

A stylized sun with a white center, surrounded by concentric circles in shades of orange and yellow. Radiating lines in yellow and purple extend from the sun, creating a sense of light and energy. The background is a mix of yellow and purple geometric shapes.

RESTORATION

is

Near

**Tell What You
Hear & See**

Third Sunday of Advent

Faith Mennonite Church

December 11, 2022

10:30 AM

Prelude

Marlene Habegger

Of the Father's Love Begotten—setting by John Carter

O Come, All Ye Faithful/ Beethoven's Pathetique arr. Carolyn M. Taylor

Green Sleeves/Coventry Carol—Joel Raney

Peace Prayer

Advent Alleluia

words & music Jay Althouse

Adult Choir

Call to worship

Leader: Look, I am sending my messenger, go tell what you have seen!

**People: God's awesome wonders fill the earth,
the lost are found, the blind receive sight,
the deaf hear, the lame walk,
the poor are preached to,
and those who are dead in spirit receive new life.**

Leader: Is this what you were expecting to see?

People: Blessed are they who trust in the Lord!

Leader: For God's yoke is easy, God's burdens are light.

All: Great is thy faithfulness!

Opening Prayer

Candle-lighting liturgy

Leader: Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is soon.

**People: Tell what you hear and see:
even now, like water in the desert,
we see God's action all around.**

Candle lighting –(in silence)

Leader: As we gather strength, we light this candle
as a sign of your love made visible among us.

People: Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.

Hark! The Glad Sound!

VT 217

Isaiah 35:1-10

Come, Christ of God

words John Parker, music Stan Pethel
Adult Choir

Offering Prayer
Children's Story
Luke 1:39-56
My soul is filled with joy

STJ 13

"Transformed by Joy "
Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee?

Pastor Rose Marie
VT 215

Blessing
Ring, Christmas Bells

words M. L. Hohman, music M. Leontovich
Adult Choir

Please pass the friendship sheets.

VT = Voices Together STJ = Green Song Book STS = Purple Song Book
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***In lieu of passing an offering plate, there are many ways to give. There is a container in the back of the sanctuary as one option. There is a giving button on our community website and USPS also delivers to us.**

***This service is streamed live. There will be a pause while the stream is switched from the public to the unlisted (private) stream for our congregational sharing, prayer, and announcements.*

If you are unable to stand please remain seated.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

*Pastors..... Kristine Regehr
.....Rose Marie Zook Barber
Worship Leader.....Pastor Kristine Regehr
Song Leader.....Jerry Friesen
Accompanist.....Marlene Habegger
Children's Story.....Tammy Plank*

*Sanctuary Prep.....Board of Worship
Broadcasting.....MeleLani Llanes
Sound.....Alan Jantz
Projection.....
Ushers.....Chuck Schmidt & Merrill Unruh
Greeters.....Mike & Jane Schmidt*



Welcome to Faith Mennonite Church! We are glad you are here.
**Faith Mennonite Church embraces as a gift the
diversity of our community and our world.**

If you need a **listening assistance device or a large print bulletin**,
please ask an usher.

There are a few *quiet* craft items on the back table of the sanctuary that can
be used during worship.

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

THE ANGEL TREE gifts are due today. Thank you for your generosity!

CONGRATULATIONS TO JESUS JR AND KAYLEE MARTINEZ on the birth of their son! Elyon June Martinez was born on December 5 at 3:07 PM. He weighed in at 9 lbs 4 oz and was 21 inches long! The rosebud on the organ is in celebration of his birth!

JIM AND NOLA STUCKY are celebrating the birth of their first great-grandbabies—identical twin girls born 11-30-22 to Kyndell and Megan Hightree, in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Hanna Ruth and Gracie Mae. (Kyndell is the oldest son of their daughter Nikki and Jason Hightree in Harper, Ks). All is going very well!

CHRISTMAS EVE service will be at 6 PM December 24. The offering will go towards the New Hope Shelter Building fund.

READERS ARE NEEDED! Do you like to read aloud? If so, Pastor Kristine has some special requests to make of you for the Christmas Eve service and also Christmas Day worship service. Please let her know of your interest by 12/20/2022. Thanks.



AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN THIS ADVENT SEASON, give thanks for God's gifts of justice, peace and restoration offered through ministries of WDC congregations.

JOIN THE ADVENT JOURNEY by using Joanna Harader's Advent Devotional-- *Expecting Emmanuel: Eight Women who Prepared the Way*. The WDC Resource Library will host a discussion over the first part of the book on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Limited copies of the devotional are available at the library. Register for the conversation by emailing crlib@mennowdc.org or at <https://forms.gle/YfckrftwDiuJmk7A>

LAST WEEK IN THE REGIER GALLERY in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College – annual Senior Art Exhibit, featuring the work of Capri Bisom, through Fri., Dec. 15. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 AM—5 PM, Sun. 2-4 PM.

THE LIGHTING OF THE GREEN will take place on TODAY, at 8 p.m. at Bethel College. Students, staff, faculty, and community members gather around the Green to create a "wreath" of candlelight, then converge to form a "Christ candle." All are invited to attend.

BRASS CHRISTMAS CONCERT — Everyone is invited to enjoy the McPherson Community Brass Choir at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church (1304 K-15 Hwy, Goessel, KS) TODAY at 7PM. A free will offering will support local ministries.

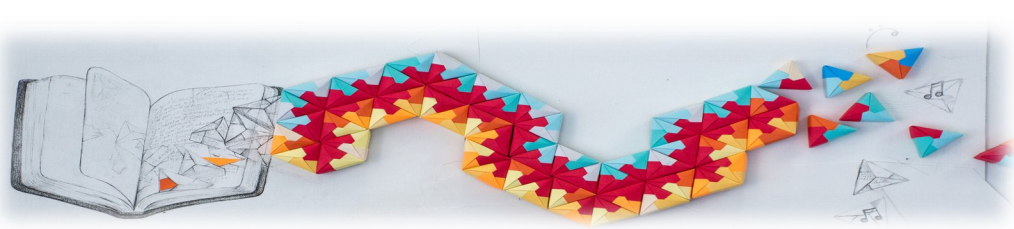
NOW AT KAUFFMAN MUSEUM on the Bethel College campus: "Reeds and Wool: Patterned Screens of Central Asia," revived from 20 years ago in memory of the late John Sommer, who collected the screens, made by nomadic Kyrgyz women, and organized the original exhibit. Regular Kauffman Museum hours are Tues.-Fri., 9:30 AM—4:30 PM, Sat.-Sun., 1:30-4:30 PM The museum is closed Mondays and major holidays, so it will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

CENTRAL KANSAS MASTER CHORALE will be giving their *Christmas with the Chorale* concert at Hesston Mennonite Church on 12/18/2022 @ 3 PM. The chorale is directed by Dr. Joel Garber. Several of our church members sing in this chorale.

MCC CHRISTMAS GIVING! Give gifts of comfort and joy and help meet the basic needs of our global neighbors this Christmas. Choose from unique gifts such as goats, bees, backpacks and more. Give at mcc.org/delight, call 888.563.4676 or visit the MCC Central States office in North Newton, KS at 121 E. 30th Street. With each gift you can get a card and insert explaining the project. These gifts (from \$10-\$4,000) make wonderful hostess/teacher gifts, stocking stuffers and are ideal for those on your Christmas list that are hard to shop for!

PLEASE CHECK OUT the bulletin board in the foyer for other area events that are not listed above.





This Week (12/12/2022—12/18/2022)

MONDAY:

6:30 PM Board of Administration

WEDNESDAY:

5:45 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 PM Special Council Meeting

THURSDAY:

6:30 PM Board of Deacons and
Congregational Care Team

SUNDAY:

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

3rd Sunday Carry-In

Looking Ahead:

12/19 Caregivers Support Group—4 PM

12/24 Christmas Eve Service—6 PM

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

Thanks!

Attendance for 12/04/2022: 76

Board of Administration's Contact Person for December:

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