

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 17—*Benedictus*

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 1:30 PM Messiah Practice—Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM Youth Group Bible Study

Monday, November 18

- 7:00 PM Property Committee

Wednesday, November 20

- 5:30 PM Youth Group Turkey Dinner—FH
- 6:45 PM Choir

Friday, November 22

- 11:00 AM Velora Peters Memorial Service

Sunday, November 24—Celebration and Farewell for Joel Schroeder and Kay Schroeder. Potluck to follow.

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Potluck—FH
- 1:30 PM Messiah Practice—Sanctuary

Upcoming Worship Services

- December 1—First Sunday of Advent—*Our wait begins*
- December 8—Second Sunday of Advent—*Getting ready while we wait*

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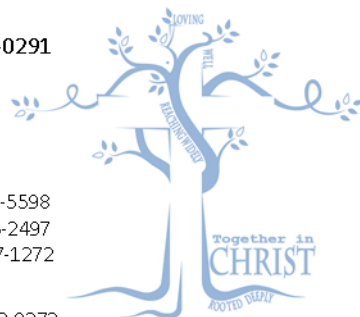
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Newton, KS — November 17, 2019

For the next few weeks in the Office Showcase, we will be featuring the Pictorial Directories from 1970 to 2013 that we have had at FMC. Please stop by and take a look.

If you haven't signed up for the Pictorial Directory, you still have time. Please call the church office this week to find a time that works for you.

The Mennonite—It is time for us to renew our subscriptions for *The Mennonite*. If you would like to renew your subscription the group rate is \$37. **Subscriptions are due November 24**. Please return the form that was in your church mailbox to the office and make checks payable to First Mennonite Church with *The Mennonite* on the memo line.

Harvest of Love—Throughout November and December, the Salvation Army invites you to join in our annual food and fund drive to support people in need in our county. Items always needed are canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce, hamburger helper, tuna helper, cereal (of any kind), peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, and soups. A box is available in the Court Area to collect nonperishable items. If you wish to make a monetary donation you may write a check to "Harvest of Love" and place it in the offering. Every donation is a gift that makes a difference in our neighbors' lives!

Items needed for MCC kits! Central States still needs items to complete immigration detainee care kits, which provide clothing and hygiene products to people released from immigration detention centers. Items needed: New sweatpants and sweatshirts in S, M, L (men's and women's), adult-sized backpacks or small duffle bags, toothpaste—2.7-3.5 oz, and pre-moistened bath wipes. Look for the box for the items in the Gathering Place through December 1. Questions? Ask Miriam Goertzen-Regier, another member of the Outreach Commission, or learn more at mcc.org/stories/caring-strangers-through-new-kits-partnerships.

SAVE THE DATE—ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING will commence on **Saturday, November 30!** Come for breakfast at 8:30 AM and stay to decorate our building for the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany season. Everyone is invited!

Community Announcements

KIPCOR Film Series: *Dawnland*—Today, 3:00 PM, at Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, Bethel College; there will be a talkback following with Dan Wildcat of Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence.

The office of International Student Support invites you to an informational reception at **4:00 PM today**, in the community center of Hesston Mennonite Church. If you've ever considered hosting a Hesston College international student,

here's a chance to learn more and hear from those with first-hand experience. For more information and to RSVP, contact Carlota Ponds, Director of International Student Support at 620-327-8210 or carlota.ponds@hesston.edu.

Everyone is invited to the Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College, November 22-23. A special invitation is extended to youth groups to attend an Urban Doxology Worship Experience, Friday, November 22, 7:00 PM, in Krehbiel Auditorium in the Luyken Fine Arts Center. The worship experience will feature the Urban Doxology worship band. For more information, see urbandoxology.com. The event is part of the biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium at the college, which this year is "Many Cultures, One Worship: A Foretaste of a Reconciled Heaven in a Broken World." Registration for the symposium is required, but not for the Friday evening event, where a freewill offering will be received for Harvest of Love and the Newton Community for Racial Justice. **If three or more people from the congregation register together, there is a discount. Talk to Anita Kehr if you're interested.**

The next concert of the Prairie Window Concert Series, with Kyshona, will be on Sunday, November 24, 4:00 PM, at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and delicious food from Crust & Crumb in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. Purchase tickets online at dyckarboretum.org or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

Treble Clef Christmas Vespers program—Sunday, December 1, 2:45 PM at First Presbyterian Church, 900 Columbus Avenue in Newton. Everyone is invited to come!

All bakers and craft makers are invited to make items for 5 Places of Christmas December 7, at Bethel College Fine Arts Center. Bethel College Women's Association will again be selling baked goods, crafts and poinsettias. Christmas candy, zwieback, peppernuts, poppy seed roll and cinnamon rolls are always great sellers. Please bring your items on Friday, December 6, 1:30-4:30 PM, or on Saturday, 7:00-8:00 AM, in the Fine Arts Center Room 140 which is behind the Box Office. Thank you for your support of Bethel College!

Christmas for Volunteers! Camp Mennoscah is hosting a gathering for all who have volunteered this year, last year, or many years ago on December 14 at 2:30 PM. We'll have cookies and snacky items, hot drinks, games, and whatever reasonable activity you can think of—it's a time to enjoy camp and other camp folks.

The Mennonite Mission Network Board is seeking an Executive Director to lead Mission Network's ministry into the next chapter of growth. Mission Network, an agency of Mennonite Church USA, is commissioned to lead, mobilize and equip

the church to participate in holistic witness to Jesus Christ in a broken world. The agency envisions all parts of the church being fully engaged in mission—across the street, all through the marketplaces and around the world. Find the complete position description at MennoniteMission.net/about/employment. To apply send resume and position application to EDSearch4MMN@gmail.com with “Executive Director Inquiry” in the subject line. All inquiries will be held in confidence.

Looking for a way to connect with people and engage with Mennonite Central Committee's supporters? We're hiring an Alumni Engagement Coordinator! The person in this salaried position will coordinate the alumni experience and support colleagues in strategic engagement of alumni. Application close date is November 18. For more information and to apply, please visit: serve.mcc.org.

We need your help! Please consider adopting a child or family this holiday season. Sponsors are needed for the Safehope Angel Tree Project. For more information, call 283-0350. The Safehope Angel Tree Project helps families with gifts, clothing, food and personal need items.

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. Application close date 02/15/20.

Get involved with something BIG—record breaking BIG! MCC is celebrating our 100th anniversary and attempting to collect 6500 comforters to deliver to people in need all around the world. Get involved by tying a comforter on January 18, 2020 (mark your calendars now!). We are looking for people to host a comforter tying event in their community. Contact Kate Mast at 316.283.2720 or katemast@mcc.org for details, supplies and resources. It's more than a warm blanket; it's a message of love and compassion.

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 in Room 225. 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—216; Visitors—10; Sunday School—138

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$7,543. The offering for November 24 is for Local Mission.

It's time to pick up your "life ropes." If you made a life rope during our August 11 "God's Story/Our Story" service, it's time to retrieve it from the Fellowship Hall. Please look for yours, and then take it with you. Thank you!

MESSIAH CHOIR REHEARSALS begin today! You are invited to participate! Please come to the sanctuary from 1:30 to 3:00 PM. Bring your book if you have one, or there will be books available to borrow for free, or to purchase for \$15. Questions? Contact Matthew Graber at 605-310-1656 or mgrabber2013@gmail.com.

Sr. High Annual Turkey Dinner Fundraiser—Come for a *jazzy* good time and amazing food this Wednesday, November 20, 5:30-7:00 PM. Some vegetarian, wheat-free and dairy-free options are available. Invite family and friends! Donations will go towards the youth summer mission trip.

If you are unable to attend the Youth Group annual turkey dinner next Wednesday, November 20, and would like a carry out meal delivered between 5:00 and 5:30 PM, please call the church office and let Tracy know.

Pastor Joel and Pastor Kay's last Sunday with us will be November 24. Everyone is invited to attend the church service at 10:30 AM, followed by a potluck and a time of sharing and celebration. Bring your own table service, main and side dishes. Dessert is provided. We would appreciate your help by inviting your family and friends to join us, especially those who are former youth group members or youth sponsors and those who are former choir singers or have received pastoral caregiving from Pastor Kay. We hope you can join us as we remember and celebrate Pastor Joel and Pastor Kay's years of ministry with us.