

Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019

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Gathering

Prelude: Amanda Rempel, organist

O sons and daughters, let us sing, alleluia Jean Francois Dandrieu

Introduction and Fugue on *Thine is the Glory* Handel/Guilmant

Choral introit: *The Lamb* Arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)

Opening words based on Psalm 118

Pastor Anita Kehr, Pastor Joel Schroeder, Pastor Kay Schroeder

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

People: God's faithful love endures forever.

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

People: God's faithful love endures forever.

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the chief
cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

People: let us be glad and rejoice in it.

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Praising

Songs of faith: *Low in the grave he lay*..... *H 273

This joyful Eastertide H 276

(stanza 1-all, stanza 3-choir only, stanza 2-all, repeat stanza 1)

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus..... Erin Graber

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory: *Now the green blade rises* French carol/Raymond Haan

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Song of faith: *Thine is the glory* H 269

Pastoral prayer

Choral anthem: *The Lord is risen this morning!* by Price and Besig

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Mark 16:2-8

Sermon: *The Barrier-FREE Life*..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Living Hope*

Sending

Sending song: *Christ the Lord is risen today* H 280

Sending words

Postlude: *Toccata on Christ the Lord is risen today* Gordon Young

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

Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder; Musicians: Choir; Jyl Ewy, pianist; Amanda Rempel, organist;
Sam Claassen, Tim Regier, Brent Voran, trumpeters.

Worship band: Joan Entz, Dan Miller, Pastor Kay Schroeder, vocals; Seth Bontrager, guitar;
Tim Regier, bass; Ted Krehbiel, drums.

Childcare: Greg/Laura Myers, Amanda Menninga, Evelyn Gaertner

Nurse: Shirley Dietzel, Kathleen Andres, Christa/Monte Hiebert

Ushers: Gus Dorado, Dave Goering, Mike Garcia, Andrea Regier

Audio Tech: Joey Menninga

Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy

Visuals: Carol Hiebert

Property Committee: John Good

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 21—Easter Sunday

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

Wednesday, April 24

7:00 PM Youth Group

Sunday, April 28—Eastertide—Recognizing

7:45 AM Outreach, Missions and Peace Commission
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
12:00 PM Carry-in lunch and Congregational Meeting
4:04 PM Youth Group Bible Study

Upcoming Worship Services

May 5—Eastertide—Responding

May 12—Eastertide—Redeemed

Save the Date—May 25-26—Camp Mennoscah Weekend

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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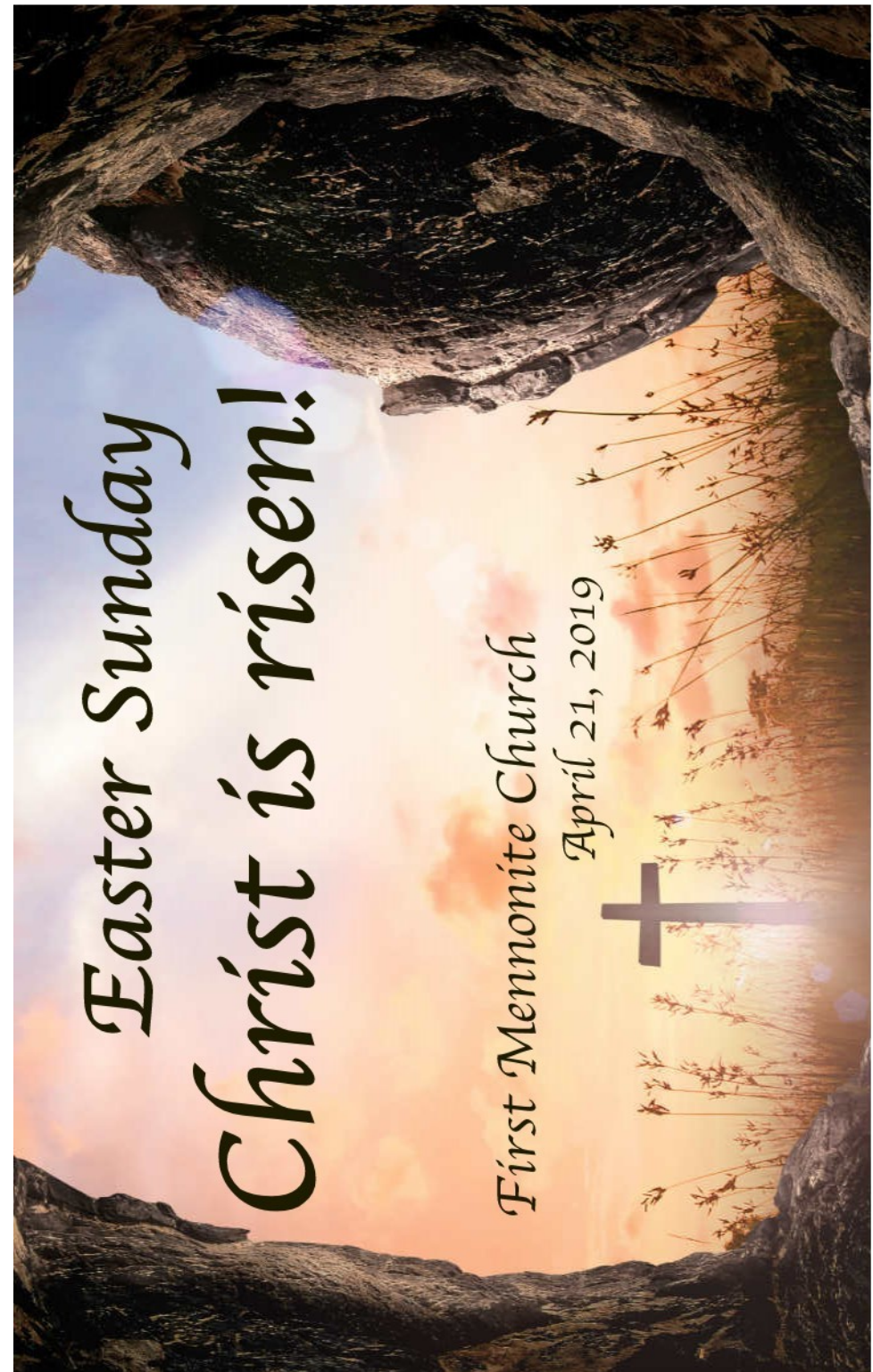
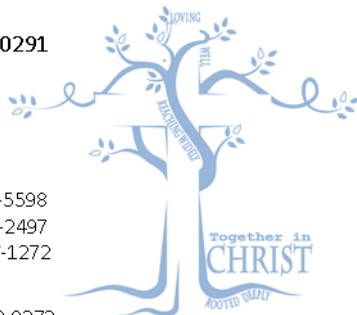
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SR. HIGH YOUTH April Focus = Witness PEACE

EASTER Sunday (4/21) @ 9:15 am—Sunday School

Wednesday (4/24) @ 7:02 pm—YOUTH GROUP (prep for auction)

Sunday (4/28) @ 4:04 pm—Bible Study

**COMING
EVENTS**

▶ May 1—Youth Group Auction Fundraiser

▶ July 2-6—MENNONITE YOUTH CONVENTION



Safe Sanctuaries Training—Do you have a desire to volunteer with our youth ministries and haven't attended Safe Sanctuaries training? We will offer training for any First Mennonite attendees that have not been trained on Saturday, May 4, 9:30-11:30 AM. This training will be by reservation only, so please email or call Marsha Schmidt at rmkkschmidt@gmail.com or 316-288-6386 to reserve a spot.

SAVE THE DATE! FMC is planning another fun weekend at Camp Mennoscah on May 25-26. Please plan on joining us on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. More information will be coming soon!

NT CRISPR Challenge 44.4 (Week 19)—**April 21** Ephesians 3:1-4:32; **April 22** Ephesians 5:1-6:24; **April 23** Philippians 1:1-2:30 **April 24** Philippians 3:1-4:23; **April 25** Colossians 1:1-2:23; **April 26** Colossians 3:1-4:18; **April 27** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3:13. April calendars are available in the Church Office.

VBS this summer will run conjointly with Shalom Mennonite Church, Faith Mennonite Church, and New Creation Fellowship. **The dates for VBS are June 12-16.** The 16th is at Athletic Park with combined worship and a strong children's component, followed by a carry-in meal. Watch for announcements about ways that you can be involved.

Cards are available in the pews for you to share your thoughts, prayer requests, ask for a visit, or whatever you would like to communicate. Remember to sign them and put them in the offering plate.

Community Announcements

Retirees Retreat at Camp Mennoscah, April 22-24! We can't wait to see retirees of all ages for a time of renewal with sessions on everything from trips to Central America and Ukraine to Reader's Theater and a steel drum concert. There is time to take a break or go for a walk or have coffee and conversation. Singing and Bible studies included! Email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 for a brochure. Register online at campmennoscah.org! Bring friends!

Bethel College Wind Ensemble season finale concert—Wednesday, April 24, 7:30 PM. There will be special guests from Eisenhower High School, Goddard. The concert will be in Memorial Hall.

Dementia Caregivers Support Group at Kidron Bethel Village: On the last Thursday of each month at 2:00 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.

New Hope Shelter's 3rd Annual Kickin' & Screamin' Kickball Tournament Fundraiser—April 27. Team and player forms can be found at newhope-shelter.org/kickin-screamin or call New Hope at 283-7711. Registration ends April 24.

Work and Play Day at Camp Mennoscah coming soon! Our first Work and Play Day of the year is April 27. We'll start work projects at 8:30 AM and end at 2:30 PM, just in time for you to spend the rest of the afternoon playing. A simple lunch will be served. Please register online at campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290. All ages invited; those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

The next concert of the Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring blues musician Guy Davis, will be on Sunday, April 28, 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.

The Warkentin House Association Annual Meeting and Spring Fundraiser will be at the Warkentin House on Sunday, April 28, 3:00 PM. *September River*, featuring Doug and Jude Krehbiel, will perform during the fundraiser, which will follow a brief business meeting. Refreshments will be served. No reservations or tickets are required, and donations will be accepted. All are welcome.

Love Crosses Borders: A Mennonite Men immersion experience with immigrants. Love is the greatest of all virtues. But what does love look like in times of cynicism and polarization? Borders are not only social constructs, they're also spiritual ones. Who's included? Who's excluded? How do we reconcile God's call to welcome the stranger with so much fear-filled rhetoric and policies? July 28-August 3, Mennonite Men will provide a week-long immersion experience with immigrants to engage these issues. To register or for more information, visit MennoniteMen.org or contact Steve Thomas at SteveT@Mennonites.org.

Mennonite Mission Network is looking to fill the following Service Adventure positions. Youth ages 17-20 can apply today at MennoniteMission.net/SERVE:
Art store assistant in Anchorage, AK: Anchorage re:MADE is a resale store, helping people help themselves by repurposing donated and landfill-recued items. Come volunteer with others to sort, clean, repurpose, paint or repair items to be

sold. **Easter Seals assistant in Johnstown, PA:** Easter Seals is a non-profit organization that works with hearing impaired persons. Volunteer responsibilities would include administrative office duties, customer service, event planning and development. **Mentorship program assistant in Albuquerque, NM:** First Nations Community Healthsource is a clinic that is committed to providing health services to American Indian families and other under-served populations residing in Albuquerque and surrounding areas. Volunteers will help to facilitate the mentorship program at First Nations.

Friends, moms, dads, neighbors, grandparents, and other random volunteers welcomed! Camp Mennoscah is looking for kitchen helpers for the weeks of June 9-15, June 23-29, and July 14-20. No great skills are needed; following directions is all that is necessary (bring your sense of humor and flexibility). Contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. Parents receive a camper discount up to full camp fees! It's going to be an amazing summer with amazing volunteers!

Two nurses are needed for Summer Youth Camps! Camp Mennoscah is looking for a camp nurse for the weeks of June 9-15 and June 23-29. Nurses receive a stipend or a full camper discount. Contact us at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290 to become one of our much adored nurses!

The Mennonite, Inc., invites your original submissions for our June 2019 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on Congregational peace witness. For more information go to: themennonite.org/june-2019-call-submissions/.

Hesston College's annual *Pen to Paper to Performance* playwriting festival will showcase the work of seven local playwrights at 7:00 PM, April 26 and 27, in the Keim Center Black Box Theater on the Hesston College campus. Tickets are \$8 for adults, and \$4 for students. Tickets will be sold at the door only starting at 6:15 PM each night. Seating is limited, so early arrival is encouraged. Each night's performance will also include a 30-minute pre-show by the student-led On A Lark improv comedy troupe beginning at 6:30 PM and Salted Creamery ice cream will be served during intermission.

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—236; Sunday School—187; Visitors—13

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$8,672. The offering for April 28 is for Local Mission.

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.

We will be featuring Camp Mennoscah in the display cases in the coming weeks. Pictures are needed from your time at camp. Please bring your picture(s) and a brief description of them to the Church Office. Please label your pictures so we can return them to you. For any questions contact Delora Decker. Thank you!

The Deckers, Goods and Pauls

SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Plan for our Spring Congregational meeting that will be held on Sunday, April 28, following the carry-in dinner at 12 noon. The agenda will include reports from the Pastors, Church Board, Treasurer, and Audit Committee. Normal voting will occur. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

A carry-in dinner is planned for Sunday, April 28, prior to the spring congregational meeting. Please bring food dishes to share and your tableware. Drinks will be provided.

Youth Group Meal and Auction—Wednesday, May 1, 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome! We are having a free meal before the auction at 6:00 PM prepared by the youth and sponsors. Babysitting will be provided all evening. Next Sunday, we will have a full listing of all auction items in your mailboxes. Bring any items to be auctioned to the church office before Tuesday, April 30, or to the Fellowship Hall, no later than 4:00 PM, Wednesday, May 1. Items will be available for viewing at 5:45 PM.