



Mennonite Church

March 10, 2019

10:30 am

BLESSED HUNGER
From Distraction to Devotion
Lent 1

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

Lisa S

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

God's Blessing, Our Hunger

Great is Thy Faithfulness

HWB 327

Prayer

Steal Away, Swing Low

Handbell Choir

*** Please see the Director's note about this song.*

Psalm 91:1-2, 14-16

Jesus, Rock of Ages

HWB 515

The Shadow of the Cross

Luke 4:24-30

Extinguishing the Candle

Silence and Confession

The Good News of God

Romans 10:8-13

Broken Bread

Become to us the Living Bread

HWB 475

Praying our Praises and Cares

Offering & Offertory

Lisa S

(Please fill-in and pass the friendship sheets)

From Distraction to Devotion

Children's Story

Scripture Lesson

Luke 4:1-15

Sermon

First Things First

Responding with Devotion

Communion

Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

Benediction

STS 36

Romans 10:8-13

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.....*Janet E*
 Accompanists..... *Lisa S*
 Children’s Story..... *Shari S*

Special Music.....*Handbell Choir*
 Slides..... *Gary G*
 Sound.....*Allan J*
 Sanctuary Prep.....*Lent Decorating Team*
 Ushers..... *Team C (Chuck S)*

CHILDCARE

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

- 03/10: Vicki H
& Joni J
- 03/17: Mark J
& Pam S

GREETERS

Front Door

- 03/10: Verda D
- 03/17: Paul L

Back Door by Kitchen

- 03/10: Joyce G
- 03/17: Loren R

**** Steal Away, Swing Low**

It is difficult to imagine a time when persons (slaves) were closed in, and held captive by other persons (their owners). To the person in slavery the prayer was always to escape injustice, suffering and death. The Underground Railroad, was a term used to describe a network of secret routes and hiding places for slaves to sing, unlawfully learn to read, or hope to escape to freedom. Imagine trying to keep children quiet while hiding in barns, in caves, under church floors, and traveling at night along a route with stations 10 to 12 miles apart.

Words in their songs had double meanings or hidden codes to the slaves: “STEAL AWAY”-- (1) to break away quietly to sing, pray or escape to freedom; or (2) dying or going to heaven. ”I AINT GOT LONG TO STAY HERE”-- (1) movement from place to place; or (2) actual life after death. “COMING FOR TO CARRY ME HOME” -- (1)physical freedom to Canada or Northern states; or (2) to heaven. “SWEET CHARIOT” could signal their need to be ready to move quickly.

What this piece means to me and why I chose to share with you: The kind of music --the softness of the melody, the non-demanding listening, lures me into slipping away to, or stealing away to quiet, peace, away from all disturbances and pressures, a space be it sacred or private, with God or just with me, to think, relax, ponder, enjoy--escape. A welcoming “My time” that no one can take away. Come join me for a moment, in your own way.

Nola S, Handbell Choir Director

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 Offertory and Offering 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 BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT ... 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 needs are the pathway through which God brings blessing and provision.

PREACHING SCHEDULE ... For Lent will be Pastor Randy on 3/10, 3/24, 4/14, and Pastor Marshall on 3/17, 3/31, 4/7.

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE ... Each Sunday will follow a Scripture reading foreshadowing the Cross. This is followed by a time of silent reflection and confession. The provision of bread 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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

Lectionary Scriptures – Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;
Philippians 3: 17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

Sermon Scripture – Luke 7:36-50

FAITH CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

PASTOR RANDY ... Will be taking this week off while he and Ann spend time with their son's family visiting from Birmingham.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ... There will be ***no*** meal or classes this Wednesday due to school spring break. Handbell Choir and Adult Choir will still meet at their normal times.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED ... To the Western District Women in Mission (WDWM) Spring Supper Thursday, March 21, 2019, at First Mennonite Church-McPherson (1161 E A Ave), at 6:00 pm. The speaker will be Sheryl W Executive Director of Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR). **RSVP by March 14, 2019**, by emailing westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com or calling Marlene V. F. **You may also contact Kathryn P to register and to coordinate rides** *Flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.*

SENIOR FASPA ... Save the date for Sunday, March 31, 2019, 5:00-8:00 pm. Watch the bulletin for more details.

SECRET PRAYER PARTNERS, MARCH 6-APRIL 21, 2019 ... Let's try something new this year for Lent. If you would like to be a secret prayer partner, please put your name in the basket in the foyer today, and next week, draw a name to pray for until Easter. After Easter you may let the person you have been praying for know who their secret prayer partner has been. Papers for your name are in the Friendship booklets. Gathering names Feb. 24-March 6; draw a name March 3-13; pray through Lent! ~ *Lindsay A, Kathy G, Wilma L, Kathy S, Arlys S*

REGISTRATIONS DUE ON MARCH 19, 2019 ... For MennoCon19 on July 2, 2019, in Kansas City. You do not want to miss it! Registration is now open. High School Youth, especially, should make plans to attend. Please let Pastor Marshall or Teresa in the church office know if you are planning to attend.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

We Hold In Prayer...

- Gary G - Recovering from a broken leg
- Rosella R - Recovering in rehab
- Jo S - Recovering from surgery in rehab
- Junia S - Recent pacemaker placement
- Howard W - Continues to have health struggles

Western District Conference ...

Pray for WDC congregations experiencing pastoral transition, as they determine next steps in congregational discernment and pastoral search processes.

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/>

QUILTERS' CORNER OPPORTUNITIES ... Volunteers are welcome and needed each Tuesday evening 7:00-9:00 pm at the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Center in North Newton to help sort and price items for the Sale as well as each third Saturday of the month (Mar 15) any time between 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Quilting donations are also welcome and needed i.e. quilting fabrics, quilting supplies, vintage linens, unfinished quilting projects, etc. Donations may be collected by Sale liaisons at their churches and brought to Sale meetings or brought directly to the MCC Center with the indication that they are for Quilters' Corner. If you have questions contact Ann Y S.

JOIN US ... For the 2nd Annual PACE Race on Saturday, April 6, 2019. Race starts at 9:00 am. Enjoy a flat, beautiful course through McPherson, KS. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Bluestem PACE Good Neighbor Fund. This fund assists participants who encounter unforeseen circumstances and assists Bluestem PACE in providing high quality services. Early registration ends March 9, 2019! Use this link: <https://runsignup.com/Race/KS/McPherson/PaceRace5K> to register.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES ... The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale invites you to join our family. By tithing a little bit of your time each year, you have an amazing opportunity to impact your world by furthering the work of Mennonite Central Committee. There is variety of committee openings including an Urgent Need Verenike Making Committee – 2 people, Domestic Arts Verenike Booth Committee Members, FTM Sausage Baking on Saturday and New Year's Cookie committee. See your Relief Sale Contact liaison for details on these opportunities.

RETURNING CITIZEN CARE KITS NEEDED ... MCC Central States is seeking items for Returning Citizen Care kits. The full list of contents can be found on the Material Resources page of our website or by visiting our wish list on Amazon (although not all items for all kits are available on Amazon), making shipping items directly to our Material Resource Center easier. If you are purchasing items elsewhere, Items for kits should be sent to MCC Central States, 121 E 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117. Questions? Please contact Kate M. Thank you for your generous support! *Lists are on the table in the foyer.*

NEWTON ET CETERA SHOP ... invites organizations to apply for their annual Local Giving grants. Local Giving grants are made available each spring by the Newton Et Cetera Shop board of directors. Applications may be downloaded at newtonetceterashop.com and must be submitted by April 12, 2019, via e-mail. Multiple grants will be awarded to selected groups by June 2019 in amounts up to \$5,000. Applicants for the Local Giving grants must hold legal nonprofit status and operate out of and serve Newton, North Newton, Hesston, Goessel, Moundridge, Whitewater, Elbing, Halstead or Walton. Applicants do not need to have a religious affiliation or mission, but they must function in a manner consistent with the mission of Mennonite Central Committee.

LEARNING TOUR ... Join with MCC Central States May 6-11 for a South Texas Borderlands Learning Tour focused on education related to a range of matters surrounding immigration. Cost is \$650. Contact Ana Alicia H for more information: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/learning-tour-south-texas-borderlands>

WHAT CAN UNWELCOMED IMMIGRANTS TEACH THE CHURCH ABOUT LOVE?

Join the immersion experience with immigrants, "LOVE CROSSES BORDERS" to find out. July 28-August 3, 2019. Mennonite Men will journey to Georgia and connect with Casa Alterna, a hospitality house for first-wave immigrant neighbors, mostly from Guatemala. You will hear testimonies, visit the national Memorial for Peace and Justice, hike Pine Mountain Trail and much more. *For more information, see flyer and info/registration sheet on the bulletin board and table in the foyer.*

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

- Join the Peace Church Planting webinar where church planters will share from their experience, and Mennonite Mission Network staff will introduce The Sent Network, a new online platform to support church planters. The webinar will take place on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 5:00-6:15 pm, All are invited to attend. Visit www.mennoniteusa.org/churchplanting to register.
- Be one of the first 2,000 people to register for MennoCon19 and receive a new Voices Together hymnal when it's available. Registration is open now at convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration!

BETHEL COLLEGE EVENTS:

- 03/10: Bethel College Wind Ensemble and Philharmonia Orchestra joint concert; 3:00 pm; Memorial Hall-Bethel College Campus
- 03/11: The Joel B Quartet featuring Clay Jenkins, 6 p.m., Mojo's Coffee Bar in Schultz Student Center at Bethel College
- 03/12: Bethel College Jazz Ensemble I with special guest Clay J, 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center
- 03/24: Bethel College Concert Choir home concert (end of spring break tour); 7:00 pm, Memorial Hall-Bethel College Campus
- 03/28: Reception for John E and "Dichotomies II: Images of Reality and Fantasy", 6:00-8:00 pm, Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center-Bethel College Campus
- 03/29: Donna H, organ, presents her DMA recital, 7:00 pm, Administration Building Chapel-Bethel College Campus
- 03/30: Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra Spring Pops Concert, featuring Broadway favorites and guest conductors (*ticket purchase required*), 7:00 pm, Memorial Hall-Bethel College Campus

CAMP MENNOSCAH:

1. Hey, Youth Volunteers! Sign up now for Youth Volunteer Weekend, March 15-16! Rachel M and Isaac E will lead the weekend fun with the help of counselors. There will be singing, service projects, smores, and such a grand time! All youth in grades 7-12 should come to renew their faith, be at camp, and take a short break from everything at home. Register online at: www.campmennoscah.org!
2. Be ready! We will soon be putting in the dam at Camp Mennoscah. The date has not yet been determined. Keep looking for more information!
3. 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.
4. Work and Play Day at Camp Mennoscah coming soon! Our first Work & Play Day of the year is April 27, 2019. We'll start work projects at 8:30am and end at 2:30pm, just in time for you to spend the rest of the afternoon playing. A simple lunch will be served. Please register online at: www.campmennoscah.org or call (620) 297-3290 to let us know you're coming! All ages invited; those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
5. See the flyers posted on the bulletin board in the church foyer for more camp events and details.

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.

This Week 03/11/2019 to 03/17/2019)

Tuesday

7:00 pm Board of Deacons
7:00 pm Board of Fellowship

Wednesday

6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm Adult Choir

Thursday

10:15 am Faith Coffee Time @ Kidron
Bethel Village (in the
Chapel)

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 Carry-In Meal

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

Attendance for March 3, 2019

Sunday School: Cancelled due to snow Worship: 81

My Coins Count Offering Total to Date:
\$ 300.00

Board of Administration's Contact Person:
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Board of Deacons' Contact Person:
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