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Mennonite Church

November 25, 2018

10:30 am

THANKFUL

Advent Video

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

Call to Worship

Children's Choir

Offering and Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Songs *(Please stand if you are able)*

For The Beauty Of The Earth (v. 1,4,5)

HWB 89

All Creatures Of Our God And King

On Screen

1. All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him, Allelujah

Thou burning sun with golden beams
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Allelujah, Allelujah, Allelujah
2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along
O praise Him, Allelujah

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Allelujah, Allelujah, Allelujah

Bridge:

Allelujah, Allelujah, Allelujah,
Allelujah
O Allelujah, Allelujah, Allelujah,
Allelujah

3. Let all things their Creator bless
And worship God in humbleness
O praise Him, Allelujah

Praise, praise the Father,
Praise the Son
And praise the Spirit,
Three in One
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Allelujah, Allelujah, Allelujah

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

(Please fill-in and pass the friendship sheets)

Prayer of the Congregation

Children’s Time

Song *(Please stand if you are able)*

Blessing And Honor

STS 109

Scripture Reading

Psalm 126 *(The Message)*

1-3 It seemed like a dream,
too good to be true,
when GOD returned Zion’s exiles.
We laughed, we sang,
we couldn’t believe our good fortune.
We were the talk of the nations—
“GOD was wonderful to them!”
GOD was wonderful to us;
we are one happy people.

4-6 And now, GOD, do it again—
bring rains to our drought-stricken
lives
So those who planted their crops in
despair
will shout hurrahs at the harvest,
So those who went off with heavy
hearts
will come home laughing, with
armloads of blessing.

Sermon

And Now, God, Do It Again

Song *(Please stand if you are able)*

Praise The Lord, Sing Hallelujah

HWB 50

Blessing

Musical Benediction

HWB = Blue Song Book

STJ = Green Song Book

STS = Purple Song Book

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preacher.....*Marshall A*
Worship Leader.....*Loren R*
Song Leader.....*Tom G*
Accompanist.....*Tammy P*
Children’s Time.....*Tammy P*

Special Music.....*Children’s Choir*
Slides.....*Kathy G*
Sound.....*Caleb G*
Sanctuary Prep.....*Rosie G B*
Ushers.....*Team C (Chuck S)*

CHILDCARE

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

- 11/25: Oris & Kathy S
- 12/02: Vicki H &
Joni J

GREETERS

Front Door

- 11/25: Gary G
- 12/02: Joyce G

Back Door by Kitchen

- 11/25: Galen R
- 12/02: Bette R

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 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.**

TODAY AT FAITH CHURCH

ONE LAST OPPORTUNITY to return your Estimated Giving form for your financial contributions to Faith in 2019 ... If you have not already done so, please take a moment to do so today. Thank you to all that have already returned them. Additional forms and envelopes are available by the return box in the foyer if needed. We look forward to your spirit of generosity as we share the gift of God's love with others in 2019! ~ *The Stewardship Committee*

THE ANGEL TREE HAS ARRIVED! Please choose one or two angels to help out the school children in Newton. Three items from one angel are enough and this year we would like to include an age appropriate book. The book does not need to be new, you can pick one up at the Et Cetera Shop or a used book store. Items should be placed unwrapped in a gift bag with the angel attached to the bag and should to be returned to the Angel Tree by Sunday, December 9, 2018. *Thank you very much for your generosity.*

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Western District Conference ...

Give thanks for all the congregations of WDC, and the unique gifts and perspectives that each one brings to our conference.



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FAITH CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ADVENT BEGINS ... On December 2, 2018. This year's theme is *Traveling on the Free Way*. We will be mixing traditional and contemporary forms of worship. Let the Board of Worship know your impressions of how well God is worshiped during this season at Faith Mennonite Church.

CHRISTMAS DINNER ... Faith Mission Circle will host the annual all-church Christmas dinner on Monday, December 3, 2018, 6:30 pm, in the church Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited. "Simply Sisters" will present a musical program following the meal catered by Keith B. The project for December is items for New Hope Shelter, and the offering is for Mary R's support. Tickets for the dinner are \$12 each and may be purchased from Rosalie N, Mission Circle Treasurer, until today (11/25/18).

POPCORN IN THE PIT ... Is a fun evening and an opportunity to practice ***neighborly hospitality!*** Please join us on Saturday, December 8, 2018, at 7:00 pm. Bring a guest! It is a tropical Christmas theme featuring entertainment by "Steel Paradise", a steel drum band directed by Brad S. There will be treats of popcorn and Christmas cookies, as well as Christmas craft activities we will then use to decorate a tree!

PASTOR RANDY AND ANN are hosting a Christmas open house at their home on December 9, 2018. "Come and go from 2:00 to fo." All are welcome to attend.

THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS ... Our church team's next week at New Hope Shelter is December 19-25, 2018. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer the next few Sundays or you may contact Grace B. ~ *Thank you*

BEYOND FAITH CHURCH

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES ... Fair Trade Gift Festival will be at two locations in the Newton area this year: 1) November 25, 2018, (Sunday: 1:00-4:00 pm) at Prairie Harvest Mezzanine (601 N Main, Newton). A variety of Fair Trade items will be sold from artisans around the world. 2) Saturday, December 1, 2018 (9:00 am-1:00 pm), at Kidron Bethel Marketplace (3001 Ivy Drive, Newton). Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolate along with Christmas ornaments and small nativities will all be available.

CASA (COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE) ... Is doing a StepUp fundraiser. On Tuesday, November 27, 2018, individuals will come together to take 1,000,000 steps to help create awareness about CASA and the need to be a voice for children in the foster care system. To join in StepUp visit: www.mightycause.com/team/Stepupforcasa.

SAFEHOPE'S NOVEMBER'S EAT. LEARN. GROW LUNCHEON ... Is Wednesday, November 28, 2018, 12:00 pm, at the SafeHope office (316 N Oak, Newton). You will hear all about the court advocacy services that are provided to survivors and their families and learn how you can become involved as a volunteer. Bring your lunch. Beverages will be provided and a microwave and refrigerator are on site.

EVERENCE ... Will host an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, December 1, 2018, 9:00-11:30 am. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will take place at the MCC Central States Office (121 E 30th, North Newton). Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle R. *Flyer posted on bulletin board in church foyer.*

KIDRON BETHEL'S 12TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE ... Is open to the community on December 1, 2018, 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Ten Thousand Villages and 20 other vendors will have items for sale. Kidron Bethel Village is located at 3001 Ivy Dr. in North Newton.

BETHEL COLLEGE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (BCWA) ... Is seeking donations of homemade candies, peppernuts, baked goods, and handcrafted gifts for the Five Places of Christmas on Saturday, December 1, 2018, 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Donations may be delivered to Luyken Fine Art Center on Friday, November 30, 2018, 3:00-5:00 pm or Saturday, December 1, 2018, 8:00-10:00 am.

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH ... McPherson, KS (1161 E Ave A) invites you to a German Dinner & Bake Sale on Saturday, December 1, 2018, 5:00-7:00 pm. The menu will be verenika with ham gravy, bohne berrogi with cream sauce, sausage, green beans, homemade sauerkraut, zwieback and cherry moos. The dinner is by donation and the baked goods are priced.

NEWTON TREBLE CLEF ANNUAL CHRISTMAS VESPER SERVICE ... Is Sunday, December 2, 2018, 3:00 pm, at Faith Mennonite Church (2100 N Anderson Ave, Newton). The program will include: Treble Clef Chorus, Open Road Men's Ensemble from Bethel College, Book of Jeb, bluegrass and folk band, and Connie R playing saxophone together with Joan W on piano/organ. A freewill offering will be taken for the Treble Clef Scholarship Fund. All are invited. For questions, contact Janet E. *Flyer posted on bulletin board in church foyer.*

PRAYER VIGIL & INFORMATIONAL MEETING ... About the Central American Caravan will be Sunday, December 2, 2018, 8:00-9:00 pm, Bontrager Worship Center in the basement of Keim Center-Hesston College. The community is invited to join Hesston College students as they tell real stories from Mennonites working with asylum seekers, explain the "why" of the caravan, and outline ways to help these sisters and brothers. Also, updates will be given from John G, Pastor of the San Antonio Mennonite Church. Attendees will have an opportunity to pray in a variety of ways (song, movement, drawing, writing, and lighting candles), via prayer stations.

VIRTUAL AUTHOR "VISIT" ... At the Conference Resource Library (2517 N Main, North Newton) on December 4, 2018. Hear from author Jacqueline W as she shares about her new picture book "The Day You Begin" at 10:00 am, and her novel "Harbor Me" at 12:00 pm. These presentations are geared for children and youth, but everyone is welcome!

NIGHT IN THE BARN ... Everyone is invited to attend and experience “Night in the Barn” presented by Tabor Mennonite Church, 5:00-8:00 pm, December 1 & 2 and 8 & 9, 2018, at Papa’s Pumpkin Patch (372 E 70th, Newton, KS - just off of K-15 between Newton and Goessel). Interact with the characters, animals, sights and sounds of this timeless tale. Enjoy this walking tour of the Nativity with family and friends. Suggested donation of \$5 per person, includes a hot drink and snack. Share in the wonder of the Christmas Story!

YOU ARE INVITED ... To begin your Christmas season with a “Hopeful Blues” Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 9, 2018, 4:00 pm, at Hope Mennonite Church (868 N Maize Rd, Wichita). Refreshments served.

ALL ARE INVITED ... To Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel, KS to hear “Brass Christmas” with the McPherson Community Brass Choir under the direction of Jerry T and the Goessel High School Elbiata Singers under the direction of Braden U on December 9, 2018, 7:00 pm.

ANNUAL MCC CHRISTMAS SOIREE ... Will be at Mennonite Central Committee (MCC, 121 E 30th, North Newton, KS) on Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to join the holiday party to enjoy festive food and fellowship! There will be a pause at 6:00 pm to hear from International Volunteer Exchange Participants as they share about their current work and Christmas traditions from their home countries.

BETHEL COLLEGE UPCOMING EVENTS ...

- **11/30/18:** Wind Ensemble Concert featuring music celebrating the 100th birthday of Leonard Bernstein; 7:30 p.m., Memorial Hall - Bethel College.
- **12/01/18:** Five Places of Christmas; 10:00 am-4:00 pm; Bethel College-Luyken Fine Art Center, Warkentine House, Carriage Factory Gallery, Kaufman Museum and the Harvey County Historical Society Museum and Archives (*Flyer posted on bulletin board in church foyer.*)
- **12/05/18:** Annual sing-along to Christmas portions of Handel’s Messiah (scores provided), Bethel College Mennonite Church; 11:00 am
- **12/06/18:** Stephanie L exhibit reception, Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center - Bethel College; , 6:00-8:00 pm
- **12/06/18:** Bethel College Steel Drum Band Christmas concert, Memorial Hall - Bethel College; 7:00 pm
- **12/07/18:** Christmas Gala Jazz, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center - Bethel College; 8:00 pm
- **12/09/18:** 33rd Annual Lighting of the Green at Bethel College, 8:00 pm



*Check here next week for
Winter 2018-19 Sunday School
Classes and Topics!!*

(New Classes and Topics begin on 12/02/2018)

This Week (11/26/2018 to 12/02/2018)

Tuesday

6:30 pm Church Council

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

3:00 pm Treble Clef Christmas Vesper
Service - *All are invited*

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

Attendance for November 18, 2018

Sunday School: 79

Worship: 148

Special Offerings

MCC Newton Area Meat Canning: \$9,880.00

Harvest of Love (includes checks written directly to Harvest of Love): \$1,626.00

Board of Administration's Contact Person For November/December:

Wendell B

Board of Deacons' Contact Person For November/December:

Janet E



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