

Give, Pray, Fast

February 9, 2020

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Gathering

Gathering song: *Brethren, we have met to worship* *H 8

Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)

Opening words Clarence Rempel, worship leader

Centering music..... Amanda Rempel
Speak, Lord, in the stillness arr. Hustad

Call to worship prayer:

One: O God of unity and completeness,
your image lies within our hearts;
your spirit calls us to each other.

Many: We are your children, and we seek your blessing.

**Together we lift our hearts to your all-embracing love;
together we trust in your all-encompassing kindness.**

One: Heal our divisions, give us unity,

Many: deliver us from prejudice, give us great charity.

One: As we gather to worship you,
We speak the words Jesus taught us to pray –

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name.**

Piano Side: Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Organ Side: Give us this day
our daily bread, and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

**ALL: And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.**

Praising

Songs of faith: *What a friend we have in Jesus* H 573
Thy word is a lamp **CS 43

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Ken Frey with Kiley Schmidt

Blessing of the comforters

Special music: *How Shall I Sing to God* Choir

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory: *If with all your hearts* Mendelssohn

Offering response: *Praise God from whom* H 119

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 6:1-18

Sermon: *Let It Go* Anita Kehr, pastor

Responding to God's Word

Choir song of response: *Cleanse Me* Taylor

Prayers of the church Susan Jantzen, pastor

Sending

Sending song: *Thou true Vine, that heals* H 373

Benediction

Postlude: *They'll know we are Christians* Scholtes/L. Smith

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

Chorister: Barb Claassen; Jyl Ewy, Choir Accompanist

Childcare: Laura or Greg Myers, Jenna Ratzlaff, Brooklynn Black

Nursery: Shirley Dietzel, Kathleen Andres

Ushers: Bob Schmidt, Brian Walker, Heath Kerr, Donnie Kingsley

Audio Tech: Joey Menninga

Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner

Visuals: Michelle Claassen

Property Committee: Alan Entz

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 9—Jesus, Teach Us: Give, Pray, Fast—Matthew 6:1-18

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

4:00 PM Youth Group Bible Study—Madelynn Hamm's house

Wednesday, February 12

5:30 PM Meal served by New Disciples

Menu: Cheesy Potatoes and Ham, Applesauce, Bread, Bar Cookies

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)

Thursday, February 13

7:00 PM Church Board

Sunday, February 16—Jesus, Teach Us: Build on the Rock—Matthew 7:24-27

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

Upcoming Worship Services

February 23—Transfiguration Sunday—Matthew 17:1-9

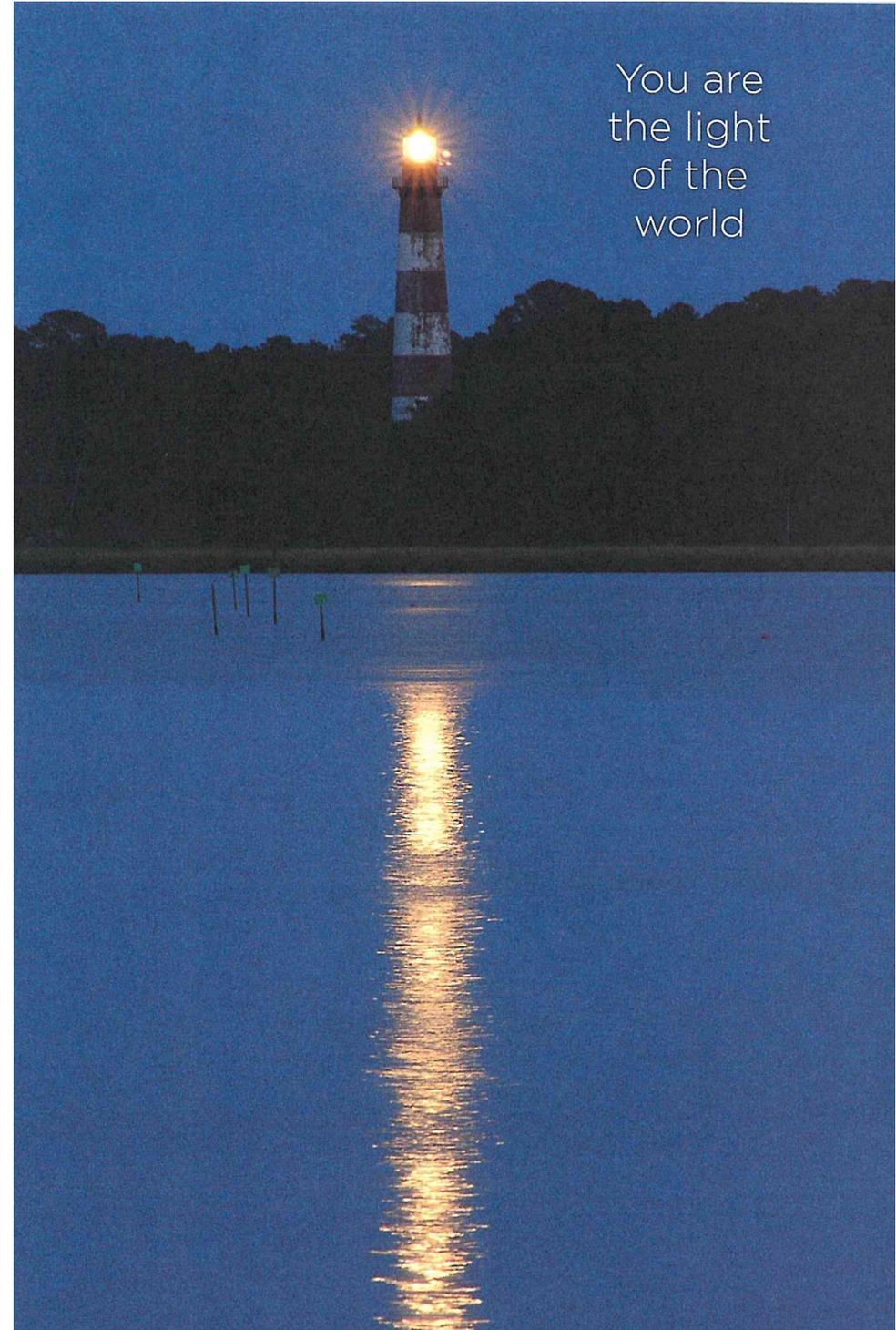
Wednesday, February 26—Ash Wednesday Service—7:30 PM

March 1—First Sunday of Lent

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



SR. HIGH YOUTH



- **Sunday School/Worship**- February 9, 9:15-11:30 AM.
- **Bible Study**- February 9, 4-6:30 PM at Madelynn Hamm's house, 801 W. 11th.
- **Community Inclusion Night**- Wednesday, February 12, 6:45 PM, after Family Night meal.
- **Winter Retreat**- Almost here! Prepare sack Lunches for Wichita Shelter, Visit shelter, Camp Mennoscah (study, fun, food, worship, minimum sleep)—February 15-17. Invite a friend or two or three!

Shine! Wonder Questions. Here are the “wonder” questions for today’s scripture, Matthew 6:1-18:

- I wonder how it feels to do something good that nobody else knows about.
- Imagine getting a gift and not knowing whom it was from.
- Imagine how it would sound if everyone tried to pray the loudest.
- I wonder what is most important in this story.

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is coming up, **April 17-18** at the State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson, so you should be putting the final stitches in your quilts and the finishing touches on your woodworking projects. Share the warmth of giving at an **MCC Fellowship Meal, March 8 or March 15**. Hosts provide hospitality and a meal; guests make a donation for the work of MCC around the world. Sign-up sheets are available in the court area. Deadline to sign up is next Sunday, February 16. Another way to contribute is to help prepay some of the expenses associated with the sale. You could donate \$4400 to make sure there is cheese in the venenike, \$350 for carrots and celery on the relish plates or for many other items. For more details see the list in the court area or contact David or Elena Wiebe.

A support group for survivors of sexual abuse will meet again under the guidance of a professional therapist on February 18. If you are a sexual abuse survivor and would like more information about attending, please call Cindy Unruh from the Caregiving Commission (316-283-0010) for details.

Homeless Shelter—Our next week to serve New Hope Homeless Shelter is February 19-25. If you are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

Save the date for a prayer retreat: On Saturday, March 7, a morning of prayer will take place here at FMC. The focus will be on our congregation—the whole and the parts—especially in this year of transition and discernment. Please plan to attend this day apart which will begin at 8:30 AM with breakfast and end by 11:45 AM. A sign-up form is on the bulletin board beside the office so we know how to plan for food. —Sam Claassen and Pastor Anita Kehr

Transition information: If you’ve already completed the Congregation and Pastor Reviews, thank you! If not, please know how important it is for you to do so. Every voice matters. Every perspective is crucial in gathering and determining the corporate wisdom of FMC as we make decisions about the future. The invitation went out to over 200 people. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if the responses totaled that same number? Could happen, you know? It all depends on you, and you, and you... Please continue to bathe the process in prayer. **Remember: All responses should be submitted by February 16.**

—Church & Staff Relations Committee and Chuck Neufeld, WDC Consultant

Community Announcements

KIPCOR Film Series: *The Great White Hoax*—today, 3:00 PM. There will be a talkback following with Mark McCormick. This will take place in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.

Everence will host a Social Security and retirement income planning workshop, in North Newton on Monday, February 10 and in Hutchinson on Thursday, February 13. Both will begin at 6:30 PM. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. The workshop is free, but space is limited! Reserve your spot by contacting Michelle Ramer at 283-3800, 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

You are invited to join MC USA staff for “Coffee and Conversation” with returning Mennonite Mission Network (MMN) International Service Workers Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen. They are returning from serving in South Africa for the last 4 years with MMN’s partner agency, Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency (SADRA). Come to the MC USA offices, located at 718 N. Main Street in Newton on Monday, February 10, 10:00 AM for this time to welcome back and hear from Dan and Kathryn about their time of service.

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 to retirement, as well as group-focused content relatable to congregations and other organizations. Go to hesston.edu/avds for more information and registration.

The Bethel College Concert Choir and the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers will unite for a joint concert, "How Firm a Foundation," on Sunday, February 23, 7:00 PM, at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church near Goessel. The choirs will perform

individual selections from their respective repertoires, and will join together for other pieces, as well as being joined by members of the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Chancel Choir. Admission to the concert is free. An offering will be taken to benefit Mennonite Central Committee.

Join us for *We've Come This Far by Faith*, an MCC Centennial Celebration on Saturday, February 29 at 7:30 PM, at the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas. We hope you'll join us in celebrating the past 100 years and at the same time help us look forward to the next 100 years of serving in the name of Christ around the world. More information can be found at mcc.org/weve-come-far-faith and to learn more about MCC's centennial, please visit mcc.org/centennial.

Join an MCC learning tour to Palestine and Israel, June 4-14, 2020. This deeply impactful and informative trip is open for 14 people to sign up for. On this trip you will meet Palestinian Christians, hear from Israelis and Palestinians about their current challenges and joys, and you will deepen your faith and be empowered to engage in education and advocacy on Palestine and Israel. Visit mcc.org/events to find out more and get signed up for the trip.

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a full-time assistant for Program Human Resources. Responsibilities include supporting the work of the Care Coordinator and Personnel Counselors, along with managing details for worker orientation and seminars. Strong attention to details, ability to manage and track people and processes. Some travel required. See the position description at MennoniteMission.net. Send your resumé to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net for consideration.

Service Adventure is a gap year program for young adults ages 17–20 that provides 10 ½ months of learning “on the field.” Take a break from the classroom, test out a vocation, experience self-discovery, all while serving God and living in Christian community. Learn more at MennoniteMission.net/Serve.

Calling everyone ages 15–22! Are you looking for a fun and meaningful way to serve this summer? Join a 2020 Youth Venture team! See and join in the work God is doing in Spain, Colombia, Arizona, Peru, Nazareth Village, or Benin. Visit MennoniteMission.net/Serve to learn more, or contact Lauren Eash Hershberger at LaurenEH@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 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—200; Visitors—2; Sunday School—168

Offering: Last week's offering for the Scholarship Fund was \$1,792 and Local Mission was \$5,365. The offering for February 16 is for Local Mission.

Pastor Anita will be out of the office this week through Thursday.

ANOTHER BLESSING FOR FMC: The Church Board has gratefully accepted an estate gift of \$122,826.07 designated to the Caring Fund under the supervision for disbursement of the Caregiving and Membership Committee. What a wonderful gift that we can use to help others within and beyond our church family. Please be in prayer for the use of these funds to help anyone in need.

We are grateful for your prayers, cards and meals you have shared during this time of recuperation. We treasure all of you. ~Carol and Rannie Goering

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and cards during my recovery from hip surgery. I am doing better each day. Blessings to each of you! ~Delores Yoder

This week the office showcase will feature Theresa Klassen and Doug Graham's voluntary service experience in Arizona. The library showcase features Harland Unruh's hobbies.

Who is the distinguished, kindly-looking gentleman in the portrait just inside the door of the room which is across the hall from the church library? Why is “Warkentin Memorial Fellowship Room” inscribed on the door's plaque? To get the answer, view the new exhibit which gives a glimpse into the life of a past church member. Learn how he impacted our congregation as well as the wider church body. Compiled by the Historical Committee, the presentation is located in the corner display cabinet at the west end of the Gathering Area.

Jesus, Teach Us. Our third Sunday's focus from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is Matthew 6:1-18. Jesus teaches us about giving, prayer, and fasting. Our worship focus mirrors the Shine! lessons explored in our elementary age Sunday School classes.