

Wisdom from Above

April 19, 2020

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Meditation Music

O Happy Day!

Donna Stucky, piano/organ

Call to Worship

Anita Kehr, pastor

Words for the Children

Bev Regier

Meditation

Recitation of the New Testament Letter of James

Amanda Entz

Prayers of the church

Eric Murphy, Caregiving and Membership Commission

Closing music

Donna Stucky, piano/organ

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***Check email on Sunday morning around 10:30 AM for a You Tube link to this service. Thanks to Joey Menninga for recording and editing this service.**

Happy Birthday

Marsha Schmidt—April 19

Sam Claassen—April 20

Connie Claassen—April 21

Neva Frey—April 22

Christian Krehbiel—April 25

Karen Regier—April 25

Upcoming Worship Services

April 26, and going through May 17—we will be focusing on the final four hymns/songs from our tournament during worship. Next week, we will be looking at *The Lorica*. (The other three are: *Come, thou fount of every blessing; Be thou my vision*; and—the winner—*Great is thy faithfulness*.)

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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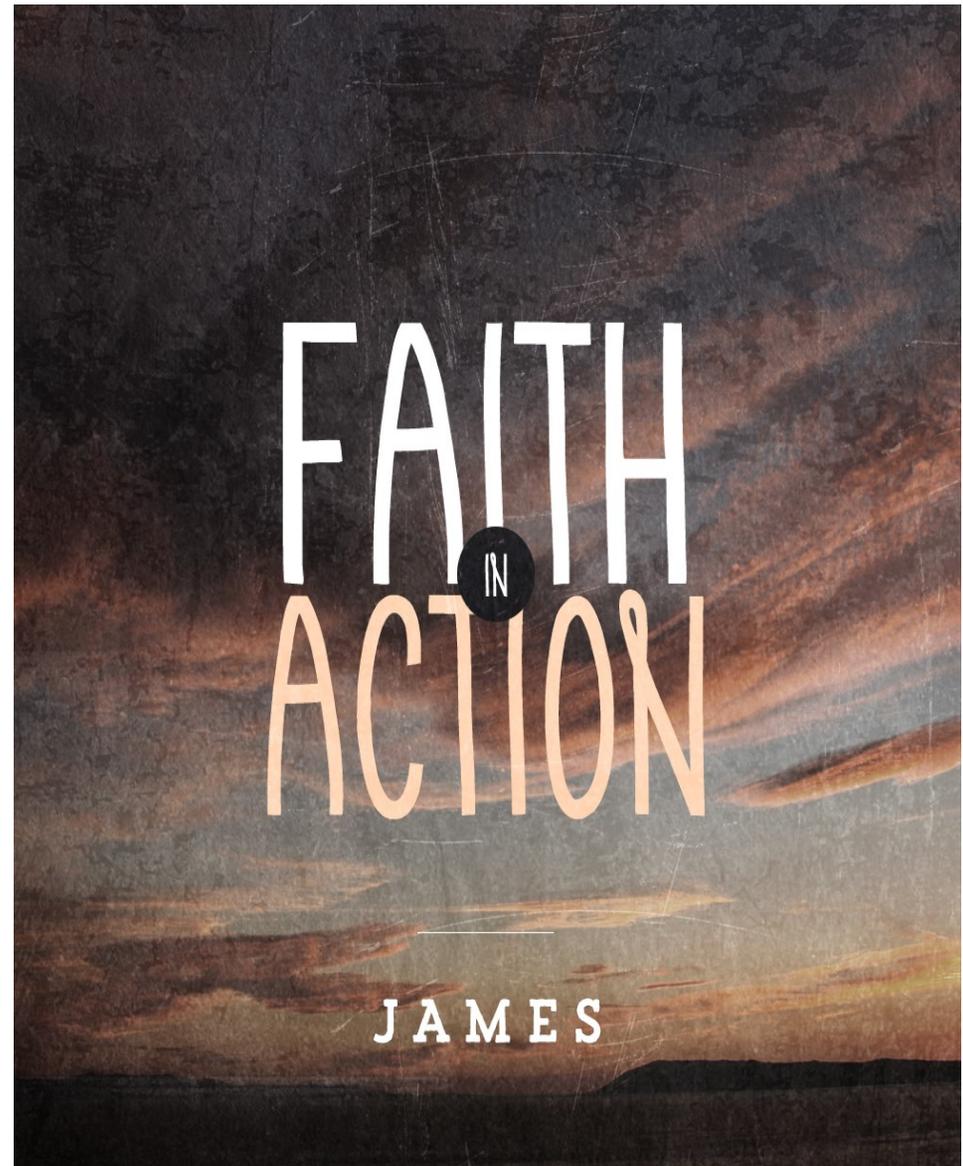
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**First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
April 19, 2020**

Announcements

In Sympathy— Helen Entz (95) passed away on Friday, April 10. Her memorial service will be held at a later date. We extend our condolences to Alan, Joan, Ethan, Schyler, Camryn, and the rest of Helen's family.

Offering: The Local Mission offering for March 15 and 22 was \$5,176 and Local Mission for March 29 and April 5 was \$17,876. The offering for April 26 is for Local Missions.

The offering for today will go to Local Mission.

If you would like help with having someone do pick-ups or deliveries for you, please contact the Church Office. There are people ready and willing to help.

Offerings can be sent to the church at P. O. Box 291, 429 E. First Street, Newton, KS 67114. There is also an offering plate in the Court Area that will be checked daily if you want to drop your gifts off at church. Please mark the designation of your offering. If left unmarked, it will go to Local Mission. **We are so grateful for your continuing support!**

Remember that the Caring Fund is available: In this time of economic disruption, the Caring Fund is available to help you. Please don't hesitate to talk to any of the Caring Fund Committee members if you could use some financial support during this time. Committee members are: Sam Claassen, Ken Fast, Ken Frey, Bob Schmidt (chair), and Anita Kehr.

Nurture Commission is looking for adults who would like to journey with our children during the coming months by sending physical mail to them. This mail can be a simple note of encouragement, a happy postcard, or some other gesture of God's love and a reminder of our community. Nurture Commission will match you with a child (so that everyone has a buddy!). Please sign up at forms.gle/47U883xRaT9PzNRB7. Email Jennie Wintermote with any questions at jenniewintermote@gmail.com.

Connecting with your groups: FMC has begun a subscription with Zoom, a video- and phone-conferencing software program. If you're interested in scheduling a meeting with your Sunday School class, commission, committee, or whatever else, please contact Tracy Kerr in the Church Office during office hours (M-Th, 8:00-12:15, 1:00-4:30 and F, 8:00-12:00). She'll help you know what you need in order for an email invitation to go out to all involved. If there are persons in your meeting who can only connect by phone rather than through the internet, there is a way to do that, too. The subscription service allows us to invite more people to a meeting as well as allows for longer meetings.

SR. HIGH YOUTH



Youth Group announcements—Youth Sunday School—Every Sunday—Zoom doors open at 9:30 AM, class starts at 10:00 AM. Watch for emails with details and your official Zoom invitation!

Youth Group will meet on Wednesday evening on Zoom! You can log on to Zoom at 6:30 PM, with the group beginning at 6:45 PM ish. Zoom invites will arrive beforehand. See you there!

Transition information: The Search Committee met this past Tuesday. As each member reported, it became clear that they have made considerable progress toward the completion of the Congregational Information Form. Ron Ratzlaff is serving as chair.

You can still sign up for summer youth camps! Camp Mennoscah is planning to have summer youth camps, but recognizing the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 situation, a final decision will be made closer to the start of camps. Your camp fees, including the non-refundable, non-transferable deposit, will be refunded if camp is canceled. Further information can be found at campmennoscah.org or by calling 620-297-3290. **Please send your name to the church office if you need to be added to the Camp Scholarship list.**

Former WDC staff member, Marlene Bogard, is hosting a Zoom Story Hour at 11:30 AM (central time) on **Mondays and Thursdays** for the next several weeks. Children are invited! Stories will be geared to ages 3-8. In order to get the Zoom meeting link, please email Marlene at harderbogard@gmail.com.

Camp Mennoscah will be closed at least until April 30 with respect to your health and the statewide "Stay Home" order. Camp staff will be working from home and at a distance. You can reach us at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. Keep in touch on the Camp Mennoscah Facebook page! We send you many prayers. Stay healthy!

Each year at the MCC Sale there is a German buffet. The average amount that each "diner" paid for a meal last year was \$11.80. The Committee would like to propose that those who can donate \$12.00 a person that are around your dinner table this coming week. This is a reasonable amount for such a good cause. We hope that this will raise awareness of the importance of the MCC Sale. Please make your checks payable to KMRS and mail to Tim Miller, Treasurer, 4805 S Broadacres Road, Hutchinson, KS 67502.