

# Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast

## April 7, 2019

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### Gathering

**Gathering song:** *There is a Redeemer* ..... \*\*CS 49

**Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)**

**Opening scripture:** Colossians 3:12-17..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

**Centering** ..... Jyl Ewy, pianist

#### Prayer

**Leader:** O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People:** **Our souls thirst for you  
as in a dry and weary land  
where there is no water.**

**Leader:** The Lord does great things for us, and we rejoice!

**People:** **The Lord restores our fortunes, and we shout for joy.**

**All:** ***O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.  
In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy, and you  
uphold us.*** (based on Psalm 63 and 126)

### Praising

**Song of faith:** *We praise thee, O God* ..... \*H 99

**Greet one another; children come forward**

**Children's focus** ..... Bryan Kehr

**Scripture:** Psalm 95:1-6 ..... Jim and Alice Huxman

**Sharing by Woven:** *Jabula Jesu*—Stephen Hatfield  
*Saints Bound For Heaven*—Alice Parker/Robert Shaw

**Offering:** Mennonite Mission Network

#### Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

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

**Scripture:** Psalm 135:1-3 ..... Alice Huxman

**Sharing by Woven:** *Ain'a That Good News*—William L Dawson  
*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*—Stacey V Gibbs

### God's Movement Among Us

#### Service of Membership

Shannon Bartel, Joan Boese, Barbara Claassen, Sam Claassen,  
Carol Goering, Rannie Goering, Dennis Good, Dorcas Good, Carolyn Miller,  
Kevin Miller, Laura Sharp, Nick Sharp, Elena Entz Wiebe

**Congregational response** ..... H 777

### Responding in Celebration

**Song of faith:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* ..... H 37

**Pastoral prayer** ..... Pastor Anita Kehr

### Sending

**Sending song by Woven:** *You Gotta Do Right*

#### Sending words

#### Postlude

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

Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder

Childcare: Amanda Menninga, Chuck Regier, Camryn Entz

Nurse: Shirley Dietzel, Kathleen Andres

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

Audio Tech: Joey Menninga

Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy

Visuals: Carol Hiebert

Property Committee: Alan Entz

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# WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, April 7**—Membership Service Celebration with Woven (Bethel College women's acapella group). Potluck lunch to follow.

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
12:00 PM Potluck Lunch—FH

**Tuesday, April 9**

7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission

**Wednesday, April 10**

7:00 PM Choir  
7:00 PM Youth Group

**Thursday, April 11**

7:00 PM Church Board

**Sunday, April 14**—Palm/Passion Sunday

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
3:03 PM Youth Group Bible Study

**Upcoming Worship Services**

**April 18**—Maundy Thursday Service—7:30 PM  
**April 21**—Easter Celebration

**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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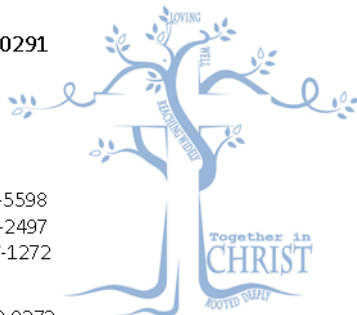
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Ash Wednesday Cross by Jan Richardson

## Celebrating New Members Praising through Music

**First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS  
April 7, 2019**

**Palm Branch Processional**—Next Sunday, April 14, children ages 2 through grade 6 are invited to participate in our palm branch processional during the worship service.

**Camp Mennoscah Scholarships**—Over the last several years, First Mennonite has offered scholarships of \$100 per student for children in both our congregation and in Casa Betania. This experience has been a vital part of the faith formation of those who attend. Last year, we supported about 40 students. The Nurture Commission would be grateful for any help you can give toward supporting our children in this way. Please talk to any member of the commission for more information. Thank you!

**There is a box on the north wall** of the Court Area that you may place your items in for the MCC sale.

**College scholarship money is available**—If, during the 2019-2020 school year, you will be attending (or are considering) a Mennonite college or university for undergraduate study or a Mennonite seminary, you are invited to apply for scholarship funds from FMC. **By no later than Sunday, April 14**, submit the completed application to either Jyl Ewy or Ron Dietzel. For each school year, an FMC application must be completed. Some Mennonite colleges provide matching funds so your monies would be doubled when enrolled in one of those schools. Eligibility criteria for the FMC funds are provided on the application. The form is available in the Gathering Area.

**You are invited to bring lilies** and leave them in classroom 224 prior to the Easter Sunday worship service on April 21. They will be arranged in the sanctuary for Easter morning. You may pick yours up following the service.

**The new updated Yearbooks are in your church mailbox.** If you no longer need the old one, please consider recycling it to the Church Office so that we may reuse the binding off the old books. Thanks so much!

**YOUTH GROUP MEAL and AUCTION**—Wednesday, May 1, in the Fellowship Hall. The meal starts at 6:00 PM followed by the auction at 6:45 PM. We welcome everyone! Invite friends and family! Proceeds will be used for our summer trip to the Mennonite Youth Convention in Kansas City. For the auction, we are looking for creative things which people would like to donate. Items of particular interest are the catered meals for groups of 2-10. If you have anything you would like to donate to this auction, please contact Carol Entz. **Harland Unruh will not be the auctioneer, as it was stated in the Connections Newsletter.** For those who have already donated items for the auction by way of the earlier flyer, be watching your mailbox for further details. Come and enjoy the fellowship and support the youth!

**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!

## SR. HIGH YOUTH April Focus = Witness PEACE

Sunday (4/7) @ 9:15 am—Sunday School

Wednesday (4/10) @ 6:30 pm—Worship in the wheat!! We'll meet at Dwight and Janet's (5806 NE 24th). Supper provided. Done by 8pm.

Sunday (4/14) @ 3:03 pm—Bible Study



### COMING EVENTS

▶ May 1—Youth Group Auction Fundraiser

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

**NT CRISPR Challenge 44.4** (Week 17)—**April 7** 1 Corinthians 11:17-12:31; **April 8** 1 Corinthians 13:1-14:40; **April 9** 1 Corinthians 15:1-58; **April 10** 1 Corinthians 16:1-24; **April 11** 2 Corinthians 1:1-2:17; **April 12** 2 Corinthians 3:1-5:10; **April 13** 2 Corinthians 5:11-7:16. April calendars are available in the Church Office.

### Community Announcements

**Bethel College Women's Chorus** spring concert will be today, 4:00 PM at Bethel College Mennonite Church.

**The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus** will be in concert at Tabor College in Hillsboro, today, 7:00 PM. They will also be in concert at Bethel College in Memorial Hall on Sunday, April 14, 7:00 PM.

**The next concert of the Prairie Window Concert Series**, featuring Krista Detor, 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.

**Circle of Hope** will host an Information Night on Tuesday, April 9. There will be information about becoming a Volunteer Ally, or about joining the Getting Ahead class. Meal will be served at 5:30 PM, at First United Methodist Church (801 North Main Street); donations accepted. Presentation begins at 6:30 PM. For more information, please call Peace Connections at 284-0000.

**MCC Relief Sale Opportunity:** Feeding the Multitude needs your help! We are looking for waiters, tray wipers, table clearers, drink pourers, and more on Saturday, April 13! The morning shift is 10:15-11:45 AM and the afternoon shift 11:30-1:00 PM. Please contact Asia Frye at [asiafrye@hotmail.com](mailto:asiafrye@hotmail.com) to sign up!

**Explore the global issue of fast fashion** by watching the documentary film *True Cost* at MCC in North Newton on April 9, 7:00 PM. Directed by Andrew Morgan, the film looks at environmental, social and psychological aspects of consumerism and mass media focused on the global garment industry. Also hear briefly from MCC about how our thrift shop network is working to reduce the harms caused by fast fashion,

here and around the world. Light snacks will be provided while you watch the movie. Questions? Contact sarahfleming@mcc.org.

**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!

**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. Open to all ages!

**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 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.

**Newton Et Cetera Shop** is hiring an outdoor gear & clerk manager for 35-40 hours/week. In cooperation with the larger management team, this person receives and processes donations, trains and supervises volunteers, prepares volunteer projects and work spaces, helps manage the sales floor, and participates in regular system evaluation and store planning. The full job description and application are available at the store, via e-mail at generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com, or at newtonetceterashop.com. **Applications are due Monday, April 15**, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail. Newton Et Cetera Shop is an equal opportunity employer, committed to employment equity. Newton Et Cetera Shop values diversity and encourages all qualified candidates to apply.

**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—202; Sunday School—161; Visitors—6

**Welcome to Woven**, a women's acapella group from Bethel College, who is sharing in word and song during our worship service today! Members are: Addie Regier, from our congregation; Polly Carlson, Freeman, South Dakota; Sarah Booth, Goessel, Kansas; Kaci Wilson, Sterling, Kansas; Bethany Powls, Garnett, Kansas; Annie Carlson, Freeman, South Dakota; and Madison Hofer-Holdeman, Wichita, Kansas. Emily Knight and Michelle Schrag, Moundridge, Kansas are unable to be with us this morning. All are invited to a carry-in dinner in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service today.

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Western District was \$1,317 and Local Mission was \$6,642. The offering for April 14 is for Local Mission.

**Today is the last Sunday that the buckets will be passed during the offering time** to collect loose change for the relief work of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC).

**In Sympathy**—Erma Juhnke (96), passed away on March 29. Her funeral service was held on Thursday, April 4, at Grace Community Church. We extend our condolences to Erma's family.

**A special thank you** to Pastor Anita, Pastor Joel, Pastor Kay and to organist Amanda Rempel for a wonderful memorial service for Paul. Also, a big thanks to the Funeral Committee for the luncheon that followed. We appreciated it. May God bless you all!  
~Fern Koehn and family

**In celebration of the new members** being taken into our church and to thank the women's acapella group, Woven, who is leading us in worship today, we are having a **potluck lunch** after the worship service. Everyone is invited to stay.

**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.