

# FAITH

## Mennonite Church

### *What are you waiting for?*

December 1, 2019

10:30 am

#### First Sunday of Advent

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude to Worship

*How shall I receive Him*

Choir

Call to Worship

**All: God, what are you waiting for?**

Prayer

Hope Is a Candle, (*verse 1*)

STS 15

Lighting the Advent Candle

Responsive Reading (from Isaiah 2:1-5)

Leader: The word of the Lord has been established for us.

**People: Come, let us walk in the word of the Lord.**

Leader: The Lord has come to teach us God's ways.

**People: Come, let us walk in the way of the Lord.**

Leader: The Lord has come to bring peace to all nations.

**All: Come, let us walk in the peace of the Lord.**

*Christ is the world's true light*

HWB 334

Confession

Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for not expecting you,

**People: even when you have told me that you are coming.**

Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for being asleep,

**People: even when you have asked me to wait for you.**

Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for my carelessness,

**People: when all you have asked of me is to care.**

Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for failing to see you,

**People: when your face is so obvious.**

(*silence*)

Leader: Blessed be our God, who invites us to walk in the light of the Lord!

## Children's Time

Offering

*Of the Father's love begotten*

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

*Come Christ of God*

Choir

Sharing and Prayer

Scripture

Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon

*Actively Waiting*

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

HWB 178

Benediction

Musical Benediction

*Come Christ of God*

Choir

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HWB = Blue Song Book

STJ = Green Song Book

STS = Purple Song Book

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## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preacher ..... *Eric B*  
Worship Leader ..... *Jennifer H*  
Song Leader ..... *Jerry F*  
Accompanists ..... *Marlene H*  
*Special Music* ..... *Adult Choir*

Children's Story ..... *Alice J*  
Sanctuary Prep ..... *Advent Team*  
Slides ..... *Kathy G*  
Sound ..... *Caleb G*  
Ushers ..... *Team B (Andrew P)*

## CHILDCARE

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

- 12/1: Verda D & Kathryn P
- 12/8: Margo G & Jody H

## GREETERS

### Front Door

- 12/01: Cindy B
- 12/08: Alice J

### Back Door by Kitchen

- 12/01: Mark J
- 12/08: Mark 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 or Offering Time. Guests, please feel free to include your contact information.

## 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*

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** - Today (Dec. 1), there will be a special congregational meeting immediately following worship to vote on whether or not to call Marshall Anderson as our next Lead Pastor. The results of the vote will be verbally announced to the congregation as soon as the vote is counted, but will also be announced via email after the results have been reported to Marshall directly.

**SPECIAL THANKS** - I would like to express my appreciation for the following people who helped make last weekend's pastoral candidate weekend possible.

\* The Search Committee - Have spent countless hours building our congregational profile, reviewing candidates, and giving of their time for this important task. The Search Committee is Oris S (Chair), Tammy P, Jim S, Janet L, Alan J, and Stephanie T.

\* Shari S - For arranging for food/activities for the events Saturday evening.

\* John (S) H and Nathan G - for manning the sound equipment for meetings throughout the weekend.

\* Matthew and Nathan G - arranging for child care during the meeting on Sunday.

\* Church Council - for your understanding and support through this entire process.

~Gyles G, Church Moderator

**THANK YOU** to all who purchased tickets for the Mission Circle Christmas Banquet which will be tomorrow, Dec 2 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm.. An offering will be taken for Mary Raber's support. The Project will be New Hope Shelter. They have requested items not on our current list which include coats of all sizes, napkins, bath towels (body size), body wash, and zip lock bags. The program will be given by Jim Y and Janet E.

**OUR CHURCH IS SERVING** this week at New Hope Shelter Dec. 4 – 10. Please be in prayer for the residents there and the volunteers who will be giving their time this week. Thank you to all who continue to serve this important ministry in our community.

**2020 FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FORMS** can still be turned in to the church office. Completing and retuning these forms helps us plan for how we will be able to engage in ministry opportunities in the coming year. We encourage your continued generosity and express appreciation for your prompt action to this request. – Church Council

**YOGA CLASS WILL NOT MEET** tomorrow, Monday, Dec. 2. Just a reminder that anyone is welcome to join us at 5:30 on Monday evenings (beginning again Dec. 9) in the Fellowship Hall for a relaxing hour of gentle yoga practice.

**IN KEEPING WITH THE CHURCH'S FOCUS ON IMMIGRATION**, the Jr. Sunday School department is collecting offerings for MCC immigration kits. If your child would like to bring items rather than money, visit <https://mcc.org/media/resources/8823> to find a list of needed items. Thank You!

**PHONE NUMBER CHANGE!** Verda D, our Congregational Nurse, can be reached at - Please update your contact information for her, as she can no longer be reached on the other number that used to be listed.

## ***BEYOND FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH***

**YOU ARE INVITED** to attend the Treble Clef Christmas Vespers Program today, December 1 at First Presbyterian Church, 900 Columbus Avenue, in Newton at 3:00 pm, with prelude beginning at 2:45. Participants include Rojean Loucks, Harp, Treble Clef Chorus, Blake Crawford, Saxophone, Prairie Bronze-Handbell Choir, and Hearts 4 Him – Men's Ensemble.

**ALL BAKERS AND CRAFT MAKERS** are invited to make items for 5 Places of Christmas, December 7, at Bethel College Fine Arts Center. Christmas candy, zwieback, peppernuts, poppyseed roll and cinnamon rolls are always a great seller. Please bring your items on Friday, December 6 from 1:30-4:30 pm or on Saturday from 7-8 am in the Fine Arts Center Room 140 which is behind the Box Office. Thank you for your support of Bethel College!

**GIVING TUESDAY** is December 3 and Western District Conference invites you to join this global giving initiative! Share a gift with WDC during this season, to help our congregations witness & invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, dwell in just & loving relationships, and connect to God's mission in the world. Current projections suggest that WDC income will fall short of expenses for the current year, so your generous gifts are invited to help close the gap towards WDC's 2019 budget goal! You may make an online contribution or send a check to Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117. Thank you for your generosity!

**EVERENCE®** will hold an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will take place at Everence Financial, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to attend this year's Winter Luminary Walk at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. The Luminary Walk will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on December 6 and 7. Admission to the event is \$6 for Adults and \$3 for children ages 3 to 12, or advanced tickets can be requested by emailing arboretum@hesston.edu or purchased at the Arboretum office for \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 3 to 12. December 7 is also FAMILY NIGHT, with free admission for accompanied children 12 and under, crafts and hay rack rides.

**ALL MCC VOLUNTEERS AND ALUMNI** are invited to our annual come-and-go MCC Christmas Soiree on Thursday, December 12 from 5-7 p.m. at MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th). We will have food, Christmas cheer and plenty of time for fellowship. At 6 p.m. we'll pause for a short program about Christmas around the world from our International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) participants. You don't want to miss this annual event!

**THE YOUTH MINISTRY COMMITTEE** of Western District and South Central conferences presents... Youth Lead Now, a one-day workshop designed for high school youth to enrich their leadership skills and deepen faith. Using the adaptive leadership framework from the Kansas Leadership Center and well known spiritual practices, we will equip youth with skills to be leaders among their peers, in their churches, and in their communities. Our hope is that congregations would partner with us by sending youth who have been affirmed for their leadership gifts or potential.

Date: January 11, 2020

Time: 9am to 4pm

Location: Faith Mennonite Church, Newton KS

Registration Fee: \$50 (scholarships available upon request). Contact Marshall or the church office to register.

**2020 IS THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY** of the Mennonite Central Committee. The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale would like to celebrate this milestone by gifting MCC ONE MILLION DOLLARS. The Kansas Sale was founded to support the ministry of Relief, Development, and Peace in the name of Christ. This would require 1,000 people to each give \$1,000 to get to one million dollars by April 17, the first day of the 2020 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. Please send your check made payable to KMRS earmarked "centennial gift" to Tim Miller, Relief Sale Treasurer, 4805 S. Broadacres Rd, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501. If you have questions, contact Byron Ediger or call Jim Robb, Board Chair at 620-747-0186.

### ***BETHEL COLLEGE COMING EVENTS***

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4** – Annual sing-along to Christmas portions of Handel's Messiah, with Bethel College instrumentalists, soloists and student conductors, 11 a.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church; scores provided

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4** – Bethel College Steel Drum Band Christmas concert, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall (NOTE: different from some printed calendars)

**FRIDAY, Dec. 6** – Christmas Gala jazz concert with Bethel College Jazz Ensemble I and Jazz Combo, 8 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

**SATURDAY, DEC. 7** – Five Places of Christmas, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Kauffman Museum offers free admission (including the special exhibit "K is for Kansas"), refreshments, and sale items in the museum store. Bethel College Women's Association will have holiday food and gift items for sale in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

**SUNDAY, Dec. 8** – 34th annual Lighting of the Green at Bethel College, 8 p.m.

### ***CAMP MENNOSCAH ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**GIVING TUESDAY** is coming up on Tuesday, December 3, and on that day ONLY, if you give a new donation to Camp Mennoscah of at least \$20 or \$20 more than last year, you'll receive a jar of sandplum jelly, from sandplums harvested at Camp Mennoscah! If you make that new donation at least \$100 or \$100 more than last year, you'll receive a jar of sandplum jelly AND a dozen zwieback. There are only 30 jars and only 10 dozen zwieback, so give to camp on Tuesday, December 3! Send a check to Camp Mennoscah with "Giving Tuesday" in a note, or give online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org).

**CHRISTMAS FOR VOLUNTEERS** at Camp Mennoscah! All who have volunteered in any capacity for any event or year are invited to come for a time of games, conversation, and refreshments on December 14 at 2:30pm. Break away from the holiday rush for a bit of camp relaxation!

***This Week*** ( 12/2/2019 - 12/8/2019)

**Monday**

6:30 PM - Mission Circle Christmas  
Banquet

**Tuesday**

7:00 PM - Board of Witness & Outreach

**Wednesday**

6:00 PM - Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM - Faith Youth Group

**Faith's week at New Hope Shelter  
begins**

**Sunday**

9:00 AM - Sunday School

10:00 AM - Coffee & Fellowship

10:30 AM - Worship

Please have all bulletin  
announcements and calendar  
items to the office by Wednesday  
***Thanks!***

***Attendance for November 24, 2019***

*Worship: 158*

*Sunday School - 57*

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

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# *Sermon Notes*

