

Centered and Together in Jesus Christ

February 24, 2019

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Gathering

Gathering song: *Just a place*

Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)

Opening wordsPastor Kay Schroeder

CenteringJyl Ewy, pianist

Prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *Happy Day*
This is amazing grace

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Andrea Regier

Song of faith: *The love of God* (stanzas 1 and 2) **CS 92

Sharing faith stories Laura and Nick Sharp

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Offering response: *Praise God from whom* (stanza A)H 119

Parent-child dedication Nick, Laura, and Jesse Sharp
Congregational response *H 791

Song of faith: *Lord, we bring to you our children*

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon: *Do Everything in the Name* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *I'll praise my Maker* H 166

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *Cornerstone*

Sending words

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Daryl Unruh; Musicians: Tim and Michelle Regier; Seth Bontrager, Joey Menninga
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 Goertzen-Regier Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy
Visuals: Michelle Claassen Property Committee: Alan Entz

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, February 24—*Centered and Together in Jesus Christ*

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

Tuesday, February 26

- 7:00 PM FH/Kitchen reserved—YG Verenike Dinner Prep

Wednesday, February 27—Church Family Night

- 5:30 PM Meal served by Living Stones/FIRST Sunday School Class
Menu: Pizza, Salad and Cookies
- 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)

Saturday, March 2

- 8:30 AM Youth Group Winter Retreat

Sunday, March 3—*Telling Our Story*

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 5:30 PM Youth Group returns from Winter Retreat

Upcoming Worship Services

- March 10—1st Sunday of Lent: Communion. Psalm 91, Luke 4



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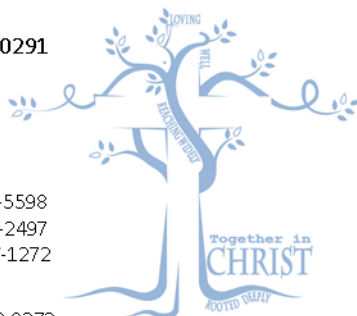
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cherry moos. Vegetarian/gluten free options available. Friends and family are welcome! If you are homebound and would like to have a meal delivered, please call the church office.

Youth Group Verenike Supper Décor—The Youth Group is looking for some Wild, Wild West items that we could use to decorate for our supper on March 6. If you have something we could borrow for the evening, please bring them labeled with your name to the church basement on Tuesday, March 5. Thanks!

Camp Mennoscah time is approaching! First Mennonite will again be offering scholarships of \$100 per student for children in both our congregation and in Casa Betania. Sign-up sheets for scholarships are now in the Court Area. Please sign your child up on the correct camp week, along with parent/guardian names. The first and best discount deadline is March 1 this year (\$20 off), with a \$10 discount offered if students sign up and pay in full by April 1. Please talk to Stephanie Weaver of the Nurture Commission with any questions.

Ash Wednesday Service—To begin the season of Lent, there will be an Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, March 6, at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary (following the Youth Group Verenike Meal). You are all invited! (Choir and adult Bible Study will meet first in their regular locations.)

Homeless Shelter—Our next week to serve New Hope Homeless Shelter is March 6-12. If you are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 316-284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

NT CRISPR Challenge 44.4 (Week 12)—**February 24** John 14:1-15:27; **February 25** John 16:1-17:26; **February 26** John 18:1-40; **February 27** John 19:1-42; **February 28** John 20:1-21:25; **March 1** Acts 1:1-26; **March 2** Acts 2:1-47. March calendars are available in the Church Office.

SR. HIGH YOUTH February Focus = FOLLOW JESUS

Sunday, Feb. 24 (TODAY) @ 9:45 am —SUNDAY SCHOOL
@ 4:04 pm —BIBLE STUDY (???)

Tuesday, February 26 (3:32-8:01)—Make Verenike!!!

Wednesday, February 27 @ 6:46-8:16 pm—YOUTH GROUP

**COMING
EVENTS**

- ▶▶ March 2-3—Winter Retreat
- ▶▶ March 5—Verenike PREP
- ▶▶ March 6—Verenike Supper Fundraiser
- ▶▶ May 1—Youth Group Auction Fundraiser
- ▶▶ July 2-6—MENNONITE YOUTH CONVENTION (Kansas City)



Love Newton: Feed 10 Families project is ending in 2 Sundays! Our boxes are getting full! Thank you so much, FMC! If you'd like to donate and haven't yet, we ask that you first contact Andrea Enns Regier at andrea.and.ben@gmail.com to find out what else is needed. We are working together with the social worker from Chisholm Middle school and regular attendee of FMC, Sara Kopper, to collect food for families over Spring Break since these families struggle when their children can't access the breakfast/lunch and other benefits normally provided at school. Many schools in Newton partner with local churches to meet this need. It is a practical way to share the love of Christ!

2019 Youth Group Auction—Coming later this spring, on Wednesday, May 1, the youth group is hosting their bi-annual auction. The youth offer their services and skills to be auctioned along with many items donated by the church family. Watch for future announcements over the next few months. Proceeds will go to help pay for our July trip to the Mennonite Youth Convention in Kansas City.

Community Announcements

Do you know where Kansans have worked with MDS in the last year? Do you know where you could serve with MDS for a day, a week, or longer? Join us at Eden Mennonite Church, 401 18th Ave, Moundridge on Sunday, February 24, 2:00 PM, for a review of the past year and to hear about experiences of people who have served.

It's time for DESSERT! Camp Mennoscah will be holding the annual Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction at Bethel College Mennonite Church on February 24, 4:00-6:00 PM. We'll be celebrating and raising funds for our summer staff who provide mentoring relationships and faith formation, which is what camp is all about. One set of hymns will be "bluegrass" and led by (former) summer staff!

On Tuesday, February 26, 6:30 PM in Hesston, the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains will continue its 2019 Winter Lecture Series with "Conserving the Gems of Kansas" presented by Rob Manes, director of The Nature Conservancy in Kansas. 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.

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. 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.

The Newton Chorale will be presenting its spring concert *Prelude to Spring* on Sunday, March 3, 4:30 PM at Bethel College Mennonite Church.

Register for Camp! Online registration for Summer Youth Camps at Camp Mennoscah is open! In fact, registration is open for all upcoming camps and retreats, so power up your computer and register for all sorts of relaxation and fun! Call us at 620-297-3290 with questions. **There will again be scholarships provided by the FMC Nurture Commission. (See announcement above.)**

Everence will host an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, March 2, 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 Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800, (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

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 March 1 and 2. **Please contact Jordan Miller** for more details and to arrange transportation from the Newton area. Call, text or email: 217-4570 or jordanmiller795@gmail.com.

All are welcome to join the fun at the 12th annual Mennonite Central Committee Comforter Blitz on March 4, 5 and 6 at the Journey Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, Kansas. Times are Monday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; Tuesday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; and Wednesday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Come and have a good time while helping others. No sewing skills are required. Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own sack lunch. Bring snacks to share during the work day.

All women are invited to the Western District Women in Mission (WDWM) Spring Supper on Thursday, March 21, at First Mennonite Church in McPherson. The speaker will be Sheryl Wilson, Executive Director of KIPCOR. See flyer on the bulletin boards for more information including how to RSVP.

The Sand Creek Community Garden (just north of the Bethel College campus) has a few plots available for rent for the 2019 season. For more information or to request an application, email communitygarden@bethelks.edu.

Attention Young Adults! There will be an Area Wide PC-PF (Post College- Pre Family) get together on Saturday, March 16. We will meet at 7:00 PM at The Pighouse (Howard Farm). Please bring a snack to share, games, and friends! This group is designed for young adults in similar life stages to socialize together. For questions, directions/address, or to RSVP, please contact Kristin Kaufman at kristin.unruh@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

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—197 Visitors—8 Sunday School—152

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$6,477. The offering for March 3 is for Mennonite Mission Network.

Receiving or has received care—Bill Black, Wesley Medical Center.

FMC's Story in Photos—What are the origins of First Mennonite in Newton? Within the 140-year existence of the congregation, what challenges have occurred? What highlights? Get familiar with FMC's story by viewing the photo exhibit which is now in the display cabinets. Start at the cabinet outside the Church Office, go to the two corner units and then finish at cabinet outside the Library. (Thanks to Ron Dietzel for this display.)

Scholarship Fund update—The February offering gave a nice boost to the fund balance. On behalf of the students and their families, the Scholarship Committee says *Thank you*. A large group of our young adults continue to pursue higher education at a Mennonite Christian school. For the 2019 Spring semester, \$4,875 was paid out for eleven scholarships at five schools. The young adults are blessed by a congregation that believes in and supports them. The students and their families plus the Scholarship Committee appreciate the past and current generosity of the congregation.

Today we continue to hear the faith stories of persons who are preparing to become formal members of First Mennonite Church. The membership service will be on April 7. Please give thanks for the gift of these persons' presence here.

Coffee and peppernuts were served by the Youth Group today. This is a great ministry of hospitality. If you would like to organize and/or participate to keep it going, please contact Jordan Miller very soon!

As a fundraiser for our summer trip to the Mennonite Youth Convention, the Youth Group will be hosting a verenike supper on Wednesday, March 6, 5:30-7:00 PM. The menu will include verenike, ham gravy, sausage, green beans, zweibach,