

Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday

January 19, 2020

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Gathering

Gathering song: *My life flows on*..... *H 580

Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)

Opening words Kevin Miller, worship leader

Centering music..... Donna Stucky

Call to worship:

One: There is no longer Jew or Greek,
there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female;
for all of you are one in Christ' Jesus.
Galatians 3:28

One: The time has come to worship!

**Many: With Christians all over the world,
we gather to worship the most high God!**

One: The time has come.
In Jesus, the kingdom of God is near.

**Many: No matter where we gather,
we look to Jesus for our hope.**

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, and make us one!

Praising

Songs of faith: *Praise, I will praise you, Lord* H 76
God sends us the Spirit H 293

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus..... Keith Knopp

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Offering response: *Give thanks with a grateful heart*..... **CS 26

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Lamentations 3:21-26; Ephesians 1:15-19

Sermon: *Focus on the Faithful*..... Anita Kehr, pastor

Responding to God's Word

Song of response: *In Christ there is no East or West* H 306

Prayers of the church..... Susan Jantzen, pastor

Sending

Sending song: *In your sickness* (sing two times) H 585

Benediction

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Daryl Unruh
Childcare: Stephanie Weaver, Lynette Erb, Evelyn Gaertner
Nursery: Shirley Dietzel, Kathleen Andres, Barb Claassen
Ushers: Gus Dorado, Dave Goering, Mike Garcia, Andrea Regier
Audio Tech: Ryan Goertzen-Regier Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering
Visuals: Connie Claassen Property Committee: Jordan Miller

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 19—Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday
(Mennonite World Conference)

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

Monday, January 20

Church Office Closed
7:00 PM Property Committee

Tuesday, January 21

7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission

Wednesday, January 22

5:30 PM Meal served by Christian Fellowship
Menu: Chili, Condiments, Fritos, Cupcakes
6:45 PM Children-ages 2 years to 5th 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)

Sunday, January 26—Jesus, Teach Us: Beatitudes—Matthew 5:1-12;
Micah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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Upcoming Worship Services

February 2—Chuck Neufeld preaches. Chuck is serving as our Western District Conference consultant for the congregational review and Pastor Anita Kehr's term review.

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- **Sunday School**—January 19, 9:15-10:15 AM
- **Mission Night**- January 22, Meet in Youth Room promptly at 6:45 PM after the first Family Night meal (5:30-6:30 PM). We will be going to Kidron Bethel for a hymn sing. Back to church for some snacks/fellowship by 8:15 PM.
- **Looking Ahead:** Bible Study, January 26. Worship Night—January 29.
- **Winter Retreat**—February 15-17 at Camp Mennoscah. Invite a friend!

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Church Family Nights start back up **this Wednesday, January 22**. A friendship meal is served at 5:30 PM and activities for all ages start at 6:45 PM. Everyone is welcome!

The adult Bible study will be exploring **Sabbath** during this spring session of Church Family Night. We'll be using Walter Brueggemann's book, *Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to a Culture of Now*, as the starting point. Everyone is invited!

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT SAFETY MONITORS NEEDED—The Safe Sanctuaries Committee is needing volunteers to serve as Safety Monitors during Church Family Nights beginning January 22. Safety Monitors will help ensure safety for all who gather at FMC. There will be two shifts (6:00-7:00 PM and 7:00-8:00 PM) each Wednesday evening for the basement and for the main floor. We are needing four people for each Wednesday night. For more information or to volunteer, contact Pat Denno.

Starting January 26 and going four Sundays, our worship will focus on the Sermon on the Mount under the theme, **Jesus, Teach Us**. Worship scripture will follow Shine! scriptures, the curriculum used in our children's Sunday School classes. Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7, is one of First Mennonite's Foundational Scriptures. Join us in these Sundays of worship and learning together, sitting at the feet of Jesus!

ALL COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Save the date of Saturday, February 1. Our planning retreat will be held at Dyck Arboretum, Hesston, KS, 8:30 AM-Noon. Please plan on attending this kickoff event for our coming year. Information will be shared about the timeline for our year at FMC, and planning time for goal setting for each commission and committee will be given. **SAVE THE DATE!**

Transition information: From February 2 through February 16, two surveys will be open for you to complete. **One is the pastor term review for Anita Kehr, and one is a congregational review.** Both of them, but especially the congregational review, will provide important information to help us think about where we're going and—**after that**—to know what kind of pastoral positions we will be seeking people for. You are encouraged to complete the surveys on-line, but paper copies will be available. **Links will be sent to your email addresses, so if the church office does not have yours, please consider submitting it.** Please be in prayer for this process.

Community Announcements

Newton Community for Racial Justice hosts MLK Day of Service opportunities on Monday, January 20, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. Visit Newton Community for Racial Justice Facebook page or email newtoncrj@gmail.com for service locations and sign-up link.

Bethel College's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration—All are invited to Memorial Hall on Monday, January 20, for activities starting at 2:00 PM (or come and go as your schedule allows) with an informal time of snacks and mingling, followed by special music by the Bethel Worship Center band and a step dance performance by the Junior People of Color (POC) Step Team from Leavenworth. Michelle Vann of Wichita, an author, teacher, speaker, radio show host, blogger and active church and community member, will speak at 3:00 PM, and the afternoon will end with a reception.

Circle of Hope will host a **presentation by Kansas Workforce** on Tuesday, January 21. A potluck 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.

Volunteers are needed in Eureka, KS to help complete repairs from the July 2018 tornado. Workdays are scheduled for January 24 and 25. Transportation will be available from the Newton/Hutchinson/Wichita area each day. Lodging is available if you would like to stay overnight Friday into Saturday. Meals and tools will all be provided. Groups of 10 to 15 are needed each day to complete roofing, window and door replacement, exterior siding and trim repairs. Please contact Jordan Miller by email, call or text to reserve your spot today (jordanmiller795@gmail.com).

The Circle of Hope Souper Bowl Soup Supper and Dessert Auction will be held on Tuesday, January 28, at First Church of the Nazarene, 1000 North Main. The soup supper (by donation) at 5:30 PM will feature dinner music by Ian Gingrich-Gaylord. The pie and dessert auction at 6:15 PM, with auctioneer Mike Flavin, will be followed by a time of sharing and fellowship until 8:00 PM. Please note the

change of location for this event. For more information, please call Peace Connections at 284-0000.

Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day—Saturday, January 25, 11:30 AM. There will be food trucks in the museum parking lot. Starting at 1:00-4:00 PM special activities and programs with the theme of “Kansas Symbols” will take place in and around the museum. There will be a presentation beginning at 1:15 PM, with Jay Price, Ken Rodgers and Lorna Harder. See the Kauffman Museum Facebook page for more information.

Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus enrollment is now underway for its 52nd year. All men and boys who enjoy singing are encouraged to sign up. For more information, contact Donnie Kingsley at 316-773-8044 or email: dl_jr@cox.net. The 2020 concert schedule is April 19, 7:00 PM—Tabor College Richert Auditorium in Hillsboro and April 26, 7:00 PM—Bethel College Memorial Hall in North Newton.

Registration is now open for Hesston College’s Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) on February 21 to 23. This year’s conference, in partnership with Everence Financial, is *Living More with More: Redefining the Good Life*, and will focus on stewardship of finances, resources and hospitality. The weekend’s content will have interest points for all life stages from high school-age youth to retirement, as well as group-focused content relatable to congregations and other organizations. Go to hesston.edu/avds for more information and registration.

Boots, Buckets and Barrows: In partnership with Mennonite Disaster Service, Ted & Co. presents the original play, *The Jesus Stories: Faith, Forks & Fettuccine*, in conjunction with a unique auction of buckets filled with baked goods and home items, along with “flash auctions” to fund the tools and volunteers MDS needs to help restore communities and rebuild homes ravaged by natural disaster. All proceeds benefit the continued work of MDS. Admission is free! Please come prepared to bid on Friday, January 31, 7:00 PM, at Hesston Mennonite Church and Saturday, February 1, 7:00 PM, at Journey Mennonite Church, South Hutchinson. Sponsored by Kansas MDS Unit, Hesston College Disaster Management Program, and Journey Mennonite South Hutchinson.

Western District Women in Mission in cooperation with Everence Financial will host a two-day conference "Let's Talk...Women, Money & Faith" on January 24 and 25 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton. Featured speakers, Teresa Boshart Yoder and Rhoda Blough from Everence Financial, will address money and faith topics for women of all ages and stages of life. More information and registration coming soon on Facebook at facebook.com/WesternDistrictWomen/?modal=admin_todo_tour or at our web page communicationswdwm.wixsite.com/wdwm.

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—197; Visitors—7; Sunday School—141

Offering: Last week’s offering for Local Mission was \$7,854. The offering for January 26 is for Local Mission.

The Library Showcase is now featuring Harland Unruh’s hobbies. Stop by and take a look.

Receiving or has received care—Delores Yoder, NMC Rehab

In Sympathy—William Kruger (88) passed away on January 7, in Saskatchewan, Canada. William was pastor here at FMC in 1956-1958. We extend our condolences to William’s family and friends.

We extend our thanks to you, the congregation, for the constant support in our relationship and marriage. We are grateful for the fellowship and the groceries we received at the shower and look forward to this life journey together. Thank you!
~John and Olivia Reimer

An estate gift of \$101,939.75 was received from the Irene P. Schmidt estate as an undesignated gift for FMC, and the Church Board has accepted the gift with gratitude. Now, according to the Bequests/Large Financial Gifts policy, a special task force will be appointed by the Church Board to make recommendations on the use of this gift since it was undesignated and larger than \$5000. This committee will include one member of the Financial Stewardship Committee, the Chair of the Church Board, one member of the Capital Fund Development Committee, and one at-large member not serving on a committee or commission. Any commission or committee may submit a request for use of the gift to this special committee. After processing the requests, the special committee will make recommendations to the Church Board who will make final approval of the distribution of the gift. The congregation will be informed of the final decision. This is a special blessing to FMC from Irene P. Schmidt, and it is very much appreciated!