

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 6—*Witnesses from the East*—Matthew 2:1-12,
Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 2:1-12

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
12:00 PM Youth Council
2:30 PM Catechism—Warkentin Room

Wednesday, January 9

7:07 PM Youth Group

Thursday, January 10

7:00 PM Church Board

Sunday, January 13—*Going Home*

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

Upcoming Worship Services

January 20—World Fellowship Sunday/Mennonite World Conference

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

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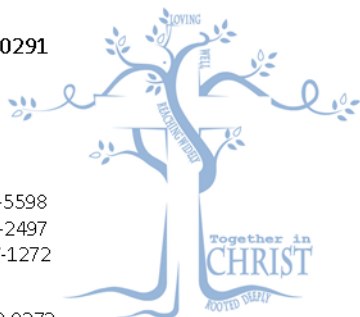
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NT CRISPR Challenge 44.4—January 6—Mark 10:1-45; **January 7—**Mark 10:46-11:33; **January 8—**Mark 12:1-44; **January 9—**Mark 13:1-37; **January 10—**Mark 14:1-42; **January 11—**Mark 14:43-72; **January 12—**Mark 15:1-47. JANUARY calendars are in the office. If you would like to receive a daily email reminder with a link to the readings, please send your email address to Pastor Joel (joelschr46@gmail.com).

SR. HIGH YOUTH

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Focus 4 January = Identity + Context

Sunday, Jan. 6 @ noon—Youth Council (planning)

Sunday, Jan. 6 @ 2:30 pm—Catechism (Who is GOD?)



Wednesday, January 9 @ 6-8 p.m. — MCC EVENT @ MCC Center (North Newton) PIZZA included!

Community Announcements

The first concert of 2019 at the Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring The Barefoot Movement, will be on Sunday, January 13, 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.

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.

Newton Community for Racial Justice's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service 2019—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed in a nation of freedom and justice for all, and encouraged all citizens to live up to the purpose and potential of America by applying the principles of nonviolence. MLK Day of

Service is a way to honor his life and teachings by engaging in community action that continues to solve social problems. Newton Community for Racial Justice invites you to serve however you can in your community! Sign up here for service projects in Newton: signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4eabae23a1fe3-martin.

Hello, future summer staffers! You can apply for a summer staff position at Camp Mennoscah at campmennoscah.org under Summer Youth Camps. Do it now! Positions are music, crafts, nature, lifeguard, office, and grounds/maintenance. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled; we'll start interviewing in January! Contact us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org with questions. We can't wait to talk to you about being on summer staff!

The Neuf Memorial Run—The Neuf 9K and 2-mile run returns to the campus of Bethel College on January 12, 2019 to honor the memory of Russ Neufeld, a former MC USA and Hesston College employee. The race will start at 10:00 AM, outside of Mojo's Coffee Shop on the campus of Bethel College, North Newton. The Neuf will raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the Russ Neufeld memorial scholarship at Hesston College. Register and read other details about the race at runtheneuf.neuf.ca.

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.

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.

Looking for that next great adventure? MCC SALT positions now available! Take chances. Make mistakes. Get messy. Be challenged. Learn some things. Teach some things. Spend a year living somewhere that you never dreamed you'd go....Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. Through SALT, Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S. serve internationally in a wide variety of positions in fields like education, agriculture, health care, information technology, peace and more! Start now at salt.mcc.org, to find answers to frequently asked questions, assignment options and to apply. Don't delay—the deadline to sign up is February 15!

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—219 Visitors—19 Sunday School—113

Communion Sunday—All who have been baptized are invite to partake of communion today while those who have not yet been baptized, are invited to receive a peppernut and a blessing. Persons seated in the front section on the piano (east) side are invited to the station located at the communion table . Persons in the front section of the organ (west) side are invited to the station located under the clock. And persons seated in the back sections and in the balcony are invited to the station located under the balcony. More instruction will be given prior to communion.

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$49,511. The offering for January 13 is for Local Mission.

We had a very favorable response to the Local Missions budget receiving approximately \$50,000. This leaves us only \$7,000 short for the year. Thank you so much for your contributions. ~Financial Stewardship Committee

You are invited to stay a few minutes after the worship service **today** to help take down and put away the Christmas decorations in the church. Thank you! ~Worship Commission

We would like to keep the nativity sets in the church show cases through January 13. This will allow the children's Sunday School classes time to prepare something for the show cases. Thank you for sharing your nativity sets with the church.