



# Mennonite Church

February 4, 2018

10:30 am

## The Beginning of the Good News

Music for Meditation *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

*Sanctuary*

John Thomas & Randy Scruggs

Welcome & Call to Worship

Prayer

\* Songs

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

HWB 121

*Firstborn of Mary* (sing 4x)

STS 37

## Of Jesus Christ

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Trust and Obey/'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

*(My Coins Count Collection)*

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 the Lord's Prayer

Solo

*Amazing Grace*

arr. Jay Althouse

Children's Time

## The Son of God

Scripture Reading Mark 4:1-20

Sermon Given the Secret

\* Song

*As Rain from the Clouds*

STJ 40

Reading	<i>A Sower Went Out to Sow</i>	
* Song	<i>You are Salt for the Earth</i>	HWB 226
* Blessing		
* Musical Benediction	<i>Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus</i>	

\*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: *Deb S*  
 Song Leader: *Marlene H*  
 Accompanist: *Naomi W*  
 Special Music: *Ronni H, Lisa S*  
 Children's Time: *Alejandra M*

Scripture Reader: *Junia S*  
 Sanctuary Prep: *Carmen S*  
 Slides: *Harold W*  
 Sound: *Jesús M, Jr*  
 Ushers: *Team C (Chuck S)*

### 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

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.

#### CHILDCARE

*For children ages three (3)  
 and under during worship*

- 02/04: Jody & Leslie H
- 02/11: Pam S & Naomi W
- 02/18: Margo G & Deb S
- 02/25: Oris & Kathy S

#### GREETERS

##### Front Door

- 02/04: Gyles G Family
- 02/11: Alice Jantzen
- 02/18: Gyles G Family

##### Back Door by Kitchen

- 02/04: Gyles G Family
- 02/11: Mark Jantzen
- 02/18: Gyles G Family

## **FAITH CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

**SUPER BOWL PARTY & GAME NIGHT** ... Hosted by the Board of Fellowship will be today (02/04/18), at 5:00 pm. Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship! See the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer for more details.

**MY COMMITMENT TO FAITH CHURCH** ... Are due back today (02/04/18). Extra forms are beside the return box in the foyer. If you prefer, you may complete the same survey online at <https://tinyurl.com/Faith2018>.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL** ... For 02/07/18 is meat and potato casserole, waldorf salad, and dessert. Make your reservation on the friendship sheet today (02/04/17). If you can help with bringing a dessert or with cleanup, please sign up on the clipboard in the foyer. Please remember to bring your table service and a \$2.00 per person donation.

**FAITH MISSION CIRCLE** ... Will meet at the MCC Center on tomorrow, February 5, 2018, at 6:30 pm. This will be a soup supper followed by a business meeting and work night. Bring your own table service. Please bring a can of soup to the church by today (02/04/18) and place it in the mission circle basket in the foyer. The project items most needed for MCC Kits are as follows: Returning Citizens Kits: lotion (13 oz. or larger), Shampoo (12 oz. or larger), infant sleepers (size 3-9 months), good quality toothbrushes, or dark colored hand towels.

### **LIBRARY NEWS FEBRUARY 2018**

We have had three books donated to us:

Two fiction – **JUST BEYOND THE CLOUDS**- by Karen Kingsbury. Still aching over his wife's death, Cody can't bear the thought of also letting go of his Down Syndrome brother. When the brother's teacher begins championing his independence, she finds herself at odds with Cody.

**WHENCE CAME A PRINCE** – by Liz Curtis Higgs. Haunted by a shameful past and wrestling with an uncertain future, Jamie vows to return to his ancestral home and claim his inheritance. Two women travel with him each with a claim to his affections.

One on religion and politics, appropriate for this day and age – **ON GOD'S SIDE** by Jim Wallis. What religion forgets and politics has not learned about serving the common good.

We are **MISSING A BOOK** –by TD Jakes called **THE LADY, HER LOVER AND HER LORD**. If you have this book lying around or you know where it might be, would you please return them to the library?

As you may have noticed, we have a new Library Shelf (made by Mike S, thanks Mike!). We will use this to highlight various seasons, what is being studied at the time, different age groups, etc. Feel free to check out any of the books that are on that shelf.

## **IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:**

### **Western District Conference ...**

Give thanks for the energy and participation of members from congregations across WDC at the recent kick-off event for WDC's Year of Evangelism.

## **BEYOND FAITH CHURCH**

**FINE ARTS COLLABORATION ...** A multi-media presentation by Stacey R (photography), Julia P-Z (writing) and Jenny R (piano), is today (02/04/18), at 3:00 pm, in the Administration Building Chapel - Bethel College Campus.

**EVERENCE ...** will hold a retirement workshop on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at 6:30 pm. "Social Security and Retirement Income Planning", will cover when to begin taking Social Security, risks that can impact your savings, and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. Presented by Everence staff and held at the Everence office (3179 N Main St, North Newton). To reserve your spot, contact Michelle R.

**THE BETHEL COLLEGE INTERTERM CLASS ...** Prison Theater Project presents *Inside Story*, the on-campus version of the collaboration with inmates at Hutchinson Correctional Facility on Thursday and Friday, February 8 and 9, 2018, at 7:30 pm, in the Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center - Bethel College Campus.

**THE BETHEL COLLEGE ALUMNI CHOIR ...** Is looking for more singers interested in getting together for music, fun, and fellowship. The next concert will be Sunday, February 11, 2018, at 3:00 pm, at Trinity Heights United Methodist Church in Newton. There will be one rehearsal on Saturday, February 10, 2018, 10:00 am-3:00 pm, with lunch provided. If you are a Bethel choir alumnus and want to be involved, please contact Andrew V or check out the Bethel College Alumni Choir page on Facebook for more information.

**THE SIXTH CONCERT ...** Of the 2017-18 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring Freddy & Francine, will be on Sunday, February 11, 2018, at 4:00 pm, at the Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount. Purchase tickets online or call (620) 327-8127 to reserve your seats.

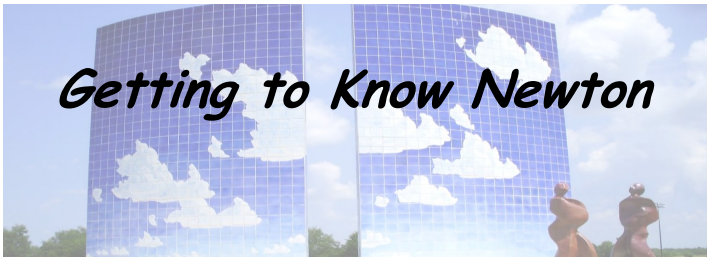
**"MOVED BY THE SPIRIT" ORGAN RECITAL ...** with Rosi P K features works by Pietro Yon, Frank Bridge, Johann Praetorius, J.S. Bach, Gardner Read (with Mitch K, trombone), and Frank F, is Sunday, February 11, 2018, at 4:00 pm, in the Administration Building Chapel - Bethel College Campus.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED ...** To join the board and staff of Mennonite Central Committee Central States for our annual meeting on Friday, February 23, 2018, at 10:30 am, at the MCC Center (121 E 30th, North Newton).

**HYMN SING AND DESSERT AUCTION** ... For "Creation, Craftiness, and Cooling Off"! Camp Mennoscah invites everyone to join us from 4:00-6:00 pm, Sunday, February 25, 2018, at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston. We will sing our favorite hymns, bid on delectable desserts, and hear about how, with your help, camp provides afternoon activities for campers to stay cool, be crafty, and learn about God's creation. Funds raised will go toward the Camp Mennoscah general fund. Flyer posted on bulletin board in foyer.

**STALEY LECTURES** ... With Malinda E B, a professor of theology and ethics at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, on "Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence", Sunday, February 25, 2018, 7:00 pm, and Monday, February 26, 2018, 11:00 am, Krehbiel Auditorium - Bethel College Campus.

**Join us for  
Intergenerational Wednesday Evenings**



***Getting to Know Newton***

**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

**Join  
Us!!**

***This Week*** (02/05/2018 to 02/11/2018)

Monday

6:00 pm Zumba  
6:30 pm Faith Mission Circle @ MCC  
Resource Center (*Work  
Night & Soup Supper*)

Tuesday

7:00 pm Board of Witness & Outreach

Wednesday

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

Saturday

7:00 pm Popcorn in The Pit

Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship  
10:30 am Worship  
~ *Mark 5:1-20*

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

***Attendance for January 28, 2018:***

Sunday School: 90  
Worship: 150

***My Coins Count 2018:***

1/28 Offering: \$ 89.25  
Total To Date: \$330.26

***Board of Administration's Contact Persons For February:***

*John H*

***Board of Deacons' Contact Person For February:***

*Gary G*



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