow the children's Sunday School classes time to prepare something for the showcases. Thank you for sharing your nativity sets with the church.

Property Committee would like to thank the 17 volunteers who helped to move and set up the new furniture for the foyer!

A support group for survivors of sexual abuse will meet on January 15. If you are a survivor of sexual abuse you are welcome to attend. Please contact June Thomsen, Caregiving and Membership Commission, for details: 316-239-8747.

Church Family Nights start back up this Wednesday evening, January 16! A friendship meal is served at 5:30 PM and activities for all ages start at 6:45 PM. Everyone is welcome!

Safety Monitors NEEDED—In our on-going commitment to make FMC a safe place for all, persons serving as Safety Monitors on Wednesdays during Church Family Nights are needed. There are two shifts each evening (5:30–7:00 PM and 7:00–8:30 PM), and we are seeking two adults for each shift. With activities beginning **THIS WEDNESDAY**, please contact the church office, Pat Denno, or Pastor Joel if you are able to serve the congregation in this way.