

FAITH

Mennonite Church

What are you waiting for?

December 22, 2019

10:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Worth the Wait

Welcome

Prelude to Worship
Celtic Noel

Choir

Call to Worship

One: Oh God, my God, I cry out to you.

**All: Asking, will I be saved to your goodness,
forgiven of the brokenness I have made,
certain that I am called to you?**

One: Will I follow the child you sent to lead me?
Will I no longer be afraid, but be restored?

All: God, what am I waiting for?

Prayer

Hope Is a Candle (all the verses)

STS 15

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Responsive reading (from Psalm 80)

Leader: Stir up your might, and come and save us!

**Organ: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Leader: Let your hand be upon us and make us strong.

**Piano: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Leader: Give us life, and we will call on your name.

**All: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Confession: (*unison*)
God, we tire of waiting
We tire of scandal. We tire of bad news.
We tire of requests for time, money, and soul.
We tire of these because we frequently consider ourselves more
righteous than we ought.
Forgive us our stingy impatience, and grant us your generous Spirit.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts. Let your face shine, that we may be
saved.

Good Christian friends, rejoice HWB 210

Children's Time

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 7:10-16
O little town of Bethlehem HWB 191

Offering Lorisa H & Nola S
Stille Nacht - arranged by Chip Davis

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing and Prayer

Anthems Choir
Angel Band
Run, Shepherds

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25
Sermon *Emmanuel*

Hark! the herald angels sing HWB 201

Benediction
Musical Benediction *Carol of the Bells*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preacher*Eric B*
Worship Leader*Jennifer H*
Song Leader*Jerry F*
Accompanist*Nola S*
Special Music.....*Adult Choir*

Children's Story *Shari S*
Sanctuary Prep *Lorisa H*
Sound.....*John H*
Ushers..... *Team B (Andrew P)*

CHILDCARE

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

- 12/22: Joni J &
Vicki H
- 12/29: Deb S &
Harlan B

GREETERS

Front Door

- 12/22: Janora R
- 12/29: Wilma L

Back Door by Kitchen

- 12/22: Gary G
- 12/29: Gene K

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

PASTOR ERIC will be gone December 25 - 29.

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 tonight, 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 will 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!

A BIG THANKS to all who helped at the New Hope Shelter this week! We served 15 men, 4 women, and 3 family units consisting of single moms and 6 children. We do make a difference! Our next scheduled week at the Shelter is Feb. 12 - 18. ~ Grace B

THERE WILL BE NO SENIOR FASPA on December 29th.

BEYOND FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

THANK YOU for your generous giving to Mennonite Central Committee in 2019. Your gifts help MCC continue work in 53 countries working on 648 projects and impacting countless people. If you're looking for a last minute Christmas gift keep MCC Christmas giving projects in mind or collect school kit supplies with your family (mcc.org/kits)! Check out mcc.org/christmas for online giving options. Contact our office in North Newton, KS for giving in-person, 316.283.2720.

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. 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 E or call Jim Robb, Board Chair at 620-747-0186.

THE FAMILY BAND FIVE TIMES HARDER will present a Christmas concert at 4:00 PM today, 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!

2020 IS YOUR YEAR to go on an MCC Learning Tour! Travel to Haiti March 21-28 to learn about root causes of Haiti's reality and see MCC projects in person. Join MCC Bolivia in celebrating 60 years with two learning tours, May 2-9 will focus on Eastern Bolivia and Oct. 10-17 will focus on Western Bolivia. Finally, you're welcome to travel to Nicaragua, July 20-30, to celebrate the centennial of MCC, focusing on past and present MCC work in Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

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.

BOOTS, BUCKET, & BARROWS. In partnership with Mennonite Disaster Service, Ted & Co. presents the original play "The Jesus Stories: Faith, Forks & Fettuccine", in conjunction with a unique auction of buckets filled with baked goods and home items, along with 'flash auctions' to fund the tools and volunteers MDS needs to help restore communities and rebuild homes ravaged by natural disaster. All proceeds benefit the continued work of MDS. Admission is free! Please come prepared to bid! Friday, January 31, 7 pm at Hesston (KS) Mennonite Church and Saturday, February 1, 7 pm at Journey Mennonite Church, South Hutchinson, KS. Sponsored by Kansas MDS Unit, Hesston College Disaster Management Program, and Journey Mennonite South Hutchinson.

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

SUMMER IS ONLY 6 MONTHS AWAY! Camp Mennoscah is looking for amazing people to be our summer staff for 2020. We need lifeguards, office assistants, music and crafts leaders, a naturalist and grounds/maintenance. Further information is available online or contact us at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. Apply for a position online at campmennoscah.org under Summer Youth Camps!

NEW WINDOWS! Camp Mennoscah's dining hall has new windows thanks to the generous work of volunteers. The windows have already proven to make a big difference in heating the dining hall. Our Volunteer Christmas was warm and cozy--the only thing "missing" was the cold drafts of air! Thank you to everyone who has volunteered, given gifts, and supported the continuing improvements to the kitchen and dining hall.

This Week (12/23/2019 - 12/29/2019)

Monday

5:30 PM - Yoga

Tuesday

Church Office Closed

6:00 PM - Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday

Merry Christmas!

Church Office Closed

Thursday

Church Office Closed

Sunday

9:00 AM - Sunday School

10:00 AM - Coffee & Fellowship

10:30 AM - Worship - Children's

Christmas Program

1:30 PM - Lola Friesen Memorial Service

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

Attendance for December 15, 2019

Worship: 122

Sunday School - 51

Board of Administration's Contact Person:

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Sermon Notes

