

Quiet Virtues: Hope

January 27, 2019

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Gathering

Gathering song: *Jesus, be the center* by Michael Frye

Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)

Opening wordsPastor Kay Schroeder

Scripture reading: Isaiah 40:28-31

Centering Nora Miller, pianist
Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine by Percy Smith; arr. by Cindy Berry

Prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *Mighty to save* by Morgan and Fielding
My hope is built on nothing less *H 343

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Ken Frey

Song of faith: *They that wait upon the Lord*.....H 584

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory: *Living Hope* by Phil Wickham
(Please pass the welcome pads)

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Romans 5:1-5

Sermon: *Hope Abides* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Spirit of God! descend*..... H 502

Pastoral prayer..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

Sending

Sending song: *Rain Down* by Jaime Cortez

Sending blessing

Postlude

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

Chorister: Matthew Graber

Worship band members: Joan Entz, Dan Miller, Kay Schroeder, vocals; Bryan Kehr, guitar, vocals;
Nora Miller, piano; Seth Bontrager, drums; Tim Regier, bass, vocals.

Childcare: Chris Weaver, Sheralyn Goering, Sarah Koehn

Nurse: Shirley Dietzel, Kathleen Andres, Judy and Eric Murphy

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

Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn

Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy

Visuals: Connie Claassen

Property Committee: John Good

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, January 27—*Quiet Virtues: Hope*

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 4:04 PM Youth Group Bible Study—Entz's house

Tuesday, January 29

- 3:30 PM Safety Team Meeting—Warkentin Room

Wednesday, January 30—Church Family Night

- 5:30 PM Meal served by New Disciples School Class
Menu: Cheesy Ham/Potatoes, Applesauce, Zwieback, Bar Cookies
(there will be dairy/gluten-free options)
- 6:45 PM Children—ages 2 years to 6th grade—Gather in Room 123
- 6:45 PM Adult Bible Study
- 6:45 PM Choir (Sanctuary)
- 6:45 PM Jr. High (Room 126)
- 6:45 PM Youth Group (Youth Rooms)

Sunday, February 3—*Quiet Virtues: Patience*

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

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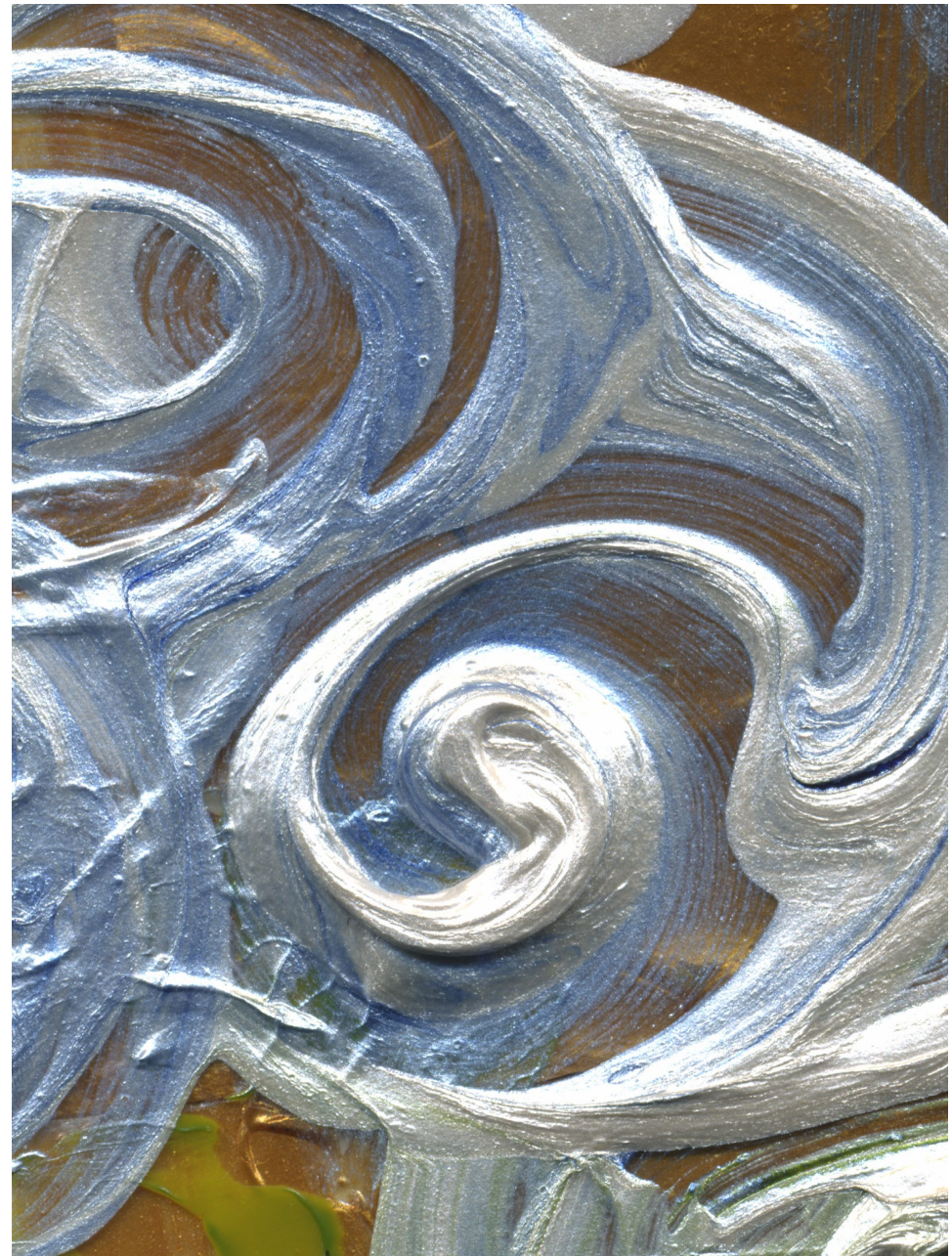
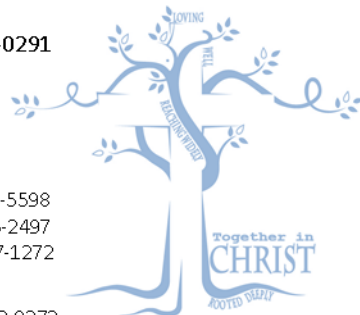
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That We May Breathe Together by Jan Richardson

First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
January 27, 2019

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. 27 (TODAY) @ 9:15 am —SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, Jan. 27 @ 4:04 pm —BIBLE STUDY @ ENTZ'S HOME

Wednesday, January 30 @ 6:30-8:16 pm —YOUTH GROUP (visiting at Kidron-Bethel)

ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

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COMING EVENTS

- ▶▶ February 3—Youth Council
- ▶▶ March 6—Verenika Supper Fundraiser
- ▶▶ April 24 or May 6—Youth Group Auction Fundraiser
- ▶▶ July 2-6—MENNONITE YOUTH CONVENTION (Kansas City)

Community Announcements

The next concert of the Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring Moors and McCumber, will be today, 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: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. Purchase tickets online or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

Volunteers are needed from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Eureka, Kansas. We will be roofing and completing exterior repairs. Tools and lunch will be provided. Work days are scheduled for: February 1 and 2, February 22 and 23, and March 1 and 2. **Please contact Jordan Miller** for more details and to arrange transportation from the Newton area. Call, text or email: 316-217-4570 or jordanmiller795@gmail.com.

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.

On Tuesday, January 29, 6:30 PM—Dyck Arboretum of the Plains, in Hesston, will begin its 2019 Winter Lecture Series with Dr. Don Blakeslee speaking about *Finding the 'Lost City' of Etzana*. The lecture will take place in the Prairie Pavilion. The cost of the lecture is \$5 per person—cash or credit card payment will be received at the door. No reservation necessary.

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 Michele'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.

Saturday, February 2—Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk. 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

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale—You're invited to host, be a guest or organize a Fellowship Meal at your church. Annually, these simple meals help support the Relief Sale by raising funds towards the sale budget. Meals in area homes are scheduled March 3 and 10. Registration deadline is February 8. Please see the Fellowship Meal brochure for additional details that are posted on the east and west bulletin boards. For questions call Gary or Ruby Moore. Or contact Barb BJ Reeves, 620-543-6863 or mccfellowshipmeals@gmail.com.

Quilters' Corner Opportunities: Volunteers are welcome and needed each Tuesday evening, 7:00-9:00 PM, at the MCC Center in North Newton to help sort and price items for the sale as well as each third Saturday of the month (January 19, February 15, March 15) any time between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Quilting donations are also welcome and needed (quilting fabrics, quilting supplies, vintage linens, unfinished quilting projects, etc.) Donations may be collected by sale liaisons at their churches and brought to sale meetings or brought directly to the MCC Center with the indication that they are for Quilters' Corner. If you have questions contact Ann Yoder Smith, 919-604-3282, rws.ays@gmail.com.

Looking for your donations of old cars, trucks, tractors, motorcycles, mowers and most ANYTHING of value for the KS MCC Sale this coming April. If you are thinking of buying a new car, consider donating your old car to the MCC Sale. Vehicles do not need to be running. We will pick them up, clean them up, and get them running. Your donations can change peoples lives and give them hope. Call Jerry Toews at 620-367-8257.

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. **Contact Kay Schroeder today if you would like to attend and receive a registration discount.**

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!

The MCC Comforter Blitz Committee is urgently seeking a kitchen coordinator and volunteers to prepare and serve lunch during the Blitz (March 4, 5, and 6, 2019). If you are interested or willing, please contact Shirley Jost at (785) 250-7437 or jostshi@cox.net. No sewing skills required!

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.

Is there anything better than a Vacation Bible School package that helps children discover signs of God in the Bible and in their lives? Come to a launch event for Detectives of Divinity VBS PLUS on February 23, 9:00-10:30 AM, at Bethel College Mennonite Church. VBS directors, pastors, teachers, leaders, and parents—all are invited to come, AND everyone who RSVPs by February 15 will receive a free devotional book, *Now It Springs Up*. Come see materials for preschoolers, children, youth and adults, featuring Bible stories and lots of games, crafts, activities, skits and ideas for you to make it happen in your congregation. RSVP to springsforthfaith@gmail.com.

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!

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—205 Visitors—3 Sunday School—156

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$5,078. The offering for February 3 is for Scholarship Fund.

At Wednesday CFN, our children each got three hearts on which to write that Jesus loves them. They are hidden in the sanctuary for you to find (hymnbooks, racks, etc.). If you find one, please feel free to write a note back to them. You may place them in their family church mailbox or put them in Marsha Schmidt's box. Thank you for sharing your love to our children in this way.

Pastor's schedule change—Due to his participation in the Missional Leadership seminars at Hesston College on Monday evenings, Pastor Joel will be moving his regular day out of the office to Fridays.

Let's send Kaitlin Abrahams (Shalom Project in Lancaster, PA) and Levi Knopp (Habitat for Humanity in Bend, Oregon through AmeriCorps National Civilian Conservation Corps) some LOVE! There are 2 boxes in the Court Area for care package items! Please add your greetings in a card, with chocolate or other small Valentine-themed love gift. The Outreach Commission thanks you!

NT CRISPR Challenge 44.4 (Week 7)—**January 20** Luke 6:1-49; **January 21** Luke 7:1-50; **January 22** Luke 8:1-56; **January 23** Luke 9:1-45; **January 24** Luke 9:46-10:24; **January 25** Luke 10:25-11:36; **January 26** Luke 11:37-12:12.

The furniture has arrived for the newly renovated foyer and there is an opportunity for a new area of ministry: **Coffee cart**—would you be willing to provide this service of welcoming and fellowship for Sunday mornings? If interested, please contact Jordan Miller as soon as possible.