



TRAVELING THE FREE WAY
Spend Less – Free Your Finances
Advent 2

December 9, 2018

10:30 am

Gathering Music

Lisa S

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

Handbell Choir

O Come All Ye Faithful

arr. Mokebust

with John J

Spoken Call to Worship (On Screen)

Isaiah 55

Listen! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.

All who have no money, come, buy, and eat.

Come buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

Why do you spend money for what is not bread,

And your wages for what does not satisfy?

Listen carefully and eat what is good.

Delight yourself in abundance.

Incline your ear and come to me.

Listen that you may live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you,

According to the faithful mercies shown to David.

Seek the Lord while he may be found.

Call upon the Lord while he is near.

Prayer

Caroling

Hark! The Harold Angels Sing

HWB 201

Silent Night, Holy Night

HWB 193

Prayer

Candle Lighting

Roy & Mildred M U

Spend Less (Video - On Screen)

One Person's Story

Matthew 6:19-24 and Lighting

Silence

O Come All Ye Faithful (v. 1 - On Screen)

O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant,
O come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem.
Come and be-hold him, born the king of an-gels.
O come, let us a-dore him, O come let us a-dore him,
O come let us a-dore him, Christ the Lord.

Offering & Prayer

Offertory

Handbell Choir

Rise Up, Go Tell

Sharing and Prayer *(Please fill-in and pass the friendship sheets)*

Children's Time

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 1:18:25

Sermon

A Silent Simple Man

Prayer

Sending Song

What Child is This?

HWB 215

Spoken Benediction

Musical Benediction

Lisa S

HWB = Blue Song Book

STJ = Green Song Book

STS = Purple Song Book

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preacher.....*Randy S*
Worship Leader.....*Kathy G*
Song Leader.....*Gyles G*
Accompanist.....*Lisa S*
Children's Time.....*Randy S*
Special Music.....*Handbell Choir*

Slides.....*Kathy S*
Sound.....*Allen J*
Sanctuary Prep.....*Advent*
Decorating Team
Ushers.....*Team B (Andrew P)*

CHILDCARE

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

- 12/09: Mark J Family
- 12/16: Verda D &
Kathryn P

GREETERS

Front Door

- 12/09: Jody H
- 12/16: Jody H

Back Door by Kitchen

- 12/09: Ken J
- 12/16: Ken J

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.**

SUNDAY AT FAITH CHURCH

THE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS THEME this year is *Traveling 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.

CHILDREN'S TIME will include collecting school kit supplies from the congregation. School kits are provided to children around the world so they can receive an education. Plan your shopping accordingly.

- Each kit:
- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (70 pages)
 - 1 ruler (30 cm)
 - 8 unsharpened pencils
 - 2 ballpoint pens (blue or black)
 - 12 colored pencils (packaged)
 - 1 large eraser
 - 1 all metal pencil sharpener

NEXT SUNDAY

Theme – *Give More: Free Your Time*

Candle Lighting – John 3:16-17

Sermon – Luke 1:26-38

FAITH CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENT OR PRAYER? Since putting announcement time before the worship service begins, some have asked how to distinguish between an announcement or a prayer matter. Ask yourself, "To whom is the final destination of the sharing intended?" To the people – announcement. To God – prayer matter. Even so, let's not spend a lot of time fretting about which might be what. ~ *Pastor Randy*

PASTOR RANDY AND ANN are hosting a Christmas open house at their home in North Newton today (12/09/18). "Come and go from 2:00 to fo'." All are welcome to attend.

THE ANGEL TREE ... Please be sure to return the gifts you purchased to the Angel Tree **today, December 9, 2018**. *Thank you very much for your generosity.*

THE MENNONITE MAGAZINE ... Subscription renewals and requests for new subscriptions are **due today (12/09/18)**. Subscription forms are on the table in the church foyer. To renew or subscribe, complete a form and return it, with payment, either in the church offering plate or in the designated box on the table in the church foyer. The church's discounted rate is: **\$ 37.00** (\$30.00 for first time subscribers). Subscriptions will be logged with The Mennonite tomorrow morning.

PASTOR RANDY ... Will be taking time off December 17-23, 2018, and December 31, 2018-January 7, 2019. He may be contacted for urgent pastoral matters.

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

DECK THE HALLS ... We would like to recognize those who helped adorn our building with splashes of red and green for Advent! Lorisa and Andy H, Yvonne B, Gretchen B, Tom G, David H, Shari S, Jim and Nola S -- Thank you for your beautiful contributions! Also, special thanks to John S, Absolute Irrigation, LLC, for his donation of the handmade 70" wreath hanging outside the west entrance. ~ *Board of Worship*

BOARD, COMMITTEE & REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS ... Are due to the church office by noon on Thursday, December 20, 2018. If at all possible, please submit them in word document format via email at office@faithmenno.org. If you have already done so, thank you!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OFFERING ... Will go to *SafeHope*. If you are not able to attend the service but still want to contribute, please make sure to write "*SafeHope* - Christmas Eve Offering" on the memo line of your check. To be included, all checks must be received by Monday, December 24, 2018.

YEAR-END REQUESTS ... From the Church Treasurer:

- 1.) All outstanding bills and requests for reimbursements should to be turned into the church office by the 16th of December, so that payments can be made before the end of the year from this year's budget.
- 2.) Due to the way the holidays fall this month, I am requesting that all contributions for the end of 2018 be in the church office by Sunday, December 30th. A final deposit will be made on December 31st at noon.
- 3.) I am also requesting that, if the church has written you a check, please cash it by December 31st. This will eliminate outstanding checks carried over into the New Year.

Thank you for your help by responding to these requests. ~ *Jo K, Treasurer*

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Pray for ...

Junia S whose brother, Arelie S, passed away December 4, 2018. Memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2018, 11:00 am, at the Schowalter Villa Chapel. Pastor Randy and Chaplain Wendy will be officiating.

Western District Conference ...

Pray for WDC's Ministerial Leadership Commission as they support credentialed ministers and offer leadership training and resources.

BEYOND FAITH CHURCH

NEW HOPE SHELTER'S ... Current needs list posted on the bulletin board in the church foyer. Extra copies are below on the table.

MCC COMFORTERS ... Are still needed. Please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the church foyer for details.

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, today, (12/09/18), 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 \$5.00 per person, includes a hot drink and snack. Share in the wonder of the Christmas Story! Call for questions.

YOU ARE INVITED ... To begin your Christmas season with a "Hopeful Blues" Christmas Concert on today (12/09/18), 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, today (12/09/18), 7:00 pm.

BETHEL COLLEGE UPCOMING EVENTS ...

- **TODAY - 12/09/18:** 33rd Annual Lighting of the Green at Bethel College, 8:00 pm; Reception to follow in the Cafeteria. All are welcome to attend.

THIS CHRISTMAS ... Consider giving alternative gifts through Mennonite Central Committee! With 25 ways to give, you can find something for everyone in your family! Give chickens, provide hope, education, tools and new skills to help build up communities. These are gifts that easily fit under the tree and can fit within any budget, but have the power to bring joy for years to come! Visit mcc.org/christmas or call our office for details.

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.

CHRISTMAS GATHERING ... For all volunteers from all years of Camp Mennoscah! On December 15, at 2:30pm-ish, everyone who has ever volunteered at Camp Mennoscah is invited to come to a time of cookies, hot drinks, conversations, and games. Meet at the Retreat Center! We'll do a white elephant gift exchange, too, so bring a "gift" of something you no longer want, if you'd like to participate. Questions? Call Camp Mennoscah. This is for all volunteers, from tree-trimmers and cooks to summer youth camps!

EXTRA FUN!! ... Coming to the Volunteer Christmas at Camp Mennoscah on December 15, 2018? You are invited to arrive on December 14, 2018, at 5:00pm or later (and stay overnight) for an evening of fun in exchange for four hours of work the morning of December 15, 2018. Continental breakfast and a simple lunch provided. You must register for this in advance! Call Camp Mennoscah no later than December 10, 2018. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS ... To help in Eureka, KS on the Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) tornado rebuilding projects -- roofing and completing exterior repairs. Tools and lunch will be provided. Work times are 8:00 am-4:00 pm on the following days: December 14 and 15, December 21 and 22, December 28 and 29, 2018, and January 4 and 5, 2019. Please contact Jordan M for more details and to arrange transportation from the Newton area.

MANAGING DIFFERENCES WITHIN FAITH COMMUNITIES ... Is offered January 3-4, 2019, by the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel College. Registration is now open at www.kipcor.org (Managing Differences within Faith Communities link), or call KIPCOR. Scholarships and discounts are available, please contact your church office for details. *Flyer posted on bulletin board in church foyer.*

THE NEUF MEMORIAL 9K & 2 MILE RUN ... Returns to the campus of Bethel College on January 12, 2019, to honor the memory of Russ N, a former MC USA and Hesston College employee. The race will start at 10:00 am, outside of Mojo's Coffee Shop-Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas. The Neuf will raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the Russ Neufeld memorial scholarship at Hesston College. Register and read other details about the race at www.runtheneuf.neuf.ca. All are welcome to join this fun community event!

KNOW JESUS 2019! Join us on February 9-10, 2019, for "Know Jesus" at Hesston College. "Know Jesus" is an event to help our 6th-8th Grade Youth learn about their rich Anabaptist heritage and to promote growth in their relationship with Christ now. Early registration is open to January 26, 2019. You may find all the details and registration information at <http://mennowdc.org/know-jesus-2019/> or see registration information on the table in your church foyer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes For All Ages -- 9:00 am

Winter: Dec 2, 2018-Jan 6, 2019

Children & Youth

Nursery/Preschool.....Rm 207-UL

"Journeys with Jesus"

Teacher: Brenda M

K-4th Grade Rm 103-LL

"Journeys with Jesus"

Teachers: Leslie H & Stephanie T

Middle School (Gr 5-8) Rm 105-LL

"Journeys with Jesus"

Teachers: Jon H & Tammy P

High School (Gr 9-12).....Rm FYG-LL

"Journeys with Jesus"

Teachers: Sara R, Oris S

Adults

Lamp Lighters Rm 125-LL

"Missional Essentials"

Teacher: Shari S

Cornerstones..... Rm 124-LL

"Our Love for God"

Teachers: Class Members

Open ClassOpen Area-LL

"Journeys with Jesus"

Teachers: Class Members

UL =Upper Level.....LL = Lower Level

This Week (12/10/2018 to 12/16/2018)

Monday

7:00 pm Board of Witness & Outreach

Tuesday

4:00 pm Board of Deacons

7:00 pm Board of Fellowship

Wednesday

NO Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm HS Youth Group

8:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

3:00 pm Faith Church Coffee Time
with Pastor Randy at
Kidron Bethel Menno
Hall 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

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 December 2, 2018

Sunday School: 87

Worship: 141

Board of Administration's Contact Person For December:

Wendell B

Board of Deacons' Contact Person For December:

Janet E



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