TRAVELING THE FREE WAY
Live Peace – Freed from Fear
Christmas Sunday

December 30, 2018 10:30 am

Gathering Music Marshall A Family
Welcome and Announcements Tammy P
Prelude to Worship

Spoken Call to Worship II Corinthians 5:17-19; 6:2
If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come.

The old is gone. The new is here.
All this is from God who reconciled us to himself through Christ
and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.
In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself,
not counting our sins against us.

And God has committed to us this ministry of reconciliation.
God tells us,
“In the time of my favor, I heard you;
In the day of salvation, I helped you.”

Now is the time of God’s favor.
Now is the day of salvation.

Caroling
Angels We Have Heard On High HWB 197
It Came Upon A Midnight Clear (v. 1,3,5) HWB 195

Prayer
Lighting the Christ Candle Sara R
A Story Of Peace
Isaiah 11:1-9 and Lighting
Silence

O Come All Ye Faithful (v. 1 - On Screen)
O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant,
O come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem.
Come and be-hold him, born the king of an-gels.
O come, let us a-dore him, O come let us a-dore him,
O come let us a-dore him, Christ the Lord.
Offering & Offertory  
_Peace on Earth_  (By U2)  
Tom G
Prayer of Dedication

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

Children’s Time

Sermon  
_Insignificance*
Prayer

Sending Song  
_Joy To The World*

Spoken Benediction

Musical Benediction  
_Tammy P_

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_HWB = Blue Song Book  STJ = Green Song Book  STS = Purple Song Book_
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**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Preacher.......................................... _Randy S_
Worship Leader .............................. _Marshall A_
Song Leader .................................... _Tom G_
Accompanist................................... _Tammy P_
Children’s Time.............................. _Marshall A_
Special Music............................... _Marshall A Family  Tom G_  
Slides........................................... _Gary G_
Sound.......................................... _John H_
Sanctuary Prep.............................. _Advent Decorating Team_
Ushers................................. _Team B (Andrew P)_

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**CHILDCARE**

_For children ages three (3) and under during worship_

• 12/30:  Margo G & Deb S
• 01/06:  Oris & Kathy S

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**GREETERS**

**Front Door**
• 12/30:  Becky A
• 01/06:  Sara R

**Back Door by Kitchen**
• 12/30:  Harlan B
• 01/06:  Galen R
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.

SUNDAY AT FAITH CHURCH

TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY the children are collecting school kit supplies from the congregation. School kits are provided to children around the world so they can receive an education. We will dedicate the supplies next Sunday. Looks like our greatest need is for rulers, erasers, colored pencils, and all-metal pencil sharpeners.

NEXY SUNDAY concludes the season of Advent and Christmas with Epiphany Sunday. This year’s theme has been Traveling the Free Way, reminding us that in the way of Christ God provides us with the way to live free, and the way of freedom for all humanity.

NEXT SUNDAY we will celebrate communion as we mark Epiphany Sunday and the beginning of the new year.

NEXT SUNDAY

Theme – Share Good News – Freed from Exclusion
Candle Lighting – Isaiah 60
Sermon – Matthew 2:1-12

PREACHING SCHEDULE AT FAITH:
12/30/18: Pastor Randy
01/06/19: Pastor Marshall
01/13-02/24/19: Pastor Randy
WHAT IF ... We started with people and their interests - their callings, their gifting – rather than starting with the organizational structure and the slots to be filled? What if we expected the organizational structure to be flexible and adaptable to the people and their gifting, rather than the other way around? I know of no better single way to revitalize the ministries of a church than by adopting a gifts discernment process. Interested in learning more? Be part of the four session Bible study and seminar during the Sunday school hour in the fellowship hall January 13 through February 3. Come to learn and consider if this has a future in Faith Mennonite Church. ~ Pastor Randy

FAITH CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

PASTOR RANDY ... Will be taking time off December 31, 2018-January 7, 2019. He may be contacted for urgent pastoral care matters.

THE CHURCH OFFICE ... Will be closed at noon on December 31, 2018, through New Year’s Day, January 1, 2019.

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

1.) If you have not already done so, today (12/30/18) is your final day to submit any outstanding bills and requests for reimbursements in 2018.

2.) Today (12/30/18) is the final day to make year-end contributions for 2018. 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 today, 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.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS ... Nurses will be in the Health Wellness Room immediately following worship next Sunday, January 6, 2019, to check blood pressures. Please stop by to have yours checked.

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.

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.
BEYOND FAITH CHURCH

“FIVE TIMES HARDER” ... Will perform a holiday concert at First Mennonite Church (Hillsboro, KS) today (12/30/18), 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.kipcorg.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.
Make Medicare an easy step  
Everence can give you a hand

Attend our informational workshop  
Monday, Jan. 14 – 6:30 p.m.

Topics will include:

- Signing up for Medicare: how, when and where.
- What Medicare covers (and does not cover).
- Medicare Parts A, B, C and D, in clear, understandable language.
- Budgeting for health care costs in retirement.


Location: Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Refreshments will be served.

Space is limited. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

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Gifts Discernment Class

Begins January 13, 2019
9:00 am

Church Fellowship Hall

With Pastor Randy
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Tuesday (01/01/19)

- Church Office Closed
- **Happy New Year!**

### 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
- 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 December 23, 2018

- Sunday School: 63
- Worship: 151

### Board of Administration’s Contact Person For December:

**Mike S**

### Board of Deacons’ Contact Person For December:

**Janet E**

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