

*Hymn Arise, your light is come! SS 30

Celebrating Holy Communion Lois Harder

Welcome, Passing the Peace
Anthem We Gather at Your Table, Lord Ehret
Chancel Choir

Receiving the Gift
Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn How brightly beams the morning star HWB 222

*Benediction

Postlude March of the Kings Simone

HWB = Hymnal, a Worship Book; SJ = Sing the Journey
PB = Pew Bible; SS = Sing the Story

*Congregation stands

We light the peace lamp as a reminder that peace is God's will for all of creation, that Christ is the Prince of Peace, and that the Holy Spirit empowers us to proclaim boldly the gospel of peace.

We welcome you to this service of worship! Please write your name on the welcome pad at the end of your pew, and then return it to learn who is sitting near you. Please include your address if you are a visitor or new attender. A nursery for children up to 5 years of age is available in Room 204.

For those with hearing difficulties, assistive listening equipment (which includes headphones and a small, pocket-sized receiver) is available. Please ask one of the ushers for assistance.

Greeters this morning are Aimee Leisy and Pete Krause. **Nursery workers during worship** are Jeremy & Katie Mitchell-Koch; **during Sunday School**, Catherine Everingham. **Fellowship workers** are Sara Penner and Jane Tanner.

Following the worship service, you all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and casual conversation until the bell rings for Sunday School. (Please see the list of classes below.)

Among our friends:

MaryAnn James is moving on Saturday, January 7th to an Independent Living apartment at Chaucer Estates. This has been thought about for quite a while, but your thoughts and prayers are appreciated in this transition to a new life chapter. The new address is 10550 E. 21st N. #3060, Wichita, 67206. Phone number 316-630-6182.

Lucille Phillips has returned home! She is back at Clint and Judy's (son and daughter-in-law) having recuperated from her broken foot.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to LaVona Franz on the death of her husband, Arnold Jantzen. LaVona and Arnold were High School sweethearts and then married, later in life. They were married for about 15 years, much of which Arnold was ill and had to move back to the Enid, OK area to be near his doctors and children. LaVona was able to be with him when he died on December 30. Services were held on Wednesday, January 4, at the New Hopedale Mennonite Church in Meno, OK.

Take a look at the north display window! **Jane Tanner** hand-made the figures. Many thanks to Jane for her creative displays in both north and south windows. Thanks, also to **Myra Swartz and Sylvia Schmidt** for helping decorate the church.

Your Peace Committee invites you to “soup at the movies” – this Wednesday, January 11, 5:45 in Fellowship Hall. This week's movie is “*Before the Flood*,” exploring the topic of climate change. **Please call or e-mail the church office by tomorrow, the 9th, if you are planning to be here for supper (\$4/person, \$15 for family of 4 or more)**

Just a reminder that the “**Glad you're our neighbor**” signs are in the office, by the printer. These colorful signs are \$10 each (payable to Matt Lehman Wiens) and look GREAT in the front yard! And, thanks Matt!

Your Peace Committee has purchased MLK buttons, needed to for admission to attend the Martin Luther King Day events on Saturday, January 14. The buttons are available on the office table as well as in the Fellowship Hall, along with a listing of the events. Take a button if you would like to attend; pay \$3 if you would like to reimburse the Peace Committee. Events on the 14th include *breakfast, a city-wide PARADE, community service activity at*

TKAAM, and a vigil at 3:00 p.m. at the Warren Old Town Plaza in solidarity with refugees and immigrants. Pick up your schedule for times and locations.

There is an Epiphany 2017 letter from Mary Raber on the south lobby bulletin board. She has recently spent time teaching in Ukraine and plans to return to Odessa Theological Seminary for lectures. LAMC has supported her work.

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a Senior Executive for Advancement to provide leadership and oversight to the Development, Church Relations, Marketing and Communication departments. This collaborative leader will participate in Mennonite Mission Network organizational leadership by cultivating healthy relationships with constituents and partners, and support the Executive Director in developing organizational vision and direction, and in advancing financial stability. The ideal candidate will be passionate about God's reconciling mission to the world, committed to Jesus Christ, and active in a local congregation. They will embrace cultural diversity and anti-racism, be prepared to do public speaking and travel 45-60 days per year. Anticipated start date is July, 2017. Read the full position description at www.MennoniteMission.net. Please send resumé and cover letter to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net.

WANTED: Cars, Trucks, Tractors, Farm Equipment (old and new) and large items of value **for the Kansas MCC Sale**. These are tax deductible donations that can benefit you as well as MCC. If you have items you don't know what to do with, PLEASE consider donating them to the Kansas MCC Sale. We take your donations seriously and will make every effort possible to help it bring a good price. Call Jerry Toews 620-367-8257 for info and details.

What's So Funny about Money? a Ted and Company show, is coming to the McPherson Opera House, 219 S Main St, McPherson, KS on Sunday, February 19 at 7 pm. This show is open to the public by donation to benefit the Western District Conference Matching Fund, assisting pastors with financial challenges. Thanks to Everence for their sponsorship. Invite your friends! For more information, contact Kathy at 316-283-6300 or kathynd@mennowdc.org

From Bethel College:

Tues., Jan. 10 – Friends of the MLA presentation, 7 p.m., Ben Goossen, “Mennonites at War: Military Service, Ethnic Cleansing

and Global Migrations during and after the First World War,”
Kauffman Museum

Mon., Jan. 16 – Bethel College annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, 7 p.m., with Regina Shands Stoltzfus, assistant professor for peace, justice and conflict studies at Goshen (Indiana) College, speaking on “Renewing the Spirit of Empowerment,” Krehbiel Auditorium. Also plan to participate in a special history walk earlier in the day (choose from two start times, 3 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.), starting at the Newton train station (corner of 5th and Main), with tour leaders Larry Lee and Michelle Armster.

Thurs., Jan. 19 – Film and discussion, 5:30 p.m., Kauffman Museum. There will be a showing of Daryl F. Zanuck’s 1949 film *Pinky*, with discussion led by Bethel College faculty Allen Jantz and Kip Wedel.

The Bethel College Alumni Choir is looking for more singers interested in getting together for music, fun and fellowship. The next concert will be Sun., Feb. 5, 3 p.m. (you’ll be out in time for football!), with one rehearsal, Sat., Feb. 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. If you’re a Bethel choir alumnus and want to be involved, contact Andrew Voth, votha@usd411.org; see “Bethel College Alumni Choir” on Facebook for more information.

From Hesston College:

Jan. 8 - The Hesston College music faculty will perform a recital at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 15, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. A variety of instruments and voices will be featured. The recital is free and open to the public.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for WDC staff as they meet for a retreat this week at Camp Mennoscah.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Students in hybrid classes at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary are meeting on campus in Elkhart, IN, this coming week for the face-to-face portion of their classes. Give thanks for the relationships that are developing among students on campus, students from a distance, and seminary faculty and staff members. Pray that God’s Spirit would guide them as they engage the Bible together.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Christopher Altrogge and Emma-Love Cabana are serving with

Mennonite Voluntary Service in New York. Pray for them as they work alongside Manhattan Mennonite Fellowship to be “a place of peace in the city.”

Prayer Request from *Sabeel*:

Lord, from the land of your Holy Son we thank you for this New Year and for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us your mighty flame as we recommit ourselves to work for the coming of your kingdom.

May our faith this year enable us to do justice and have mercy. May we challenge the economic systems that make few people rich and many people poor. May we challenge the politics of empire, where gold is cherished and the poor and marginalized are ignored. May we advocate for restorative justice to make true peace as we seek the reconciliation among all your children. Lord in your mercy...

May this year be a year where we see violence disappear from our hearts, our communities, our countries and the entire world. Help us Lord to stand for our cause without picking up the sword. Help us lord to replace fear with love. We pray for an end to the violent Israeli occupation, let this year be the year where the guns in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Libya, Egypt and all areas of conflict in the world become silent. Lord in your mercy...

Visitors from last Sunday:

Elizabeth Evans, New York, NY; John Harder, Windsor, ON; Greg Zielke, Omaha, NE

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer – Gathering Room	4:15 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Deacons Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Soup & Movie Night – Fellowship Hall	5:45 p.m.
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:45 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Board of Christian Education Meeting	11:00 a.m.

Elementary and Youth Sunday School Classes

Early Childhood (3- 4-year-olds) Shine! Curriculum Room 206

Teachers: Ellen Ebersole, Beth Lichty, Ruth Wiens

Kindergarten - First Grade Shine! Curriculum Room 201

Teachers: Kelly Cleary and Grayce Kaufmann

Second - Fourth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room 202

Teachers: Allison Wenzel and Julie Dunkelberger

Fifth – Eighth Grades Shine! Curriculum & Games B4

Teachers: Beverly Baumgartner, Nadine Reimer Penner, Joel Ewy

Eighth-Twelfth Grades Book Studies Room 208

Teachers: Jill Robinson and Judy Ebersole

Adult Sunday School Classes

Empowerers Book Study Lois' Office (Basement)
Learning to Fall by Philip Simmons

Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room
led by Rose Moyer

Men's Group Book Study Library
God's Politics by Jim Wallis
led by Doug Everingham

Faith and Issues Sermon Discussion Fellowship Hall
led by Tom Harder

Mission Statement*

We are called to be followers of Christ
seeking God's will through the Holy Spirit
sharing the good news of love, peace,
healing, and hope
through worship, fellowship, and service
in our community, our city, and beyond.



**Foundational Scripture passages: Micah 6:8; Matthew 5-7; Mark 12:29-31; John 3:16; John 13:34-35; John 20:31; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 Peter 4:7-11; 1 John 4:16.*

We welcome all persons without regard to their race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, social status, education, ability, or any other factor subject to discrimination and exclusion in our world. *"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28)*

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Monday is the pastors' day off

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