

Telling Our Story

March 3, 2019

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Gathering

Gathering song: *What is this place*..... *H 1

Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)

Opening words Nancy Waltner, worship leader

Centering: *I Love to Tell the Story* Nora Miller, pianist

Prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *God Our Protector*
Come, Thou Fount

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Jenna Ratzlaff

Song of faith: *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* **CS 59

Sharing faith stories Barb Claassen, Sam Claassen, Carol Goering

Offering: Mennonite Mission Network

Offertory: *Blessed Assurance* arr. by Victor Labenske
(Please pass the welcome pads)

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

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Psalm 78:1-8; John 20:30-31

Sermon: *What is to Unfold*..... Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *I Love to Tell the Story*

Pastoral prayer..... Pastor Kay Schroeder

Sending

Sending song: *I Will Always Bless the Lord*

Sending words

Postlude

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

Chorister: Paul Schrag

Musicians: Ben Regier, Ken Regier, Dwayne Abrahams, Tim Regier, Austin Regier

Childcare: Amanda Menninga, Chuck Regier, Camryn Entz

Nurse: Shirley Dietzel, Kathleen Andres

Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, John Good, Janice Good

Audio Tech: Ryan Goertzen-Regier Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering

Visuals: Cindy Unruh Property Committee: Casson Schmidt

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, March 3—*Telling Our Story*

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

Monday, March 4

- 3:45 PM Worship Commission—Warkentin Room

Tuesday, March 5

- 3:32 PM FH/Kitchen reserved—YG Verenike Dinner Prep

Wednesday, March 6—Church Family Night

- 5:30 PM Meal served by the Youth Group
Menu: Verenike, ham gravy, sausage, green beans, zweibach, cherry moos.
- 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)
- 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, March 7

- 7:00 PM Nurture Commission

Sunday, March 10—1st Sunday of Lent: God's Hand Delivers Us. Communion.

Psalm 91, Luke 4:1-13

Daylight Savings Time Begins

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

Upcoming Worship Services

- March 17—2nd Sunday of Lent: God Gathers Us Together in Safe Shelter
Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

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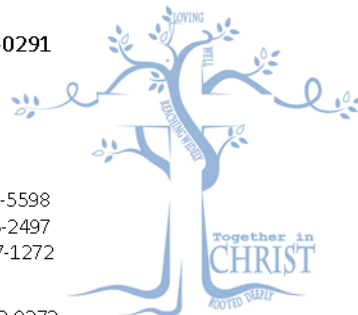
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First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
March 3, 2019

SR. HIGH YOUTH February Focus = FOLLOW JESUS

Saturday (3/2) - Sunday (3/3)—WINTER RETREAT @ Camp Mennoscah!

Tuesday, March 5 (3:32-8:01)—Make zwiebach and set up for verenike meal!!!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6—YOUTH VERNIKE MEAL FUNDRAISER

⇒ ALL YOUTH needed after school/practice to help

⇒ Meal served 5:30-7:00 pm



COMING EVENTS

▶▶ May 1—Youth Group Auction Fundraiser

▶▶ July 2-6—MENNONITE YOUTH CONVENTION (Kansas City)

WHAT: Youth Verenike Supper FUNDRAISER

MENU: verenike, ham gravy, sausage, green beans, zwiebach, cherry moos. (Vegetarian/gluten-free options available.)

WHEN: THIS Wednesday, March 6, 5:30-7:00 PM

WHERE: First Mennonite Church - Fellowship Hall

WHO: YOU and all your family and friends (**INVITE THEM!**)

(Delivery available for homebound, please call the church office.)

Love Newton: Feed 10 Families has concluded! Thank you to ALL of you who donated so many items! We were able to fill 10 boxes for 10 families with wholesome and nutritious food and show the love of God to families in need in our community!

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!

Youth Group Auction—Did you mark your calendars? Wednesday, May 1 at 6 pm for the youth auction and meal. Many items donated by the youth and our church family will be sold. Be thinking of what you might like to donate—last time we had everything from a pickup load of firewood to a weekend cabin retreat. "The sky is the limit." For questions, call Carol Entz, 283-0525.

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. There is a discount of \$10 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 this 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 13)—**March 3** Acts 3:1-4:37; **March 4** Acts 5:1-42; **March 5** Acts 6:1-7:43; **March 6** Acts 7:44-8:40; **March 7** Acts 9:1-43; **March 8** Acts 10:1-48; **March 9** Acts 11:1-12:25. March calendars are available in the Church Office.

Communication Skills for Tense Times: The Nurture Commission is hosting a training by KIPCOR (Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution) to help us learn how to communicate well with each other, especially when there are hard challenges. The training takes place on Wednesday, March 20, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

DELEGATES NEEDED: There are two opportunities to serve as a delegate for FMC this summer. The Mennonite Church USA Conference will be held in Kansas City on July 2-6, 2019, and the WDC Annual Assembly will be at Bethel College on July 26-27. If you are planning on attending either or both of these meetings and would be willing to serve as a delegate, please contact Janice Good.

Community Announcements

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

The Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group will meet in Menno Hall Tuesday, March 5, 2:00 PM. Michelle Winter, Speech Therapist at Kidron Bethel, will address the various types of services a Speech Language Pathologist provides and some specific examples of therapy sessions. All are welcome.

Lent begins this Wednesday, and the "Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast" downloadable at-home guide begins with activities to prepare on March 5 for Shrove or Pancake Tuesday. Select the activities that work best for you throughout Lent at mennoniteusa.org/lent2019.

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.

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 Saturday, March 15 any time between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Quilting donations are welcome and needed (quilting fabrics, quilting supplies, vintage linens, unfinished quilting projects, etc.). If you have questions contact Ann Yoder Smith, 919-604-3282, rws.ays@gmail.com.

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.

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 Pighthouse (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, contact Kristin Kaufman at kristin.unruh@gmail.com.

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/, info@mennohealth.org, or call 1-888-406-3643.

Newton Et Cetera Shop invites organizations to apply for their annual Local Giving grants. Local Giving grants are made available each Spring by the Newton Et Cetera Shop board of directors. Multiple grants will be awarded to selected groups by June 2019 in amounts up to \$5,000. Applicants for the Local Giving grants must hold legal nonprofit status and operate out of and serve Newton, North Newton, Hesston, Goessel, Moundridge, Whitewater, Elbing, Halstead or Walton. Applicants do not need to have a religious affiliation or mission, but they must function in a manner consistent with the mission of Mennonite Central Committee. Download applications at newtonetceterashop.com and they must be submitted by e-mail to localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com by April 12, 2019.

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a full time Donor Relations Representative to represent Mission Network, strengthen relationships with Mennonite Church USA constituents and cultivate and solicit charitable support for Mission Network purposes. Duties may include some responsibilities in communication. Candidates should bring a passion to connect with God's reconciling mission to the world, the ability to relate well to people, listen perceptively, and elicit participation. Ability and willingness to travel is a must. Experience in fundraising is an asset. Position available immediately. Send resume and cover letter to Linda Krueger, Human Resources Coordinator at LindaK@MennoniteMission.net. You can read the position description at MennoniteMission.net.

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—237 Visitors—13 Sunday School—183

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$5,190. The offering for March 10 is for Local Mission.

Today the buckets will be passed during the offering time to collect loose change for the relief work of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). The buckets will be passed each week until the MCC Sale on April 12 and 13.

In Sympathy—Bill Black (67) passed away on Friday, February 22. His funeral service was here at FMC on Wednesday, February 27. We extend our condolences to Wenda, Justin, Angela, and the rest of the family.

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.

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.)

Thank you for the kind words, prayers and cards after the passing of our mother and grandmother, Lillian Voth. We appreciate you, our church family.

~Steve and Wynette Voth and Family

Thank you for your continuing generosity in support of the Caring Fund, which helps both folks of this congregation and the wider community with unusual expenses. The fund is low at this point, so your support is needed.

~The Caregiving and Membership Commission