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Mennonite Church

March 7, 2010

LENT 3

10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Drawing near to God as a community of faith.

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| Organ Prelude | Jane Schmidt |
| <i>Come, Let Us Worship</i> - Patterson | Adult Choir |
| * Call to Worship | Psalm 63:1-8 with sung response |
| * Prayer | Bev Fast |

Holding On

Affirming what God has done in our lives,
Celebrating what we want to hold on to.

- * Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus to reconcile
and to make all things new.

**We trust in God,
who calls us to be the church,
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and to resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Adapted from Arlene Marks, *Words of Worship*

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| * Song | <i>O breathe on me, O breath of God</i> | STJ 46 |
| Children's Time | | Deb Unruh |

Hearing God's Word

Reflecting on God's word to us in Scripture,
holding close what we value,
identifying with Jesus in his mission.

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| Scripture Readings | Isaiah 55:1-9; Luke 13:1-9 |
| <i>Glory, Hallelujah!</i> - Mark Burrows | Adult Choir |
| Meditation | " <i>Taming Jesus</i> "
Gordon Smith |

Letting Go

Turning away from the temptation to make ourselves the center,
choosing instead a life of sacrificial love in the world.

A time for confession of sins,
seeking those places where God is urging us to let go.

Confession (in unison) Bev Fast
Source of everything good, we have worshipped other
gods, and hungered and thirsted for things that do not
satisfy. Do not test us beyond our strength, but
restore us in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Silence)

Words of Assurance

Offering Our Gifts Financial Mission Plan & Penny Power
Hymn of Offering *Lord, I am fondly* HWB 514
Prayer of Dedication Beverly Fast

Offering Our Lives

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the Community Nathan Koontz

Sending

We are sent from worship in the joy
and energy of God's blessing.

L: Leaving behind what does not satisfy,

P: and letting go of our pride, greed and selfishness,

L: let us look to God

P: and share what we've received.

* Choral Response *Kyrie Eleison* - Patterson Adult Choir

* Congregation Stands (If standing is difficult, remain seated)

Worship Leader: *Bev Fast*

Organist: *Jane Schmidt*

Songleader: *Jerry Friesen*

Sanctuary Prep: *Leslie Hadley*

Drama Participants: *Vern Jantz, Alice Jantzen, Jane Voth, Linda Ediger,
Ken Janzen, Wayne Fast, Rosie Goering, Mike Doerksen*

Banners: *Kathy Schrag & Linda Jones*

Sound Tech: *John Horn*

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As followers of Jesus Christ, our mission is to

- worship together as a community of faith,
- invite everyone to share the gift of God's love,
- nurture each other in the faith,
- serve others in the spirit of Christ, and
- proclaim His way of peace, justice and reconciliation.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

On the third Sunday in Lent, we're continuing the theme, "Holding on, letting go." When we drink from the living water God offers us, we find we can leave behind all that does not satisfy. We are glad you are here.

A PRAYER FOR WORSHIP

Fill us with your Spirit, loving Creator, that we may know everlasting joy and inner peace.

CHILDCARE

Mike and Ann Doerksen will provide care today during worship for children 3 and under. Next Sunday, Arlys & Neal Schwabauer will be responsible.

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

\$4,071 Financial Mission Plan, \$7.93 Sunday School, \$356 Building Fund, \$300 Christian Peacemaker Teams, \$107.88 Penny Power - \$4,842.81 Total. Attendance: 88 S.S., 157 Worship.

TREASURER'S REPORT - JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Financial Mission Plan

Budgeted	\$55,248
Received	\$41,943

Building Fund

Budgeted	\$12,000
Received	\$ 8,939

FAITH CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH OPPORTUNITIES

- Blood Pressure checks - Come to the Health Wellness Room across from the nursery to get your blood pressure checked after church this morning.
- Dillons gift cards will be available for purchase during break this morning. Four percent of the proceeds go to Offender Victim Ministries, a very important ministry that promotes justice and reconciliation. Some \$10 dollar certificates are also available today.

LENTEN BIBLE READING AND PRAYER

Each Tuesday morning during Lent, we invite you to gather together around the Scripture texts appointed for the following Sunday. We meet at the church from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Helen Janzen is receiving care at Newton Medical Center.

Western District Prayer Requests:

Pray for Brett Dewey, installed today as the Pastor of Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita, KS.

Mennonite Mission Network:

Recruiting teachers for LCC International University, a four-year Christian liberal arts college in Lithuania, is becoming increasingly difficult due to the global recession and new migration laws. Pray for Robin Gingerich, director of LCC's English language programs, and for a complete staff for the coming academic year.

THIS WEEK

Monday

7:15 p.m. Bd. of Fellowship

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. Bible Reading & Prayer

7:00 p.m. Bd. of Deacons

7:00 p.m. Witness & Outreach

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir

7:00 p.m. Faith Kids

6:00 p.m. Meal

7:00 P.M. Faith Friends

6:30 p.m. Singing for Kids

7:00 p.m. Adult Study

7:00 p.m. Childcare

8:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday

7:00 p.m. Bd. of Education

Thursday - Sunday

Youth at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Coffee

10:30 a.m. Worship

Senior High afternoon activities

TIME TO MAKE A NEW YEARBOOK

Please check your family information from 2008 yearbook and let Janet know if it is correct or what are the changes that should be made. Do you want your cell phone in this year? Thanks for your help.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Today - Meet in the foyer to carpool to lunch and then return back to church for afternoon activities.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Wed., March 10, 7:00 - Meet in Middle School Room 105 at the end of the hall.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS

Sign up for the meal on the friendship sheet. The menu is Bierocks, Pickles, Chips, Applesauce and Dessert. \$2 per person, \$5 per family. Volunteers are needed to help with dessert, setup & cleanup — please see the signup sheet in the foyer.

SCRIPTURES FOR LENT

Readings for next Sunday: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.

MISSIONAL STORIES SERIES

The Wednesday evening adult session this week will focus on the topic, "Coping with a Recession" from a missional perspective. It will feature a panel representing businesses or professions that sell or provide products or services. Panel members include Ray Penner (bank), Kevin Neufeld (lawn service), Mike Schmidt (construction), Jim Yoder (rentals), and Rod Frey (college). Be sure to come and add your insights.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Faith Church's week of service at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter is March 24-30. If you have never served at the shelter but would like to, a mentoring experience can be arranged. Please sign up as soon as possible for a work shift or to take food. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the foyer. Thanks for all you do! - Bd. of Witness & Outreach.

MISSING BOOK

The book, MY HIGHEST DUTY by Capt. Chesley Sullenberger is missing. If you have it or know where it is, please return it to the library. Thank you.

NATHAN'S SCHEDULE

Nathan will be gone with the youth March 12-14 and then on vacation on March 15,16, and 17. He will be in the office Thursday, the 18th and Friday the 19th.

WOODWORKERS OF FAITH

Anyone who enjoys woodworking or is interested in woodworking, please come to Pastor Nathan's house at 8:30 am on this Tuesday, March 9 for an hour of fellowship, coffee, and shop talk.

REJOICE DEVOTIONAL

Mennonite Publishing Network puts out the devotional Rejoice. The cost is \$25 per year and your first issue would begin in September. Please let Janet know if you would like to order it.

DISCERNMENT UPDATE

The Church Council is pleased to report the following appointments: Tom Gaeddert has accepted a position on the Pastor Congregation Relations Committee. He will join in the work of that committee immediately. Byron Ediger has been affirmed to serve on the Bd. of Worship and is already serving on that board. Other vacancies which still exist are one position on Bd. of Deacons and two positions on the Bd. of Education. If you have interest in serving, or have persons you would like to suggest, please contact Jim Stucky, Moderator immediately.

BAKED GOODS NEEDED

The students at Newton Alternative High School are working towards raising money for their Outward Bound Trip this April. They are planning a bake sale for Saturday March 13th in front of Central National Bank and are seeking baked good donations. If you would like to help out Newton youth have a 'mountain top experience' contact Jennifer Horn for details.



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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN "SOJOURNERS" SS

On Sunday, March 14, the "Sojourners" Sunday school class will begin a series of sessions exploring various ways the church (local/area conference/denomination) has worked with the issue of human sexuality. The March 14 session will offer an overview of Western District Conference and Mennonite Church USA statements. Later sessions will explore key biblical texts related to homosexuality and how those texts are interpreted differently. Pastor Gordon Smith and Lee Lever (Faith member and denominational minister) will lead the classes. Anyone is welcome to attend these sessions.

BEYOND FAITH CHURCH

HESSTON-BETHEL PERFORMING ARTS

The world-famous Glenn Miller Orchestra will be on the stage of Memorial Hall at Bethel College on Thursday, March 18, 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call 620-327-8158 or order online at www.hesston.edu/hbpa.

MCC COMFORTER BLITZ

The MCC Comforter Blitz will be Monday, March 8 from 12-9 p.m. and Tuesday, March 9, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Journey at Yoder Church (just 1 mile north of Yoder). MCC is requesting 25,000 comforters for earthquake survivors in Haiti. Several quilts will also be set up. See the flier on the bulletin for more details.

AN EVENING FEATURING THE UKRAINE

The event is sponsored by Kansas MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates), Saturday, March 13, 6:00 p.m., at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church. Pick up a brochure on the table with registration and cost details.

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Local alumni and friends of Bethel College are invited to a free continuing education seminar on estate planning Monday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. at Kaufman House/KIPCOR, 2515 College Ave., North Newton. Randy Pankratz and David Stucky from Adrian & Pankratz, P.A., Newton, will provide info. on three topics: "Use of IRAs and Trusts for Charitable Giving," "Update on Medicaid Eligibility and Estate Tax Issues" and "Possible Pitfalls of Do-It-Yourself Estate Planning." Dessert will be served. Please RSVP by noon on the day of the seminar to Mary Regier at 316-284-5250 or mary@bethelks.edu.

PRISON ARTS PROJECT

"A Bundle of Shorts" to be presented at Hutchinson Correctional Facility March 13, 7:00 p.m. The Rock Castle Drama Troupe, a group of actors incarcerated at HCF, will present an evening of short plays directed by Dr. John McCabe-Juhnke and Brandon Nelson. The performance is a program of Offender-Victim Ministries in Newton. If you wish to get on the admission list you must phone OVM at (316) 283-2038 by Thursday, March 11.

LENTEN RETREAT

Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S Main, Hesston is inviting persons from area churches to participate in a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 13, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in their Education Hall. Bring a sack lunch--drinks will be provided. The Stations of the Cross as painted by artist, Ted deGrazia, Tuscan, AZ, with prayer suggestions will be available. Reflection time with scriptures (Isaiah 53, Romans 5 and 6). Space for silence. Healing Prayers – 1-2:00 p.m. Gene and Mary Herr will serve as facilitators. Call the church office (620-327-4885 ext. 100) or e-mail (hesstonmc@hesstonmc.org) if you plan to attend.

SMCHA ANNUAL MEETING AND HISTORY PROGRAM

Sunday, March 14, is the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association Annual Meeting at 2:30 p.m. at the Eden Mennonite Church. Following the business, members of the First Mennonite Church of Pretty Prairie will present an historical drama titled "People of Providence." A fellowship time is scheduled after the program. Light refreshments will be served, paid by donation. RSVPs are encouraged to the Eden Church office at 620-345-8320 or to Kathy Goering at 620-345-8532.

FROM CAMP MENNOSCAH

The Scrapbooking Retreat is March 12-14. Registrations accepted until the retreat is full, so it's not too late to join us. Info. can be found at www.mennowdc.org in the Coming Events section. The first ten people who find an error in the 2010 Camp Mennoscah catalog will win an old-style Camp Mennoscah tee shirt (your size, our choice). No one caught my biggest error last year-or at least you didn't tell me. Parents receive a camper discount up to full camp fees. We're also looking for nurses (paid position). Contact Olivia at Camp Mennoscah at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CONCERT MARCH 7

Full Circle, a local women's vocal ensemble, will commemorate International Women's Day today, with a performance at Bethel College at 4:00 PM in the Chapel on the second floor of the Administration Building. There is no admission cost. Full Circle is made up of women from the Newton / Hesston area.

WHAT DOES PJSN MEAN?

The Mennonite Church USA Peace and Justice Support Network leadership team will hold a community event 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton. Come meet the PJSN leadership team, enjoy some tasty refreshments, hear what PJSN is working on, and offer suggestions about future priorities. For more information, contact Tim Huber, peace and justice associate, at 316-281-4386 or TimH@MennoniteUSA.org <<mailto:TimH@MennoniteUSA.org>> .

SAVE THE DATE

Guess Who's Coming for Dessert will be changing to a light Sunday evening meal and will be scheduled April 11 at 5:00 p.m. Please think about whether you would like to be a host or a guest. Hosts will furnish the main dish and guests will be asked to bring side dishes and dessert. Watch for more information.

HELP NEEDED

Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service would like to have groups of volunteers travel to Holly, Colorado to help install sheet rock and tape the sheet rock in a small Baptist church that is being built new. The old church was mostly destroyed during a tornado on March 28, 2007. Groups will be needed the last week in March and the first week in April. The church does have a project director on site, therefore volunteers need to come ready to work. Many volunteers are welcome and needed! Church members of that small congregation of about 40 are willing and eager to have volunteers stay in their homes and will feed them. We would like to have volunteers be in Holly for five days at a time, or if you are just passing through, you could work for fewer days. MDS vans could be used for transportation if needed. Call Gordon Unruh, 620-747-0835, if you can help out with this project.