

FAITH

Mennonite Church

What are you waiting for?

December 8, 2019

10:30 am

Second Sunday of Advent *Getting Ready While We Wait*

Gathering Music

Welcome

Call to Worship

All: God, what are you waiting for?

Prayer

Hope is a candle - (verses 1 & 2)

STJ 15

Lighting the Advent Candles

Responsive Reading (from Romans 5:4-11)

Leader: God calls us to live with endurance.

Organ: We glorify the God of hope.

Leader: The God of encouragement calls us to unity.

Piano: We thank the Lord for the bounty of God's mercy.

Leader: God calls us to a new vision for all of creation.

All: Let us all praise the Lord.

It came upon a midnight clear

HWB 195

Children's Time

Confession

John the Baptist did not fit the religious structures of any time. He wore funny clothes, he ate distasteful food, and he preached costly peace. His solo voice carried your beautiful song.

Forgive us when our voices create disharmony with your people and your creation.

(silence)

Restore our voices to join in your holy song. Thanks and glory be to God!

Offering
Hope For Everyone
Prayer of Dedication

Music Group

Sharing and Prayer

(Please pass the Friendship Sheets)

Scripture
Lo, how a Rose e're blooming

Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12
HWB 211

Sermon
Comfort, comfort, O my people

Getting Ready While We Wait
HWB 176

Benediction
Musical Benediction

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 *Janet E*
Accompanists *Jane S*
Special Music *Music Group*

Children's Story *Marshall A*
Sanctuary Prep *Lorisa H*
Sound *Allen J*
Ushers *Team C (Chuck S)*

CHILDCARE

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

- 12/08: Margo G & Jody H
- 12/15: Alice J & Pam S

GREETERS

Front Door

- 12/08: Alice J
- 12/15: Ken J

Back Door by Kitchen

- 12/08: Mark J
- 12/15: 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 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

OUR ANGEL TREE IS UP and ready for you to choose an angel to shop for. Each angel describes what is desired and the BOWO board would suggest including a small toy and/or a book. Your purchase may be put in a Christmas bag or box, unwrapped, with the angel secured to the outside of the bag. In order for the teachers to get these presents distributed to the families in need, they need to be returned no later than Sunday, December 15th. Thanks for supporting this special project.

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!

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 on Sunday, December 15 at 7 pm with a community chorus, orchestra and soloists as follows: Holly Swartzendruber, Monica Schmidt Spicer, Matthew Schloneger, and Christopher Kliever. 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 10th to 13th: Roof Replacement

December 14th: Saturday workday

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

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.

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.

THE MENNONITE, INC. invites your original submissions for our February 2020 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on *The Dignity of Bodies*. More information at: <https://themennonite.org/february-2020-call-submissions/>

NEWTON BIBLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL invites you to their performance of "The Villain of Venice" - a Patch the Pirate play - next Thursday, December 12, at 6:30 p.m. This program is a great opportunity for students to be entertained, as well as exposed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We would love for your families to join Captain Eli and the crew as they help Mama, Papa, and Sherlock catch the Villain of Venice!

BETHEL COLLEGE COMING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

KAUFMAN MUSEUM is open through the holidays (closed Mondays, plus Weds., Christmas Day, and Weds., 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

CHRISTMAS FOR VOLUNTEERS! Camp Mennoscah loves to celebrate our volunteers and Christmas. We're throwing a party for everyone who has ever volunteered at Camp Mennoscah in any capacity on December 14 at 2:30pm. Help with a maintenance project? Play piano for a retreat? Host a weekend? Counsel at summer camp? This party's for you! Spouses and families welcome. We'll provide some snacky items and simple drinks. Come play games and talk with fellow volunteers!



This Week (12/9/2019 - 12/15/2019)

Monday

5:30 PM - Yoga

Tuesday

9:30 AM - Board of Fellowship

6:00 PM - Board of Worship

7:00 PM - Board of Deacons

Wednesday

6:00 PM - Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM - Youth Group Christmas Party

8:00 PM - Adult Choir

Thursday

10:00 AM - Gifts Discernment

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 December 1, 2019

Worship: 117

Sunday School - 59

Board of Administration's Contact Person:

Jim Y

Board of Deacons' Contact Person:

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Sermon Notes

