



Faith Mennonite Church

March 24, 2019

10:30 am

BLESSED HUNGER From Fearful to Faithful Lent 3

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

God's Blessing, Our Hunger

Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly Longing

HWB 514

Prayer

Psalm 63:1-5

O God, You are My God

On Screen

Oh God, You are my God
And I will ever praise You
Oh God, You are my God
And I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days

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And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days *(Repeat)*

The Shadow of the Cross Luke 9:51-62
 Extinguishing the Candle
 Silence and Confession
Precious Lord, Take My Hand HWB 575
 The Good News of God Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-7
 Broken Bread
My Faith Has Found a Resting Place STJ 43
 Praying our Praises and Cares

Offering & Offertory
(Please fill-in and pass the friendship sheets)

From Fearful to Faithful
 Children's Story
 Scripture & Sermon Luke 8:40-56
Fear Factor

Responding with Faith
 Prayer
Just a Closer Walk with Thee STJ 106

Spoken Benediction
 Musical Benediction

HWB = Blue Song Book STJ = Green Song Book STS = Purple Song Book
 CCLI License #: 2009481

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preacher.....	<i>Randy S</i>	Special Music.....	<i>Music Group</i>
Worship Leader.....	<i>Marshall A</i>	Slides.....	<i>Kathy G</i>
Song Leader.....	<i>Tom G</i>	Sound.....	<i>John H</i>
Accompanist.....	<i>Tammy P</i>	Sanctuary Prep.....	<i>Lent Decorating Team</i>
Children's Sstory.....	<i>Deb S</i>	Ushers.....	<i>Team B (Andrew P)</i>

CHILDCARE

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

- 03/24: Margo G & Deb S
- 03/31: Grace B & Oris S

GREETERS

Front Door

- 03/24: Joyce G
- 03/31: Gary G

Back Door by Kitchen

- 03/24: Gene K
- 03/31: Joyce G

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 or Offering Time. ***Remember to list how many of your family will be attending the Wednesday Evening Meal.*** 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

THE SEASON OF LENT ... Is 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 need are the pathway through which God brings blessing and provision.

THANK YOU Leslie H and Jane S for the visuals on the communion table. Each Sunday another candle is extinguished as Luke foreshadows the waiting cross. As the light goes out, we pause for silent reflection and confession. The breaking of bread following the reading of Good News 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.

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

Lectionary Scriptures – Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; II Corinthians 5:6-21;
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sermon Scripture – Luke 15:11-32

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Thank God for...

- Beautiful spring weather!
- The prayerful preparation by our pastors, musicians, and worship leaders during this Lenten Season
- The commitment and hard work of many volunteers preparing for the MCC Relief Sale
- Times of fellowship and sharing during 'Faith Coffee Time' gatherings with the pastor at Kidron and Schowalter Villa
- For opportunities during spring break – to travel with school music groups, to visit and celebrate family events and renew friendships

Pray for...

- Renewed health for many who have been sick with the flu
- Gary G recovering from a broken leg
- Jo S as she continues her recovery from surgery at home
- Linda S as daughter Carolyn moves in to support and assist her
- Those facing challenging family, emotional and health concerns
- Our members in rehab, assisted living and health care:
 - ~ Kidron Bethel: Jake & Lola F, Elma H, Bill & Maurine Regehr Dick S, John & Hulda S
 - ~ Presbyterian Manor: Bertha B, Leonard & Delores G,
 - ~ Schowalter Villa: Arlene K
- The search committee, PCRC, and the church council during this transition time of discernment for leadership in our congregation
- The courage to send a card, visit, or pray with someone who is lonely and longing for an expression of God's love and care
- Sunday school teachers, mentors, and youth sponsors as they discuss with children and youth what it means to follow Jesus, and anticipate summer activities at Camp Mennoscah and attending Convention.

Western District Conference ...

Pray for students and tutors in WDC congregations participating in IBA (Instituto Bíblico Anabautista) and SeBAH (Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano), grassroots theological education programs sponsored by Hispanic Ministries of Mennonite Education Agency.

FAITH CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

PASTOR RANDY will be out of the office all this week. He plans to return April 3, 2019.

SECRET PRAYER PARTNERS, NOW-APRIL 21, 2019 ... We are trying 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 then 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 by the basket. Please draw a name as soon as you can, and pray through Lent! ~ *Lindsay A, Kathy G, Wilma L, Kathy S, Arlys S*

TODAY ... Marks the 10th anniversary of Rosella's stroke. In reflecting on these years, we cannot help but recall with gratitude the prayers, visits, cards, and many expressions of support, particularly that first year when Rosella spent so much time in the hospital and nursing care. Now for nine of those ten years, with the exception of our recent bout with pneumonia, we have had the opportunity to spend our time together in independent living. During this time we've been challenged by, and have enjoyed, many creative activities including adventurous travels. You are continuing to support us in these ventures and we are so grateful. Thank you, too, for your cards and prayerful support during Rosella's recent pneumonia hospitalization and her continuing recovery. Join us in our thanks to God for the blessings we continue to enjoy in these post-stroke years. ~ *Harold and Rosella R*

WEDNESDAY EVENING ... Adult Bible study will focus on the parable of the two lost sons, Luke 15: 11-32. Pastor Marshall will lead this session.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL ... For this week (03/27/19) is Sloppy Joes with potato chips and finger veggies. The cost is \$2.00 per person. Make your reservation on the Friendship Sheet as it passes down the pew during Sharing or Offering Time. Sign-up sheet to bring dessert and to help clean-up is on table in foyer. Please remember to bring your own table service.

SENIOR FASPA ... will be Sunday, March 31, 2019, 5:00 pm, in Fellowship Hall. Dan and Karen W of rural Newton will be joining us. Dan, who has a variety of hobbies and interests, will be entertaining us by playing his "musical saw" as well as telling stories. As always, bring plenty of food to share and your own table service. See you there!

FAITH MISSION CIRCLE ... Will meet April 1, 2019, at 7:15 pm, in the church Fellowship Hall. We will elect officers and committee chairs for the coming year. The offering will go to the Local Organization and the project is Returning Citizen Kit items for men, see page 16 of your Mission Circle booklet for specific items.

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/>

MCC LUNCH & LEARN ... On April 2, 2019, at MCC in North Newton! Together with Mennonite Mission Network, we will host Willi H P director of SEMILLA Latin American Anabaptist Seminary in Guatemala City, Guatemala. SEMILLA's a school that emerged as a beacon of peace, justice and community building in the context of systemic violence and oppression. Join us to learn more! Lunch will be provided, by donation, please RSVP by March 28, 2019, to Patsy D; let Patsy know if you have food allergies.

ALL INTERESTED SINGERS ... Are invited to join the Bethel College Masterworks production of *Faure's Requiem*, Sunday, May 5, 2019. Rehearsals begin Monday, April 22, 2019. For more information, contact William E.

EVERENCE ... Will hold an informative Medicare workshop at its office in North Newton (3179 N Main St,) on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 6:30 pm. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. Space is limited. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle R.

COMMUNITY PLAYSCHOOL ... Board will hold their annual corporation meeting on April 8, 2019, at 7:15 pm, in Room 14 on the main floor at the Bethel College Mennonite Church. This meeting is open to all members of sponsoring churches as corporation members and to the public. This is a great way to hear all about what is happening at Community Playschool. We hope you can join us!

MCC RELIEF SALE OPPORTUNITY ... Feeding the Multitude needs your help! We are looking for waiters, tray wipers, table clearers, drink pourers, and more on Saturday, April 13! The morning shift is 10:15-11:45 am and the afternoon shift 11:30 am-1:00 pm. Please contact Asia F to sign up! (or sign up sheet in the foyer). For more details, please see Bryon E.

NEW HOPE SHELTER ... Shared a new needs list. Please take one and help as you are able. Also, please consider participating in their upcoming events: 1) JQ 3 ON 3 Tournament Fundraiser on April 13-14, 2019; Thresher Gymnasium-Bethel College and 2) the 3rd Annual KICKIN' & SCREAMIN' Fundraiser on April 27, 2019; Athletic Park. *See needs list and flyers posted on bulletin board in church foyer.*

THE WARKENTIN HOUSE ASSOCIATION ... Annual Meeting and Spring Fundraiser will be at the Warkentin House on Sunday, April 28, 2019, at 3:00 pm. September River, featuring Doug and Jude K, will perform during the fundraiser, which will follow a brief business meeting. Refreshments will be served. No reservations or tickets are required. Donations will be accepted. All are welcome to attend.

RETURNING CITIZEN CARE KITS NEEDED ... MCC Central States is seeking items for Returning Citizen Care kits. Their wish list is on Amazon (although not all items for all kits are available on Amazon), making shipping items directly to the 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. **Please note: This also is the next Faith Mission Circle Project. You are welcome to leave kit items purchased in the basket under the table by the doors nearest the church kitchen.***

BETHEL COLLEGE EVENTS:

- 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
- 04/01: Bethel College Jazz Ensemble II and Jazz Combos I & II; 6:00 pm; Mojo's Coffee Bar in Schultz Student Center-Bethel College Campus
- 04/07: Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum: "Down to the Countryside: Perspectives on the Chinese Cultural Revolution", a panel of Zhuojin J, Jim G and Esther K E, moderated by Raylene H-P; 3:00 pm; Kauffman Museum (in connection with the special exhibit "Campaign for a New China")
- 04/07: Bethel College Women's Chorus Spring Concert; 4:00 pm; Bethel College Mennonite Church

CAMP MENNOSCAH:

1. 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!
2. 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.
3. 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 camp to let us know you're coming! All ages invited; those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
4. 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 03/25/2019 to 03/31/2019)

Tuesday

6:30 pm Church Council

Wednesday

6:00 pm Wednesday Meal

6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm Adult Study

6:30 pm Faith Adventure (Gr. K-4)

6:30 pm MS Youth Group (Gr. 5-8)

7:00 pm HS Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)

8:00 pm Adult Choir

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*

5:00 pm Senior Faspas

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

Attendance for March 17, 2019

Sunday School: 63

Worship: 135

My Coins Count Offering Total to Date:

\$ 487.77

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