

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
4:00 PM YG Bible Study

Wednesday, January 29

5:30 PM Meal served by Casa Betania
Menu:
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)

Saturday, February 1

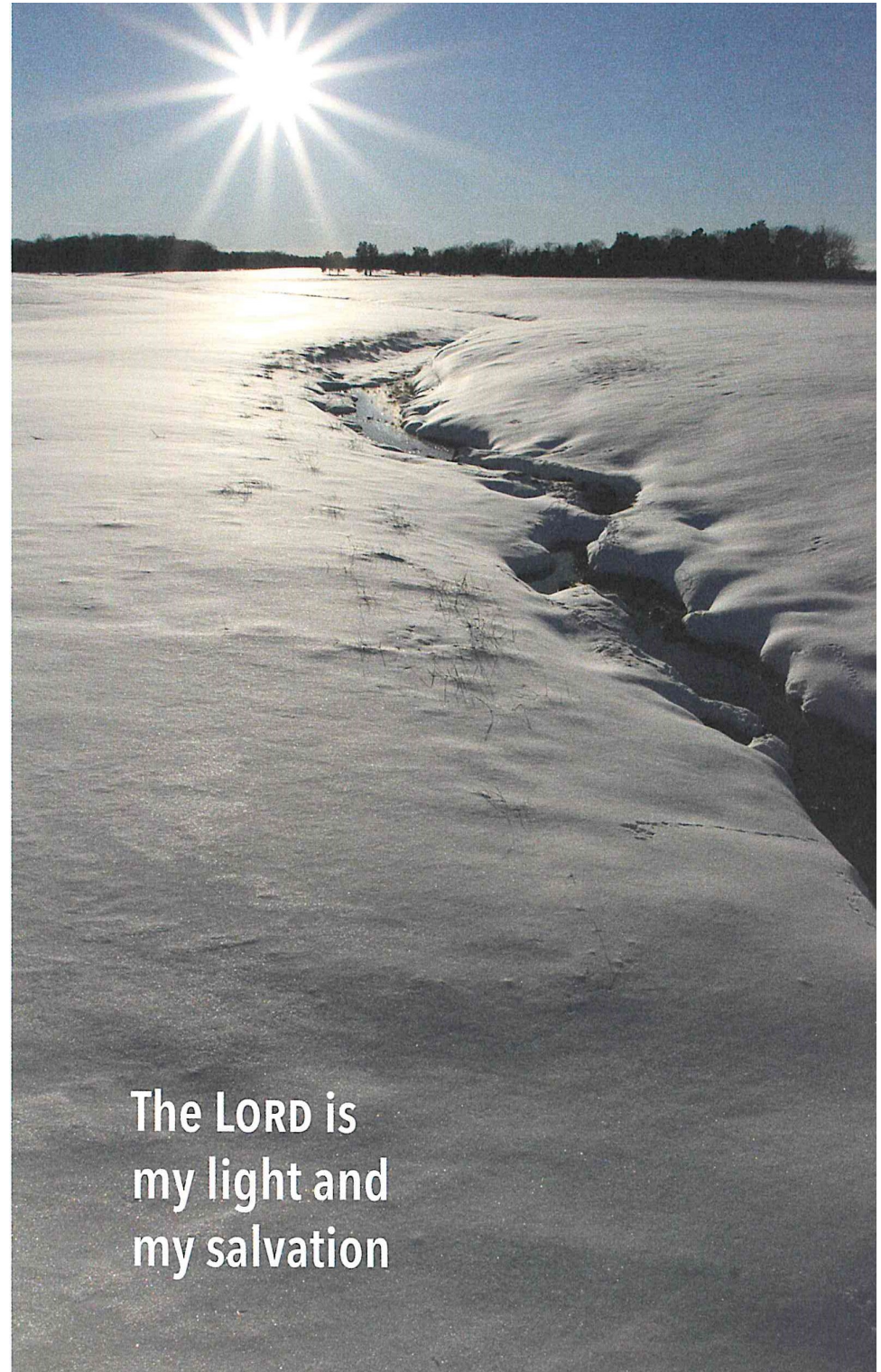
8:30 AM Committee and Commission Retreat—Dyck Arboretum in Hesston

Sunday, February 2—Jesus, Teach Us: Love your enemies—Matthew 5:38-48.
Chuck Neufeld preaches. Chuck is serving as our Western District Conference consultant for the congregational review and Pastor Anita Kehr's term review.

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

Upcoming Worship Services

February 9—Jesus, Teach Us: Give, Pray, Fast—Matthew 6:1-18
February 16—Jesus, Teach Us: Build on the Rock—Matthew 7, 24-27



The LORD is
my light and
my salvation

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- **Sunday School**—January 26, 9:15-10:15 AM.
- **Bible Study**—Sunday, January 26, 4-6:30 PM at Eli Regier's home, 6721 NE 24th St.
- **Worship Night**—Wednesday, January 29, 6:45 PM, after Family Night meal (5:30-6:30 PM)
- **Winter Retreat**—February 15-17 at Camp Mennoscah. Invite a friend!

The Caregiving and Membership Commission has approved Rachel (Regier) Pardee's request for a transfer of her membership to The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection. We send blessings to Rachel at her new church.

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. 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.

The Property Committee would like to remind everyone that if you need help setting up tables and chairs for the CFN meal, please fill out a set-up request and give to the church office.

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.

Transition information: 1) From February 2 through February 16, two surveys will be open for you to complete. **One is the regularly-scheduled 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 to fill. You are encouraged to complete these 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. 2) **The search for a quarter-time person** to help support the youth ministry continues. Please pray for this process, too.

Community Announcements

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.

On Tuesday, January 28, 6:30 PM, in Hesston, the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains will kick off the 2020 Winter Lecture Series with "Kansas Bird Populations and Distributions" from Kansas birding expert, Chuck Otte. The lecture will take place in the Prairie Pavilion. The cost of the lecture is \$5 per person—cash or credit card payment will be received at the door. No reservation necessary.

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.

Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk—Saturday, February 1. Meet at 8:00 AM in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton. Experienced birders will lead a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep.

KIPCOR Film Series: *The Great White Hoax*—Sunday, February 9 at 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.

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.

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.

2020 is your year to go on an MCC Learning Tour! Travel to Haiti March 21-28 to learn about root causes of Haiti's reality and see MCC projects in person. Join MCC Bolivia in celebrating 60 years with two learning tours; May 2-9 will focus on Eastern Bolivia, and October 10-17 will focus on Western Bolivia. Finally, you're welcome to travel to Nicaragua, July 20-30, to celebrate the centennial of MCC, focusing on past and present MCC work in Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Contact jordanpenner@mcc.org and check mcc.org/events for more details.

Summer staff needed! Camp Mennoscah is looking for college-aged people to fill summer staff positions (lifeguard, nature, music, crafts, office) and someone 21 or older to fill the new position of "director of support." The director of support is a summer-long position to assist the camp director, summer staff, program and support staff through management, coordination, and communication. Questions can be directed to olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. Complete your application for any of these positions at campmennoscahstaff.campbrainstaff.com.

Retreat registration is open! Registration for all 2020 Camp Mennoscah retreats is now available at campmennoscah.org. Look for the Register Online link at the top of the page. Summer youth camp registration will open at the beginning of February. The fun has begun!

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—206; Visitors—1; Sunday School—140

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$6,580. The offering for February 2 is for the Scholarship Fund.

Please leave your blue song insert on the pew at the end of today's service for reuse. Thank you.

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.

Receiving or has received care—Delores Yoder, NMC Rehab; John Schmidt, NMC; Carol Goering, NMC; Lynette Doty, NMC.

In Sympathy—Please keep Lori, Brian, Zach and Josh Kennell in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Lori's dad, Arlo Voth. Arlo died Monday, January 20, at Kidron Bethel from complications of a stroke he had this past September. His funeral was Thursday, January 23 at Grace Hill Mennonite Church.

Jesus, Teach Us: For the next four Sundays, our worship scripture matches the Shine! lesson in our children's Sunday School. The four scriptures are all from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7. For this time, all ages sit at the feet of Jesus and learn from him as our Teacher.

Shine! Wonder Questions. Here are the "wonder" questions for today's scripture, the Beatitudes:

- Imagine being in a crowd of people who were all following Jesus.
- I wonder what the children thought when they heard Jesus' words.
- I wonder how God comforts us when we are sad.
- I wonder why people might be mean to someone who is doing the right thing.