Faith Mennonite Church

March 31, 2019 10:30 am

BLESSED HUNGER
From Haughty to Humility
Lent 4

Gathering Music
Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship
   Blessed Redeemer
Schowalter Villa Men’s Chorus

Call to Worship
   Psalm 103:1-5

God’s Blessing, Our Hunger
   Whiter Than Snow
Schowalter Villa Men’s Chorus
   Prayer
Psalm 66:16-20
   Rain Down
STJ 49
   The Shadow of the Cross
      Extinguishing the Candle
      Silence and Confession
Luke 12:13-21

The Good News of God
   Broken Bread
   Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling
      Praying our Praises and Cares
   Isaiah 12:1-3
   HWB 491

Offering & Offertory
   Please fill-in and pass the friendship sheets
   Hymn of Promise
Schowalter Villa Men’s Chorus

From Haughty to Humility
   Children’s Story
Scripture & Sermon
   Luke 15:11-32
   Three Stories of Excess
Responding with Faith
Prayer

Far, Far Away From My Loving Father

Spoken Benediction
Musical Benediction

Redeemed, How I Love To Proclaim It

Schowalter Villa Men's Chorus

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS
Preacher .............................................. Marshall A
Worship Leader ..................................... Byron E
Song Leader ......................................... Marlene H
Accompanist ....................................... Jane S
Children's Story ................................... Alice J
Special Music ................................. Showalter Villa Men's Chorus
Slides ............................................. Jennifer H
Sound .................................................. Vicki H
Sanctuary Prep .......... Lent Decorating Team
Ushers ............................................ Team C (Chuck S)

CHILDCARE
For children ages three (3) and under during worship
- 03/31: Harlan & Grace B
- 04/07: Verda D & Kathryn P

GREETERS
Front Door
- 03/31: Gary G
- 04/07: Joyce G
Back Door by Kitchen
- 03/31: Joyce G
- 04/07: Gary G

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 Faith Mennonite Church. We are glad you are here.

Today we are excited to welcome the Schowalter Villa Men's Chorus! We thank each of you for your work in preparation and for coming to share your music in worship with us.

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

Please be sure to let us know you were here today by signing your name on the Friendship Sheets as they pass down the pews during Sharing or Offering Time. **Remember to list how many of your family will be attending the Wednesday Evening Meal.** Guests, please feel free to include your contact information. To join our all-church email list, place your email address next to your name.

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**SUNDAY AT FAITH CHURCH**

**THE SEASON OF LENT** ... Is a time of spiritual and self-reflection as we follow Jesus to the Cross. This year we will follow Jesus through the gospel of Luke with the theme, *Blessed Hunger*. Our longing and need are the pathway through which God brings blessing and provision.

**THANK YOU** Leslie H and Jane S for the visuals on the communion table. Each Sunday another candle is extinguished as Luke foreshadows the waiting cross. As the light goes out, we pause for silent reflection and confession. The breaking of bread following the reading of Good News symbolizes God’s blessing to the hunger in our lives.

**PRAYING OUR PRAISES AND CARES** will substitute during the season of lent for the usual sharing and prayer time. During this time the congregation is invited to “shout out” briefly matters of praise and matters of care. The pastoral prayer will then focus on these matters.

**PREACHING SCHEDULE** ... For Lent will be Pastor Randy on 4/14, and Pastor Marshall on 3/31, 4/7.

**NEXT SUNDAY’S SCRIPTURES**

- **Lectionary Scriptures** – Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8
- **Sermon Scripture** – Luke 18:18-30
SINCERE THANK YOU ... To all Faith members and friends who sent me beautiful and thoughtful and prayerful notes during my hospital stay and afterwards. They gave much encouragement. ~ Sincerely, Josephine S

SENIOR FASPA ... Is today (03/31/19), 5:00 pm, in Fellowship Hall. Dan and Karen W of rural Newton will be joining us. Dan, who has a variety of hobbies and interests, will be entertaining us by playing his "musical saw" as well as telling stories. Bring plenty of food to share and your own table service. See you there!

FAITH MISSION CIRCLE ... Meets tomorrow (04/01/19), at 7:05 pm *(note the time change)*, in the church Fellowship Hall. Kay N will tell the Hope Mission story, past and present. There are a number of church members who have done a lot of work at Hopi Mission and may wish to join us, male and female. EVERYONE is welcome. The offering will go to the Local Organization and the project is Returning Citizen Kit items for men, see page 16 of your Mission Circle booklet for specific items. Lists also are available on the table in the foyer.

PASTOR RANDY continues to be out of the office through Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ... Adult Bible study will focus on another parable. Pastor Randy will lead this session. Please join us.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL ... For this week (04/03/19) is Vereneke Casserole with mixed vegetables. The cost is $2.00 per person. Make your reservation on the Friendship Sheet as it passes down the pew during Sharing or Offering Time. Sign-up sheet to bring dessert and to help clean-up is on table in foyer. Please remember to bring your own table service.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Pray for...
- Dick S who was recently placed on hospice care

Western District Conference ...

Pray for WDC members attending adaptive leadership training at Kansas Leadership Center (Wichita, KS) in 2019, as they apply this learning to a variety of different ministry contexts and leadership challenges.

BEYOND FAITH CHURCH

Western District Conference ... Garden and Israel-Palestine Task Force Newsletters are on the table in the foyer. For those who are interested, you may also read them online at: http://mennowdc.org/

MCC Lunch & Learn ... On April 2, 2019, at MCC in North Newton! Together with Mennonite Mission Network, we will host Willi H P director of SEMILLA Latin American Anabaptist Seminary in Guatemala City, Guatemala. SEMILLA’s a school that emerged as a beacon of peace, justice and community building in the context of systemic violence and oppression. Join us to learn more! Lunch will be provided, by donation, please RSVP by March 28, 2019, to Patsy D; let Patsy know if you have food allergies.
EVERENCE ... Will hold an informative Medicare workshop at its office in North Newton (3179 N Main St,) on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 6:30 pm. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. Space is limited. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle R.

COMMUNITY PLAYSCCHOOL ... Board will hold their annual corporation meeting on April 8, 2019, at 7:15 pm, in Room 14 on the main floor at the Bethel College Mennonite Church. This meeting is open to all members of sponsoring churches as corporation members and to the public. This is a great way to hear all about what is happening at Community Playschool. We hope you can join us!

EXPLORE ... The global issue of fast fashion by watching the documentary film *True Cost* at Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in North Newton, on April 9, 2019, at 7:00 pm. Directed by Andrew M, the film looks at environmental, social and psychological aspects of consumerism and mass media focused on the global garment industry. Also hear briefly from MCC about how our thrift shop network is working to reduce the harms caused by fast fashion, here and around the world. Light snacks will be provided while you watch the movie. Questions? Contact Sarah F.

MCC RELIEF SALE OPPORTUNITY ... Feeding the Multitude needs your help! We are looking for waiters, tray wipers, table clearers, drink pourers, and more on Saturday, April 13! The morning shift is 10:15-11:45 am and the afternoon shift 11:30 am-1:00 pm. Please contact Asia F to sign up! (or sign up sheet in the foyer). For more details, please see Bryon E.

NEW HOPE SHELTER ... Shared a new needs list. Please take one and help as you are able. Also, please consider participating in their upcoming events: 1) JQ 3 ON 3 Tournament Fundraiser on April 13-14, 2019; Thresher Gymnasium-Bethel College and 2) the 3rd Annual KICKIN’ & SCREAMIN’ Fundraiser on April 27, 2019; Athletic Park. See needs list and flyers posted on bulletin board in church foyer.

ALL INTERESTED SINGERS ... Are invited to join the Bethel College Masterworks production of *Faure’s Requiem*, Sunday, May 5, 2019. Rehearsals begin Monday, April 22, 2019. For more information, contact William E.

THE WARKENTIN HOUSE ASSOCIATION ... Annual Meeting and Spring Fundraiser will be at the Warkentin House on Sunday, April 28, 2019, at 3:00 pm. September River, featuring Doug and Jude K, will perform during the fundraiser, which will follow a brief business meeting. Refreshments will be served. No reservations or tickets are required. Donations will be accepted. All are welcome to attend.

SERVICE ADVENTURE ... Is a sure way to make your graduate’s first year after high school count. This 10-month program is where young adults gain real-world experience through placements with nonprofit organizations and learn to live and grow in household community with peers and a mentor. For details, call Lauren or visit: MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure
WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE ... Encourages your regular financial support for your congregation and for WDC as we share together in God’s work in 2019. In his book A spirituality of fundraising, Henri N writes "Fundraising is a very concrete way to help the kingdom of God come about...The kingdom is where God provides for all that we need. It is the realm of sufficiency where we are no longer pulled here and there by anxiety about having enough... Even a seemingly small act of generosity can grow into something far beyond what we could ever ask or imagine." Contributions to WDC may be made online at http://mennowdc.org or sent to PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Thank you for your generosity!

LOVE CROSSES BORDERS ... A Mennonite Men immersion experience with immigrants. July 28-August 3, 2019, Mennonite Men will provide a week-long immersion experience with immigrants to engage these issues. To register or for more information, contact Steve T or visit MennoniteMen.org. Flyer and brochure in the church foyer.

RESPONDING TO CYCLONE IDAI IN MOZAMBIQUE AND MALAWI ... You can help provide emergency assistance! Cyclone Idai destroyed 90 percent of Beira, one of Mozambique’s largest cities, and has affected nearly 3 million people in its path. As the storm surged through southern Africa, bridges, roads, fields, farms and millions of homes were violently washed away. It was one of the worst tropical cyclones ever to hit the southern hemisphere. Your gift will help MCC and our partners provide emergency assistance to those in dire need. Donate: by phone at 1-888-563-4676; by mail at 21 S 12th Street, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501; or online at mcc.org/cyclone-idai. Flyer posted on bulletin board in church foyer.

BETHEL COLLEGE EVENTS:

04/01: Bethel College Jazz Ensemble II and Jazz Combos I & II; 6:00 pm; Mojo’s Coffee Bar in Schultz Student Center-Bethel College Campus

04/07: Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum: “Down to the Countryside: Perspectives on the Chinese Cultural Revolution”, a panel of Zhuojin J, Jim G and Esther K E, moderated by Raylene H-P; 3:00 pm; Kauffman Museum (in connection with the special exhibit “Campaign for a New China”)

04/07: Bethel College Women’s Chorus Spring Concert; 4:00 pm; Bethel College Mennonite Church

04/09: Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts presents the Ruth Moody Band; 7:30 pm; Memorial Hall-Bethel College Campus (ticket purchase required)

04/14: KIPCOR Film Series: This Little Light, with talkback following; 3:00 pm; Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

04/14: Bethel College Men’s Ensemble joins the Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus; 7:00 pm; Memorial Hall-Bethel College Campus

04/24: Wind Ensemble season finale concert, featuring musicians from Eisenhower High School, Goddard; 7:30 pm; Memorial Hall-Bethel College Campus

04/25: Closing reception for annual Student Art Exhibit; 6:00-8:00 pm: Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center-Bethel College Campus
04/26 & 27: Bethel College Theater presents “This Random World (The Myth of Serendipity)”, by Steven D; 7:30 pm; Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center- (ticket purchase required)

05/02: Steel Drum Band spring concert; 7:00 p.m., Memorial Hall:

05/05: Masterworks concert, Fauré's Requiem, with orchestra and Oratorio Chorus; 3:00 pm; Memorial Hall-Bethel College Campus

CAMP MENNOSCAH:

1. Men & Boys Retreat - April 5-7, 2019. It is a retreat for all ages of men and boys. Brad Roth will be our speaker for the weekend. There is no pre-registration, but lodging is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Saturday supper is the first meal provided. Questions? Contact Kevin N.

2. Retirees Retreat - “Refresh and Renew” is coming up soon, April 22-24, 2019. Attend all or part of the event. Brochures/registration forms are in the foyer and online.

3. Work and Play Day - April 27, 2019. We’ll start work projects at 8:30 am and end at 2:30 pm, just in time for you to spend the rest of the afternoon playing. A simple lunch will be served. Please register online at: campmennoscah.org or call camp to let us know you're coming! All ages invited; those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

4. Kitchen helpers needed for the weeks of June 9-15, June 23-29, and July 14-20. No great skills are needed; following directions is all that is necessary. Contact Olivia B. Parents receive a camper discount up to full camp fees! It’s going to be an amazing summer with amazing volunteers!

5. See the flyers posted on the bulletin board in the church foyer for more details.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*starting at 9:00 am*

**Children & Youth**

- Nursery/Preschool ------- Rm 207-UL
- K-4th Grade* --------------- Rm 103-LL
- Middle School* (Gr 5-8)---- Rm 105-LL
- High School (Gr 9-12) ---- Rm FYG-LL

**Adults**

- Lamp Lighters----- Rm 125-LL
- Cornerstones ------Rm 124-LL
- Open Class ----- Open Area-LL

UL = Upper Level    LL = Lower Level

*Note that K-8th Grades meet first in FIG Hall-LL for **Faith Kids Sing** before dispersing to listed classrooms at 9:15 am.*
51st Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale
April 12 & 13, 2019 ~ Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson
Info @ www.kansas.mccsale.org or Facebook @ Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

Offering hope by your giving
- Prepare donations for the General, Kid's, Quilt or Silent auctions, bake goods, plants & things, Kansas Crafts;
- Participate by volunteering—hundreds of volunteers needed & Plan to attend!

Friday:
- 4-8:30 p.m. Booths, Food & Kids' activities
- 4-8 p.m. Feeding the Multitude
- General Auction starts Friday @ 6 p.m.

Saturday:
- 7-10 a.m. Breakfast
- Booths open @ 8 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Feeding the Multitude
- Quilt & General Auction @ 8:45 a.m. until midafternoon
- 5K Run for Relief @ 8 a.m. Rice Park
- Kids' Auction @ 10 a.m.
- Surplus Auction--bid on excess--food & supplies @ 2:30 p.m. (approx.)

Authentic German/Russian/Swiss Mennonite Foods
- Kansas Crafts
- Ten Thousands Villages w/UNUSUAL gifts (Fair Trade items created by International Artisans)
- 1000 garden plants and trees
- Kids' Building with 9-hole mini-golf & Inflatables by Inflate-O-Fun, Inc.

& LOTS of neat unusual surprises

Come and See What you Can Discover
Excitement for ALL Ages
It matters

donating to the sale and
attending the sale.

Consider VOLUNTEERING at the sale. Your gift of time matters. Help is needed throughout the sale grounds...

Plants & Things, Feeding the Multitude, Ten Thousand Villages, Kansas Crafts and New Year’s Cookies.

Please speak with your church Relief Sale contact person or visit www.kansas.mccsale.org.

Consider giving a little more by joining a Relief Sale Committee....

Service Opportunities

Information Booth Volunteers: Due to some health concerns of the previous person who helped in this position we have a need for a person or persons to work the information booth in Meadowlark building either Friday and/or Saturday of the sale. This job involves handing out maps of the grounds, taking and recording any lost and found, selling MCC bucks and referring people to the sale manager for any major issues. This is an ideal job for someone who doesn’t like to be on their feet and enjoys a slower paced volunteer position but still wants to be at and help with the Sale. At this time there would be some flexibility in the hours you could work. Please contact Barb BJ Reeves 620-543-6863

Verenike Making Committee: In order for us to continue to make the verenike, 2 volunteers are urgently needed to Chair the Verenike Making Committee. Current Chair will train this year. Duties include preparation day before Making Day and leadership on Making Day. Once Verenike are loaded in truck, duties are complete and you are free on Sale days. Contact Jim Robb at 620-7470186 or jimandbeatyrobb@gmail.com

Domestic Arts Building Verenike/Sausage Booth:
Need volunteers for the Committee so a rotation of Committee members can begin. The Committee is responsible for preparing the verenike and sausage that is served in the Domestic Building. They also obtain volunteers to help in the trailer and serving the food. Contact Mark Stucky for more details at 620-714-1159 or stuckymt@gmail.com

Feeding the Multitude Saturday Sausage Cooking Chair:
Responsibilities on Saturday only include cutting and baking sausage for breakfast and lunch; obtain volunteers to help serve sausage in the lunch line and clean up trailer at the end of the day. Contact Delon Martens at 620-960-9471 or delonmartens@gmail.com
This Week 04/01/2019 to 04/07/2019

Monday
7:00 pm Faith Mission Circle (note time change)

Tuesday
7:00 pm Board of Witness & Outreach
7:00 pm Board of Worship (note time change)

Wednesday
6:00 pm Wednesday Meal
6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm Adult Study
6:30 pm Faith Adventure (Gr. K-4)
6:30 pm MS Youth Group (Gr. 5-8)
7:00 pm HS Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)
8:00 pm Adult Choir

Sunday
9:00 am Sunday School
9:00-9:15 am Faith Kids Sing
(Children’s Sunday School will follow)
10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 am Worship - Pastor Marshall Preaching
11:45 am Blood Pressure Checks

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

Attendance for March 24, 2019
Sunday School: 67  Worship: 138

My Coins Count Offering Total to Date:
$ 657.72

Board of Administration’s Contact Person:
Mike S

Board of Deacons’ Contact Person:
Harlan B

Randy Smith, Interim Lead Pastor  (620) 947-3524  transitionpastor@gmail.com
Out of Office this Week
Marshall Anderson, Associate Pastor  (260) 449-0862  Pastor.Marshall@faithmenno.org
Teresa Pickens, Administrative Assistant  Office@faithmenno.org
  Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am-12:30 & 1:00 pm-4:30 pm; Friday: Office Closed
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