



Mennonite Church
January 8, 2012 10:30 a.m.

Gathering for Praise

- *Songs *Christ is our cornerstone* HWB 43
Music for Meditation Clara Kerekes
Words of Welcome & Prayer Rosie Brandt
*Passing the Peace
*"May the peace of Christ be with you."
"And also with you."*
*Song *New earth, heavens new* HWB 299

Hearing the Word

- Scripture Reading Mark 1:1-11
Sermon *"Life-Change"* Gordon Smith

Sharing our Response

- *Song *Christ be near at either hand* STJ 80
Missional Moment Allison Schrag
Sharing our Resources
Offertory Clara Kerekes
Prayer of Dedication
Sharing Community Life Gordon Smith
Prayer of the People

Going with Peace

- *Song *God is working his purpose out* HWB 638
*Words of Blessing
*Response Clara Kerekes

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

Worship Leader: *Rosie Brandt* **Pianist:** *Clara Kerekes*
Songleader: *Marlene Habegger* **Sound Tech:** *Allen Jantz*
Sanctuary Prep: *Jane Schmidt*

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.

PEACE LAMP

The prayer lamp at the front of the sanctuary is a reminder for us to pray for peace. May the burning of this lamp, and the prayers of our hearts, be pleasing to God as God calls us to be people of light, of hope, of resurrection. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

CHILDCARE

Jody & Leslie Hadley will provide care today during worship for children 3 and under. Next week Chris Graber & Pam Schmidt will be responsible.

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE for Jan. 1, 2012

Faith Mission Plan (FMP)	\$3,366.00
Fellowship Fund	\$125.00
Building Fund	\$386.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$3,877.00

Attendance: Sunday School (optional) 25; Worship 136

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS

Sign up for the meal on the friendship sheet. The menu is Sloppy Joes, Chips, Applesauce & Dessert. \$2 per person, \$5 per family. See signup sheet in foyer to help with setup, desserts, and cleanup.

Please remember to bring your own table service to help keep costs down, and help preserve the environment.

FAITH CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ON THE WAY WITH JESUS

Over the next several weeks in worship at Faith, the biblical story takes us to the beginning of Jesus' ministry as retold in the Gospel of Mark. Today, our focus is on the baptism of Jesus. Do you remember when you were baptized? What did it mean to you? What was the commitment you made? Where did it happen? Who was there to witness this special moment in your spiritual journey? Next Sunday: The temptation of Jesus; see Mark 1:12-13.

THIS WEEK

Monday

7:00 p.m. Mission Circle

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. Bd of Fellowship

7:00 p.m. Bd of Deacons

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir

6:00 p.m. Meal

6:30 p.m. Kids Sing

7:00 p.m. Adult Study

7:00 p.m. Faith Kids

7:00 p.m. Jr & Sr High School Youth Group

7:00 p.m. Prayer Group

Thursday

6:30 p.m. Bd of Christian Education

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:45 a.m. Carry-in Meal

12:45 p.m. Special Congregational Meeting

OVM GIFT CARDS

Dillons gift cards with four percent going to Offender Victim Ministries will be available this Sunday morning and Monday evening at Mission Circle. Gift cards are a great way to budget for groceries, prescriptions, and gasoline. And they are easy to use. Try them in \$100, \$200, or \$300 cards.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Start the New Year off by getting your blood pressure checked in the Health Wellness Room across from the Nursery after church this morning. RNs will be available to do the checking.

MISSION CIRCLE

Please join us for Mission Circle this Monday at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall! The program will be "My Ministry in Song!" a musical presentation by Jason Jones. The project will be Women's Shelter items, and the offering will go towards WDC Women in Mission.

CALENDAR REMINDER

Annual Congregational Meeting on January 29, 2012 following the youth fundraiser meal.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Pray for **Norma & Wendell Wiens**. Norma is in Kidron Bethel Healthcare.

Michelle & Dan Ackland were moved to Michigan last Friday. On Thur. morning, Jan 5, the triplets were born! Caden Allen, 2 lbs 12 oz, 15 inches; Tarson J, 2 lbs 9 oz, length?; Laken Janelle, 1 lb 5 oz, 11 3/4 inches. Their address is: Ackland Triplets, Mott Children's Hospital, 8 West Brandon, 1540 East Hospital Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. Additional updates can be found on their blog at www.acklandtriplets.blogspot.com

Western District Conference:

Pray for Goessel Mennonite Church, as they bid farewell to Pastor Mike Hiebert. Pray for the Search Committee as they seek a new pastor for the church.

Mennonite Mission Network:

Scott Litwiller of MMN began serving with the Colombia Mennonite Church in the Caribbean Coast area last month. Pray for Scott and the young adult leaders he helps to train for active ministries in beginning new churches and responding to needs around them.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a special congregational meeting on January 15 after the carry-in meal. The purpose will be to share and discuss some of the items which may need action at the annual meeting on January 29. Items for conversation are the budget as it compares to the projected income for 2012, a policy for special funds and designated giving, and ideas for funding major projects. There may also be further information from the Board of Worship and the organ committee. While no decisions will be made at this meeting, it is an important time to share and to listen to the collective wisdom of our church community.

Jim Stucky, Moderator

High School Youth

Jan 11, 7:00 p.m. - Game Night @ the Church

WEDNESDAY ADULT STUDY

What does it really take to win at the game of life? *When the Game Is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box* is a six-session DVD series that focuses on living with an eternal perspective. Join us for lively discussion, questions for personal reflection, group activities, and more.

BEYOND FAITH CHURCH

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE



Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service will be having their annual meeting on January 15 at 2:30 p.m. at First Mennonite Church in Halstead. Alvin Kroeker, Region III Director, will be the speaker.

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Save the date! Our WDC Annual Assembly will be held July 6-8, 2012 at the Magnuson Hotel & Meridian Convention Center in Oklahoma City, OK.

BETHEL COLLEGE



- Monday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium - Bethel College Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, with featured speaker Caleb Lazaro, pastor of El Centro Church, Colorado Springs, Colo., along with music, art and poetry reading; free with freewill offering taken; call 316-284-5356 for more information
- Thursday, Jan. 19, 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium - a cabaret featuring Bethel students Julia Miller, Jordan Ortman, Renee Reimer, Aaron Tschetter, Austin Unruh, Michelle Unruh, Cameron Voth and Allison Yoder, playing and singing Pasek & Paul, Jason Robert Brown, Kooman & Dimond, Jonathan Reid Gealt; free with donations accepted

HESSTON COLLEGE

Hesston College will honor the life and service of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a week of events Jan. 15 -20 (Go to www.hesston.edu for complete information). A free concert by African-Americans Renewing Interest in Spirituals Ensemble (ARISE) of Wichita, Kan. will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15 in the community center of Hesston Mennonite Church with a reception to follow.

PRAYER REQUEST

Please continue praying for Eli Horn (Alex's 8 year old friend from Des Moines, IA), as he had a bone marrow transplant on Friday. Please ask God to keep all infections away and that the new bone marrow will graft in well.

Thank you, Janet Young

HOW WILL YOU BRING LIGHT TO OUR COMMUNITY?



"If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." Isaiah 58:10. If you would

like to understand more about the causes and possible solutions for poverty...if you are interested in making a difference in someone's life by becoming an Ally to a person in low resources...if you are ready to become more engaged in a community-scale dialogue about addressing poverty...or if you are a pastor, social worker or otherwise in a position to refer persons of low resources to Circles of Hope, contact us at 316-284-0000 or email us at info@peaceconnections.org to sign up for the next Circles of Hope Ally training in January.



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