

A stylized sun with a white center, surrounded by concentric circles in shades of orange and yellow. Radiating lines in yellow and purple extend from the sun, creating a sense of light and energy. The background is a mix of yellow and purple geometric shapes.

RESTORATION

is

Near

Watch:

The Day is Almost Here

First Sunday of Advent



Mennonite Church

November 27, 2022

10:30 AM

Prelude

Peace Prayer

Now Thank We All Our God

VT 114

Call to Worship

Leader: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel;
you who sit on the mercy seat between the cherubim,
we stand in your presence, seeking your face.

People: **Shine forth, O Lord, in the sight of your people,
that we may see you clearly.
Stir up your strength in us; come, rescue us.**

Leader: The time is near, we are watching; restore us again, O God.

People: **Cause your face to shine and we shall be saved,
made whole by your gracious love and kindness.**

All: ***We are watching and waiting for you, O Lord.***

Candle-lighting liturgy

Leader: Watch! You know what time it is,
how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

People: **The night is far gone, the day is near.**

Candle lighting

Leader: As we watch, we light this candle as a sign of our hope.

People: **Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.**

Opening Prayer

Bless'd Be the God of Israel

VT 223

Comfort, Comfort, O My People

VT 212

Isaiah 40:1-11, 27-31

Special Music

Rose Marie Zook Barber, Janet Ediger, Tammy Plank

He Shall Feed His Flock/Come Unto Me GF Handel

Prayer for our Offerings

Children's Story

Isaiah 40: 12-26

Sermon

Seek the Peace of the City

Benediction

Postlude

Pastor Rose Marie

VT 206

Please pass the friendship sheets.

VT = Voices Together STJ = Green Song Book STS = Purple Song Book
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***In lieu of passing an offering plate, there are many ways to give. There is a container in the back of the sanctuary as one option. There is a giving button on our community website and USPS also delivers to us.**

***This service is streamed live. There will be a pause while the stream is switched from the public to the unlisted (private) stream for our congregational sharing, prayer, and announcements.*

If you are unable to stand please remain seated.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

<i>Pastors..... Kristine Regehr</i>	<i>Sanctuary Prep..... Leslie Hadley</i>
<i>.....Rose Marie Zook Barber</i>	<i>Broadcasting... Jody Hadley</i>
<i>Worship Leader..... Byron Ediger</i>	<i>Sound..... Allen Jantz</i>
<i>Song Leader..... Tom Gaeddert</i>	<i>Projection.....</i>
<i>Accompanist..... Tammy Plank</i>	<i>Ushers.....Mike Doerksen & Howard Allison</i>
<i>Children's Story..... Tammy Plank</i>	<i>Greeters.....Jody & Leslie Hadley</i>

Welcome to Faith Mennonite Church! We are glad you are here.
Faith Mennonite Church embraces as a gift the diversity of our community and our world.

If you need a **listening assistance device or a large print bulletin**, please ask an usher.
 There are a few **quiet** craft items on the back table of the sanctuary that can be used during worship.

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.

FAITH FAMILY NEWS

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP will meet Monday, November 28, at 4:00 p.m., at church. Come to share the joys and challenges of being the one your loved one leans on to be safe and healthy.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET is on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. TODAY is the last day to sign up and pay for your tickets (\$14). Darlene Powers will be in the foyer to take your reservations. Marlene Habegger is planning a fun, musical program. Our offering will be split between five local organizations and we will be collecting food for Harvest of Love. Come celebrate the Christmas season!

LIBRARY NEWS! There are new books in the library! There was a list sent out via email and also a listed printed on blue paper. The printed list is on the library table. If you do not receive email, there should be a copy in your church mailbox.

A NOTE FROM HENNIE JANZEN We have been home for about two weeks enjoying life back in North Newton and catching up on many appointments that we missed the last seven months. I will be making quarterly trips back to MD Anderson for lab tests and bone marrow biopsies. But the best thing so far, is that I feel good. The leukemia is in remission and I wish to express my appreciation for all the cards, letters and prayers that Faith Church sent my way. They were very encouraging at a time when Mark and I were processing the many changes that happen when one faces the sudden onset of an illness.

THE ANGEL TREE is up! Once again we are sponsoring families identified by social workers in the local elementary schools. We have agreed to provide three new items per child. Please package the items in gift bags so that they can be double checked for accuracy and parents can know what they are giving their children. Gifts need to be under the angel tree by Sunday, December 11th. Thank you so much for your help! If you are wanting to buy gifts for an Angel, but unable to shop, please contact Shari Scheffler at 316.253.4567

THE ADULT CHOIR is scheduled to sing December 11. Anyone interested in singing with us for the service, please join us for rehearsals on Wednesdays **November 30 & December 7 @ 8:00 PM**—Jerry Friesen

AREA ANOUNCEMENTS

WDC CHURCH PLANTING COMMISSION is about to finish this year 2022, I surely believe that our God has led us, and care in the process and stages of life within the kingdom of God. And we continue to face each challenge, but God has also opened doors, relationships and many more things, the work was not only of one, but all in unity and harmony of the Spirit of God. We present to God the new challenges that will come, so that He may take care of all of us, in this Church Plant Commission and the other WDC Commissions. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

YOU ARE INVITED are invited to attend this year's PRAIRIE LIGHTS event (formerly called Luminary Walk) at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Prairie Lights will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on November 25, 26 and 27, and on December 2, 3 and 4. Admission to the event is \$5 for Adults and FREE for children 12 and younger. Tickets can be purchased at the Arboretum office or online at <https://dyckarboretum.org/prairie-lights>.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 – Five Places of Christmas, the annual holiday open house, includes Kauffman Museum and Goerz House on the Bethel College campus, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. No charge for admission. The Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA) is the host at Goerz House, where there will be baked goods, candy by the pound and other items for sale. Kauffman Museum features Ten Thousand Villages and many other gift items in the museum store, a Weave Your Own Ornament activity, the special exhibition "Reeds and Wool: Patterned Screens of Central Asia" and the permanent exhibits indoors and out. (Other Five Places of Christmas locations: Warkentin House, Harvey County Historical Museum and Carriage Factory Gallery, all in Newton.)

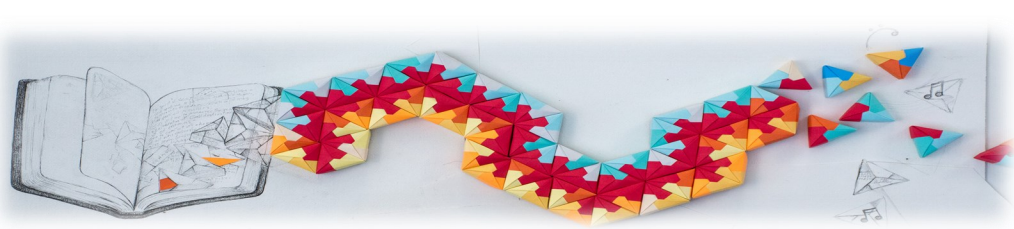
FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH MC PHERSON, KS will host a German dinner on Saturday, December 3 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the church – 1161 E Avenue A. The menu will include: verenika with ham gravy, sausage, green beans, bohne beroggi with cream sauce, zwiebach and cherry moos. There will be a free will offering.

THE NEWTON TREBLE CLEF ANNUAL VESPERS will be Sunday, December 4, 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 900 Columbus, Newton. The prelude will begin at 2:45 featuring Vada Snider, Flute; and Karen Loucks, Piano. The program will include the Prelude; Treble Clef Chorus; Hearts 4 Him – Men's Ensemble; Josue Coy Dick, violin solo; and the Prairie Bronze Handbell Ensemble. A freewill offering will be taken for the scholarship fund that will be awarded to high school seniors who are pursuing a music major.

BRASS CHRISTMAS CONCERT — Everyone is invited to enjoy the McPherson Community Brass Choir at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church (1304 K-15 Hwy, Goessel, KS) on Sunday, December 11 at 7pm. A free will offering will support local ministries.

PLEASE CHECK OUT the bulletin board in the foyer for other area events that are not listed above.





This Week (11/28/2022—12/04/2022)

MONDAY:

4:00 PM Caregiver Support Group

TUESDAY:

6:30 PM Church Council

WEDNESDAY:

8:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

SUNDAY:

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

Looking Ahead:

12/5 Mission Circle Banquet—6:30 PM

12/7 Adult Choir Practice—8 PM

12/24 Christmas Eve Service—6 PM

Please have all bulletin announcements and calendar items to the office by Wednesday Noon.

Thanks!

Attendance for 11/20/022: 70

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