Gathering Music
Welcome and Announcements
Prelude to Worship
   * O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Call to Worship

* Caroling
   * Angels We Have Heard On High  (v. 1,2,3)  HWB 197
   * The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy  HWB 202

Candle Lighting  Jerry & Carol F Family
   Story
   Matthew 22:34-40 and Lighting
   Silence

Offering
Prayer of Dedication

Sharing and Prayer  *(Please fill-in and pass the friendship sheets)*

Children’s Story & Choir

Scripture Reading
Sermon
   * Leaping For Joy

* Song
   * Away In A Manger  HWB 194

* Blessing
* Musical Benediction
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.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preacher.................................Marshall A  Slides ..................................................Kathy S
Worship Leader.........................Jennifer H  Sound .................................................John H
Song Leader..............................Tom G  Sanctuary Prep ...............................Advent
Accompanist .........................Tammy P  Decorating Team
Children’s Time .......................Alice J  Ushers........................................Team A (Richard S)
Special Music .....................Children’s Choir

Welcome

Welcome to Faith Mennonite Church. We are glad you are here.

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 Time. Guests, please feel free to include your contact information. To join our all-church email list, place your email address next to your name.

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.

CHILDCARE

For children ages three (3) and under during worship

• 12/23: Jody H & Pam S
• 12/30: Margo G & Deb S

GREETERS

Front Door
• 12/23: Becky A
• 12/30: Becky A

Back Door by Kitchen
• 12/23: Harlan B
• 12/30: Harlan B

SUNDAY AT FAITH CHURCH

THE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS THEME this year is Traveling the Free Way. We will be mixing traditional and contemporary forms of worship. Let the Board of Worship know your impressions of how well God is worshiped during this season at Faith Mennonite.
CHILDREN’S TIME will include collecting school kit supplies from the congregation. School kits are provided to children around the world so they can receive an education. Plan your shopping accordingly.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Each Kit Contains</th>
<th>Received to Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>4 spiral or perforated notebooks (70 pages)</td>
<td>164</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 ruler (30 cm)</td>
<td>45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8 unsharpened pencils</td>
<td>906</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 ballpoint pens (blue or black)</td>
<td>156</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12 colored pencils (packaged)</td>
<td>49</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 large eraser</td>
<td>110</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 all metal pencil sharpener</td>
<td>87</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

WOW! Such a strong response from the congregation! We will continue collecting until January 6, 2019, when we will bless the supplies. Thanks all! ~ Pastor Randy

NEXT SUNDAY AT FAITH:
Theme – Live Peace: Freed from Fear
Candle Lighting – Isaiah 11

PREACHING SCHEDULE AT FAITH:
12/23/18: Pastor Marshall
12/24/18: Pastor Randy (Christmas Eve Service)
12/30/18: Pastor Randy
01/06/19: Pastor Marshall
01/13-02/24/19: Pastor Randy

FAITH CHURCH FAMILY NEWS
THANK YOU ... For your generous participation in the 2018 Angel Tree Project! ~ Board of Witness & Outreach
PASTOR RANDY ... Will be taking time off December 17-22, 2018, and December 31, 2018-January 7, 2019. He may be contacted for urgent pastoral matters.

TERESA ... Will be taking time off December 23-30, 2018, and from noon on December 31, 2018-January 1, 2019. The church office will be closed December 24, 25, 28 and the afternoon of December 31, 2018, as well as New Year's Day, January 1, 2019. Janet E has graciously agreed to staff the office on December 26-27, 2018.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE ... Will be a service of carols, scriptures, and candle lighting for all ages. The children will help tell the Christmas story from Luke in costume. Board of Christian Education will provide and help the children with their costumes. Children should arrive about 20 minutes early to get in their costumes. The service begins at 6:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OFFERING ... This year will be split evenly between SafeHope and EmberHope. SafeHope is a local non-profit that provides shelter, advocacy, and outreach services for domestic violence and sexual assault victims. EmberHope, formerly Youthville, is a local non-profit, faith-based agency that provides residential programs, advocacy, and emergency shelter for at-risk children. If you are not able to attend the service but still want to contribute, please make sure to write “Christmas Eve Offering” on the memo line of your check. To be included, all checks must be received by Monday, December 24, 2018.

YEAR-END REQUESTS ... From the Church Treasurer:

1.) All outstanding bills and requests for reimbursements should have been turned into the church office by the 16th of December, so that payments could be made before the end of the year from this year’s budget. If you have not already done so, please do so today.

2.) Due to the way the holidays fall this month, I am requesting that all contributions for the end of 2018 be in the church office by Sunday, December 30th. A final deposit will be made on December 31st at noon.

3.) I am also requesting that, if the church has written you a check, please cash it by December 31st. This will eliminate outstanding checks carried over into the New Year.

Thank you for your help by responding to these requests.  ~ Jo K, Treasurer

FAITH SENIOR FASPA ... Will meet on December 30, 2018, at 5:00 pm, for a time of fellowship and of course food! If you are available on the 30th, come on out and join us! As always, bring food to share, your table service, and games.

FAITH MISSION CIRCLE ... Will meet Monday, January 7, 2019, in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be by Sylvia K - "My Story". The offering is for Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service and the project will be items for MCC Kits which are as follows: dark colored bath and hand towels, infant onesies size 3-12 months, infant sleepers size 3-12 months, sanitary napkins, (thin pad, 28 pads, can be in 2 pkgs), spools of black and white thread (all purpose, cotton or polyester, minimum 250 yards) for sewing kits. Everyone is welcome to join us.
COMBINED ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ... About Gift Discernment begins January 13, 2019, and will continue through February 3, 2019. The class will be led by Pastor Randy.

START PLANNING NOW ... For youth summer camps at Camp Mennoscah! The 2019 calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the church foyer. Rates have increased for 2019 so we want to be sure to not miss the early-bird discount registration date of March 1, 2019. We will post the registration forms as soon as camp makes them available for 2019.

May your Christmas be blessed with the love of God, family, and friends.

Merry Christmas from the staff at Faith Church:
Pastor Randy,
Pastor Marshall
Teresa

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:
Western District Conference ... 
Give thanks for the gift of God's Word-made-flesh in Jesus, and for the many ways in which WDC congregations make God's love tangible in our world today.

BEYOND FAITH CHURCH

THIS CHRISTMAS ... Consider giving alternative gifts through Mennonite Central Committee! With 25 ways to give, you can find something for everyone in your family! Give chickens, provide hope, education, tools and new skills to help build up communities. These are gifts that easily fit under the tree and can fit within any budget, but have the power to bring joy for years to come! Visit mcc.org/christmas or call our office for details, (316) 283-2720.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS! ... The Western District Conference Resource Library (2517 N Main, North Newton, KS). is decked out in its Christmas finery. Come take a look and go home with a good book! (or DVD). There are stories for all ages, pictures to color, giant Advent posters, and scratch off ornaments to make. We will mail books and other Christmas fun to you! Just let us know, crlib@mennowdc.org. We're open 8:00 am-5:00 pm all week! (Closed December 24-January 1.)
CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS ... To help in Eureka, KS on the Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) tornado rebuilding projects -- roofing and completing exterior repairs. Tools and lunch will be provided. Work times are 8:00 am-4:00 pm on the following days: December 28 and 29, 2018, and January 4 and 5, 2019. Please contact Jordan M for more details and to arrange transportation from the Newton area.

WINTER WONDERLAND WORSHIP ... On December 28, 2018, 3:00-6:00pm! Join us for songs from evening worship at summer youth camps (praise and worship songs) at Camp Mennoscah in the Dining Hall. Enjoy classic "Sunday" camp sandwiches, hot chocolate, time by the campfire/fireplace, and the warmth that comes from being surrounded by friends at camp! Also, TP the Christmas tree! We'll metaphorically TP our Christmas Tree with your donations of toilet paper or paper towels. Cash or checks for 4-square/gaga balls are welcome, too. RSVP by December 26, 2018, so we know how many sandwiches to fix—and tell us about any food allergies!

“FIVE TIMES HARDER” ... Will perform a holiday concert at First Mennonite Church (Hillsboro, KS) on December 30, 2018, at 4:00 pm. They will perform a variety of Christmas music in styles ranging from classical to bluegrass to folk. Free admission. Tom H is pastor at First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, KS, and Lois H is Bridge Pastor at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel, KS.

MANAGING DIFFERENCES WITHIN FAITH COMMUNITIES ... Is offered January 3-4, 2019, by the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel College. Registration is now open at www.kipcor.org (Managing Differences within Faith Communities link). Scholarships and discounts are available, please contact your church office for details. Flyer posted on bulletin board in church foyer.

KAUFFMAN MUSEUM'S ... First-Saturday bird walk is Saturday, January 5, 2019. Meet in the museum parking lot at 8:30 am. Experienced birders will lead a walk of 1.0-1.5 miles in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail in North Newton. Please be aware the trail is mostly unpaved/wood-chip with some hilly/steep spots.

RACHEL P ... Presents “Remembering Ethel Ewert Abrahams, Collector and Artist,” a Sunday-Afternoon at the Museum program, January 6, 2019, 3:00 pm, at the Kauffman Museum (North Newton, KS). Rachel will talk about Abrahams’ unusual collection of tobacco fabric novelties, which she believes to be the largest in the United States, and which is now on display as the museum’s special exhibit.

JOIN OFFENDER/VICTIM MINISTRIES (OVM) ... For our annual “Reaching Out Letter Writing” Events! Thursday, January 10, 2019, 7:00-9:00 pm, at MCC Central States (121 E 30th St, North Newton) and Monday, January 21, 2019, 1:00-5:00 pm, at OVM (900 N Poplar, Newton). Letters and cards will be delivered to individuals incarcerated at Hutchinson Correctional Facility on February 14, 2019. If you are interested in “Reaching Out Letter Writing” materials for your church or small group, contact Ben at OVM to arrange for delivery.
OFFENDER/VICTIM MINISTRIES (OVM) ... Presents “The Prison Theater Project”, a collaboration between Bethel College and Hutchinson Correctional Facility (HCF), on Friday, January 25, 2019, 7:00 pm at HCF East Unit (400 S Halstead Rd, Hutchinson). RSVP to Ben at OVM by Friday, January 11, 2019, to attend. Preceding this event at 5:00 pm, all are welcome to join us for OVM’s Annual Meeting at St. Teresa Church (211 E 5th, Hutchinson). Soup supper provided.

KNOW JESUS 2019! Join us on February 9-10, 2019, for “Know Jesus” at Hesston College. “Know Jesus” is an event to help our 6th-8th Grade Youth learn about their rich Anabaptist heritage and to promote growth in their relationship with Christ now. Early registration is open to January 26, 2019. You may find all the details and registration information at http://mennowdc.org/know-jesus-2019/ or see registration information on the table in your church foyer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Classes For All Ages -- 9:00 am

Winter: Dec 2, 2018-Jan 6, 2019

Children & Youth
Nursery/Preschool............................................Rm 207-UL
    “Journeys with Jesus”
    Teacher: Brenda M

K-4th Grade ..................................................Rm 103-LL
    “Journeys with Jesus”
    Teachers: Leslie H & Stephanie T

Middle School (Gr 5-8) .........................Rm 105-LL
    “Journeys with Jesus”
    Teachers: Jon H & Tammy P

High School (Gr 9-12).................................Rm FYG-LL
    “Journeys with Jesus”
    Teachers: Marshall A, Mike D, Oris S

Adults
Lamp Lighters .............................................Rm 125-LL
    “Missional Essentials”
    Teacher: Shari S

Cornerstones.............................................Rm 124-LL
    “Our Love for God”
    Teachers: Class Members

Open Class ..............................................Open Area-LL
    “Journeys with Jesus”
    Teachers: Class Members

UL =Upper Level........................................LL = Lower Level
This Week  (12/24/2018 to 01/01/2019)

Monday (12/24)
Church Office Closed
Faith’s Wk @ New Hope Shelter
6:00 pm  Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday (12/25)
Church Office Closed
Merry Christmas!
Faith’s Wk @ New Hope Shelter

Wednesday (12/26)
8:00 am-5:00 pm  Facility Reserved (M/KJ)
NO Handbell Choir Rehearsal
NO HS Youth Group
NO Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday (12/28)
8:00 am-5:00 pm  Facility Reserved (M/JS)

Sunday (12/30)
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
5:00 pm  Senior Faspa

Monday (12/31/2018)
Church Office Closes at NOON
New Year’s Eve

Tuesday (01/01/2019)
Church Office Closed
Happy New Year!

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

Attendance for December 16, 2018
Sunday School: 73  Worship: 164

Board of Administration’s Contact Person For December:
Mike S

Board of Deacons’ Contact Person For December:
Janet E

2100 N Anderson Ave
Newton, KS 67114
(316) 283-6370
www.faithmenno.org