The Beginning of the Good News

Gathering Music  As the Deer
Welcome
Call to Worship
Prayer
On Screen

* Songs  Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness
  Firstborn of Mary

Of Jesus Christ

Offering Our Gifts to God
Invitation to Offering
Offertory  Before the Throne of God Medley
Prayer of Dedication

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
(Please fill-in and pass the friendship sheets; please list # of people for Wed. evening meal)

Prayer of the Congregation with Lord’s Prayer
Saxophone Solo
Children’s Time

The Son of God

Scripture Reading  Mark 1:29-39
Sermon  What Jesus Came To Do
* Song  For the Healing of the Nations
* Confession of Faith
Welcome to Faith Mennonite Church. We are glad you are with us this day.

If you need a listening assistance device or a large print bulletin, please ask an Usher.

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

CHILDUCARE

For children ages three (3) and under during worship
- 01/14: Vicki H & Joni J
- 01/21: Verda D & Kathryn P
- 01/28: Harlan & Grace B

GREETERS

Front Door
- 01/14: Paul R
- 01/21: Sara R
- 01/28: Sara R

Back Door by Kitchen
- 01/14: Carolyn R
- 01/21: Galen R
- 01/28: Galen R

* Song
* Blessing
* Musical Benediction

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

Hymnal used in worship:  
- HWB - Hymnal a Worship Book (Blue)
- STJ - Sing the Journey (Green)
- STS - Sing the Story (Purple)

Preacher: Rachel S
Worship Leader: Byron E
Song Leader: Janet E
Accompanist: Naomi W
Special Music: Jesús M, Sr

Children’s Time: Sara R
Sanctuary Prep: Jane S
Slides: Jennifer H
Sound: Jesús M, Jr
Ushers: Team C (Chuck S)

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Song: Guide My Feet HWB 546
Blessing
Musical Benediction

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**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:**

**Thank God for ...**

~ The joy of worship, celebration and family gatherings we experienced during this Christmas season  
~ Those who will be affirmed and accepted leadership positions in our Faith community and at our up-coming annual congregational meeting

**We pray for ...**

~ Healing for those stressed by flu, colds and injuries during this winter season  
~ Strengthen and support those facing uncertain, unresolved and chronic health issues  
~ Our members in assisted living and health care:
  - At Presbyterian Manor: Bertha B, Leonard & Delores G  
  - At Schowalter Villa: Howard H, Arlene K  
~ ‘Openness’ in our Faith congregation to ‘something new’ God desires for us in the coming year as we seek ways to expand God’s love and presence in our homes and communities.  
~ Wednesday night activities that will begin this week  
~ Our young adult members as they return to jobs, college, Service Adventure assignments and are being shaped by challenging educational, vocational, and lifestyle choices  
~ Comfort for former church member, Lee L, pastor of Austin (TX) Mennonite Church on the death of his wife, Terri on January 1, 2018; Her memorial service will be January 27, 2018.

**Western District Conference ...**

~ Pray for (and consider participating in) the Kick-Off for WDC’s Year of Evangelism January 19-20, 2018, at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church (Goessel); an opportunity to learn new skills for sharing our faith personally and as a Faith community  
~ Remember the continuing kitchen remodeling going on at Camp Mennonscah

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**FAITH CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

**ZUMBA ...** Returns to Faith Church for Mondays evenings only, beginning tomorrow (01/15/18), 6:00-7:00pm. Thank you to everyone for your continued support. ~ Board of Witness & Outreach

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS ...** The winter schedule begins this Wednesday, January 17, 2018, with a meal at 6:00 pm. Please make your reservation on the friendship sheet today (01/14/17). Geoff D will be preparing the meal the first couple of weeks. The menu this week is chicken paprika, vegetable surprise, relish tray, bread, and dessert. Please sign up on the clipboard in the foyer to help with dessert and cleanup. Please remember to bring your table service and a $2.00 per person donation.
YOUTH ANNUAL CHILI FUNDRAISER MEAL ... Will be Sunday, January 28, 2018, following worship. Please plan to join us. Your support of Faith’s Youth Group is greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL MEETING ... Will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2018, immediately following the Youth Chili Fundraiser. Please plan to attend.

2018 KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE (KMRS) ... Is coming! Save the dates for the 2018 KMRS, which will be celebrating 50 years on April 13 and 14, 2018, at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. My Coins Count (formerly called Penny Power) begins today (01/14/18) whereby each Sunday at Faith we will collect your pennies, coins, and cash. Last year the KMRS collected $15,179.16 so your Coins Do Count. The dates for the 2018 KMRS Fellowship Meals will be Sunday, February 25, 2018, and Sunday March 04, 2018. A sheet is in your mailbox for you to choose to be either a host or a guest. Reservation deadline will be February 01, 2018. For more details, contact Byron and Janet E.

BEYOND FAITH CHURCH

IT'S TODAY! ... Join us to hear about local restorative justice efforts and new initiatives underway at Offender/Victim Ministries' annual meeting this afternoon (01/14/18) at 4:00 pm at Shalom Mennonite Church. Light refreshments (faspa) will be served. Please join us as we kick off our 45th year of ministry!

JOIN US ... Today (01/14/18) for a special screening of the film “Awake: A Dream from Standing Rock”, 3:00 pm, Luyken Fine Arts Center, Bethel College Campus. The film captures the story of Native-led defiance that forever changed the fight for clean water, our environment and the future of our planet. A talk-back session will follow the film featuring film Co-Director Myron Dewey. MCC is teaming up with Kansas Institute for Peace & Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) for this free event. Please join us!

WALKING TOUR ... Tomorrow (01/15/18) – “Racial Justice in Newton: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”, to hear stories of Newton’s racial and ethnic diversity, celebrate accomplishments, and seek positive change in the community. Tours start at 3:00 pm and 3:30 pm, at the Newton Recreation Center (415 N. Poplar) and last around 90 minutes. Bus transportation available for those needing assistance getting to the two other sites and back to the NRC; free and open to the public.

BETHEL COLLEGE ANNUAL ... Martin Luther King, Jr, Day Celebration with Ken E N Jr, a peace activist, inspirational speaker and video journalist popularly known as “the Free Hugs Guy” and poetry reading by Bethel students, will be held tomorrow (01/15/18), 7:00 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College Campus.
LAST CHANCE TO VIEW ... “Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War”, the special traveling exhibit at Kauffman Museum on conscientious objection by Mennonites and others during the Second World War. The exhibit closes at 4:30 pm, Sunday, January 21, 2018. Kauffman Museum hours are: Tuesday-Friday, 9:30 am-4:30 pm, and Saturday-Sunday, 1:30-4:30 pm (closed Mondays). There is an admission charge for non-museum members.

WANTED ... Good cars, trucks, tractors, motorcycles, farm machinery, etc. to donate to the KS MCC Sale - new to antique. If you are thinking of getting a new car, consider donating your trade-in to the MCC Sale as a tax deductible donation. Contact Jerry T for more info.

Join us for
Intergenerational Wednesday Evenings

Getting to Know Newton

January 17 - February 7, 2018

Session 1: Introduction to Newton
Session 2: Getting to Know USD373
Session 3: Hearing from our Public Servants
Session 4: Business in Newton

CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING
THIS WINTER (DECEMBER-FEBRUARY)
DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR AT 9:00 AM

CHILDREN & YOUTH:
Nursery/Preschool - “Journeys with Jesus”
Main floor, #207; Teacher: Brenda M
K-4th Grade - “Journeys with Jesus”
Basement, #103; Teacher: Naomi W
Middle School/Grades 5-8 - “Journeys with Jesus”
Basement, #105; Teacher: Jonathan H
High School - “Journeys with Jesus”
Basement, FYG Room; Teachers: Marshall A, Verda D,
Sara R, Oris S

ADULTS:
Lamp Lighters - Book Study: Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis
Basement, #125; Teacher: Shari S
Open Class - “Journeys with Jesus”
Basement, Open Area; Teachers: Members of the Class
Cornerstones - “Faith in Action”
Basement, #124: Teachers: Members of the Class
This Week (01/15/2018 to 01/21/2018)

Monday
Church Office Closed - MLK Holiday
6:00 pm Zumba

Tuesday
6:00 pm Board of Christian Education
6:30 pm Board of Administration

Wednesday
7:30 am Ladies’ Breakfast @ The Breadbasket
6:00 pm Wednesday Meal
6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm Faith Kids Sing
7:00 pm Intergenerational: Getting to Know Newton

Friday
7:00 pm “Year of Evangelism” Kick-Off Event (Alexanderwohl)

Saturday
9:00 am “Year of Evangelism” Kick-Off Event (Alexanderwohl)

Sunday
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 am Worship
   ~ Mark 2:1-12
11:45 am Carry-In Meal

Please have all announcements and calendar items for next week into the church office by noon on Wednesday.

Attendance for January, 2018:
Sunday School: 64
Worship: 143

Board of Administration’s Contact Persons For January:
Mike S

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