

FAITH

Mennonite Church

What are you waiting for?

December 15, 2019

10:30 am

Third Sunday of Advent
Advent Fear: Kept Waiting by Fear

Welcome

Bell Choir Prelude

Joy to the World arr. Eithen

Call to worship

All: God, what am I waiting for?

Prayer

Hope is a candle (verses 1,2,3)

STS 15

Lighting the Advent Candles

Responsive reading (from Isaiah 35:1-10)

Leader: The Lord our God will come and save us.

Organ: We will let go of our fears.

Leader: God will strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees.

Piano: We will find our strength in the Lord.

Leader: The redeemed shall walk in the way of the Lord.

All: We shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God!

O Come, O Come, Immanuel

(verses 1,2,3,6)

HWB 172

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

Children's time

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Confession Haiku

The dark of my truth

Is suspicion without fact

Forgive my fearing

Sharing and Prayer

Bell Choir

A Festival of Carols arr Wagner

Marlene H- Piano

Scripture
Sermon *Should we wait for another?
What Child is This?*
Benediction
Musical Benediction

Matthew 11:2-11

HWB 215

HWB = Blue Song Book

STJ = Green Song Book

STS = Purple Song Book

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preacher.....*Marshall A*
Worship Leader.....*Jennifer H*
Song Leader.....*Gyles G*
Accompanists.....*Lisa S*
Special Music.....*Handbell Choir*

Children's Story.....*Tammy P*
Sanctuary Prep.....*Lorisa H*
Sound.....*Nathan G*
Ushers.....*Team A (Richard S)*

CHILDCARE

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

- 12/15: Alice J &
Pam S
- 12/22: Joni J &
Vicki H

GREETERS

Front Door

- 12/15: Alice J
- 12/22 Janora R

Back Door by Kitchen

- 12/15: Ken J
- 12/22: Gary G

We invite you to join us immediately following this morning's service for lunch in the Fellowship Hall. There is always room for more at our table!



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

ALL THE ANGELS have been picked up from our tree! Please have your angel back at Faith Mennonite TODAY! Your purchase may be put in a Christmas bag or box, unwrapped. Please securely fasten the angel to the outside of the bag or box. Social Workers from each school will be by to collect our Angel Gifts on Monday morning. Thank you so much for supporting this special project.
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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

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!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING FUN! Plan to join us on Sunday, December 22 at 6:30 for Christmas Caroling and Cookies. We will meet at the church, then carpool to sing at Kidron Bethel Village. Then we will return to the church and carol outside for our neighbors around the church. We will conclude the evening in the Fellowship Hall where we can warm up with coffee and hot chocolate and enjoy some treats. Please bring some Christmas goodies or snacks to share!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE be on the 24th at 6:00 PM. We will be celebrating with lessons and carols with a children's story. Offering will go to Harvest of Love. You can bring nonperishable food and/or monetary gifts. Children may wear pajamas if desired!

THERE WILL BE NO SENIOR FASPA on December 29th.

BEYOND FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH, 429 E 1st, Newton KS, will present Handel's Messiah TODAY, Sunday, December 15 at 7 pm with a community chorus, orchestra and soloists as follows: Holly Swartzendruber, Monica Schmidt Spicer, Matthew Schloneger, and Christopher Kliewer. The director is Matthew Graber.

NIGHT AT THE BARN: Everyone is invited to come to Night in the Barn at Papa's Pumpkin Patch (372 70th, Newton KS 67114) on December 21 and 22 from 5-7pm (come/go). Interact with the characters, sounds, lights, and animals of this timeless tale and enjoy this walking tour with family and friends. A suggested donation of \$5 per person includes a hot drink and a snack. Presented by Tabor Mennonite Church Youth, with part of the proceeds going to the Tabor Mennonite Youth Fellowship. Call 620-367-2721 with questions.

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.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE with MDS in Eureka! 8-10 Volunteers are needed for each of the following workdays:

December 16th to 20th: Window & Door replacement

December 21st : Saturday workday

Transportation, lodging and meals are all provided, call, text or email Jordan to reserve your spot - 316-217-4570 or Jordanmiller795@gmail.com

THE FAMILY BAND FIVE TIMES HARDER will present a Christmas concert at 4:00 PM on December 22 at First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro (102 S. Ash). Their concerts feature an entertaining blend of voices and instruments, in bluegrass, folk, jazz, and classical styles. There is no admission fee; a free will offering will be collected to benefit the ongoing work of MCC.

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.

WESTERN DISTRICT WOMEN IN MISSION in cooperation with Everence Financial will host a two-day conference "Let's Talk...Women, Money & Faith" on January 24 and 25 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. Featured speakers, Teresa Boshart Yoder and Rhoda Blough, from Everence Financial will address money and faith topics for women of all ages and stages of life. More information and registration information will be coming soon.

AS CHRISTMAS APPROACHES, you're invited to explore what's happening today in Bethlehem. Resources selected by the Israel-Palestine Relations Task Force are now on display at the WDC Resource Library.

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE invites you to 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. As of November 30 we were \$111,000 short of meeting our expenses for the year to date, so your generous gifts are invited to help close the gap towards WDC's 2019 budget goal! You may make an online gift or send a check to Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Thank you for your generosity!

YOUTH VENTURE is a short-term service and learning experience offered in the summer to students age 15–22. For roughly two weeks, you will have the opportunity to join a team of other students and adult leaders to explore the world to see how God is at work. This year, we're offering experiences in Benin, Colombia, Israel, Peru, Spain, and Kykotsmovi, Arizona. Keep reading for more details, and be sure to visit our website for more information. Contact us today with your questions or to begin exploring these incredible opportunities! Youth Venture is through Mennonite Mission Network. Application deadline is April 01, 2020

BETHEL COLLEGE COMING ANNOUNCEMENTS

KAUFMAN MUSEUM is open through the holidays (closed Mondays, plus Christmas Day, and New Year's Day): weekdays, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat.-Sun., 1:30-4:30 p.m. Visit the current special exhibit "K is for Kansas: exploring Kansas from A to Z." See www.bethelks.edu/kauffman/ or the Kauffman Museum Facebook page for more information.

CAMP MENNOSCAH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS TO EVERYONE who supported Camp Mennoscah on Giving Tuesday! Donations totaling a little over \$8,300 were received, and all the jelly and zwieback were claimed! Because of this support, Camp Mennoscah will continue to help campers of all ages grow in their faith through experiences in creation, fellowship, and worship. If you missed your chance to give last Tuesday, you can still mail in a 2019 donation by December 31 or give online at campmennoscah.org. Thank you for being involved in this ministry!



This Week (12/16/2019 - 12/22/2019)

Monday

12:00 PM - Board minutes due

5:30 PM - Yoga

Tuesday

6:30 PM - Board of Admin

Wednesday

6:30 PM - Council

8:00 PM - Adult Choir

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!

Please have board meeting
minutes into the office by
Monday, noon.

Attendance for December 8, 2019

Worship: 132

Sunday School - 60

Board of Administration's Contact Person:

Jim Yoder - 316-283-2854

Board of Deacons' Contact Person:

Gary Gaeddert - 316-215-4292



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Sermon Notes