

TODAY

A **Supervised Nursery** is available for children ages 3 and under during the Worship Service. Nursery attendants are Pat and Amy Flaming.

Noon – 2:30 p.m. A new session of Faith Ex classes for high school youth is beginning today with eight high school youth. Pastor Linda is teaching the class and Pastor Mike will be participating. Mentors will join us for our class time today and will participate in various activities with the class throughout its duration. Please keep this class in your prayers through the coming months.

4:00 p.m. Bethesda Chapel with Pastor Linda and Elsie Unruh

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray for:

- Rosebud:** Levi Joshua was born Dec. 28 to Ben and Tina Schrag
- Hospital:** Betty Epp at Newton Medical Center
- Mennonite Education Agency (MEA):** Remember Bluffton (Ohio) University students, faculty, and staff as they return to campus January 6 and begin the spring semester of classes on Monday.
- Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Please pray that Mennonite Mission Network workers Lillian and Norm Nicolson will be prepared mentally, emotionally, and spiritually for their return to Burkina Faso tomorrow. Lillian will be involved in Bible translation in the Siamou language and Norm will record scriptures and Christian programs.
- Western District Conference (WDC):** Blanca Vargas, pastor at Iglesia Menonita Comunidad de Vida, San Antonio, TX, as she is ordained today. Pray that immigrants and refugees who begin this new year in our area conference would be welcomed and treated with compassion.

THOUGHT for the WEEK

When the song of the angels is stilled
When the star in the sky is gone
When the kings and princes are home
When the shepherds are back with their flocks
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost; to heal the broken;
to feed the hungry; to release the prisoner;
to rebuild the nations; to bring peace among the people;
to make music in the heart.

~Howard Thurman in *Bread of Tomorrow*, ed. Janet Morley
(New York: Orbis Books, 1992), 52.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

COMING EVENTS

Monday, January 7

8:45 a.m. Staff Meeting
1:30 p.m. Happy Home Workers
7:00 p.m. Board of Education

Tuesday, January 8

Wednesday, January 9

****MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES**** See bulletin for details.

6:30–8:30 p.m. Audit of Treasurers' Books – Education Wing Room 14
7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

Thursday, January 10

1:30 p.m. Willing Workers
7:00 p.m. Daughters of Grace “Strong Women” Fitness Class – Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Pastor Search Committee

Friday, January 11

Saturday, January 12

Sunday, January 13 *Commissioning of New Leaders*

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Speaker: Lee Suderman
Special Music: Chancel Choir
Offering: First Fruits Giving

Noon Sandwich Lunch Fellowship Meal – Bring either a salad or dessert.

After Lunch Special Congregational Meeting with John Simmering

Last Sunday, December 30

Attendance: Sunday School 176
Worship Service 235

Offering: Sunday School \$115.55
First Fruits \$7,937.64

December 31 First Fruits \$2,600.00

Jan. 19 Daughter of Grace Craftin' Night

Jan. 20 Youth Sunday

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Wed., Jan 9, 6:30 p.m. Baby shower for Allison, Tina and Jeff Boese in the Youth House. Bring a gift.

COLLEGE AGE/YOUNG ADULT

TODAY, Jan. 6, Noon – Pizza Hut Luncheon in Newton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Treasurers of various organizations are asked to bring their records for auditing to Room 14 in the Education Wing on Wednesday, Jan. 9, between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Please bring your records, bank statements, and financial report for the annual report book. If this time is unsuitable, please make arrangements with one of the auditors—Blake Schmucker, Aileen Esau, or Steve Nikkel.

Annual Reports are due in the church office on January 15. Treasurers, have your books audited first.

Henry and Verda Wedel will be honored for their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Goessel Mennonite Church, hosted by their children and families. A short program will be presented at 3:00 p.m. The gift of your presence is requested.

Everyone interested in Agri-Urban and its programs is invited to an appreciation dinner on Jan. 19, at 6:00 p.m., in the Eden Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, 4 miles west and 2 miles north of Moundridge. Please make reservations with Ben Schrag by Jan. 6. An interesting program is planned.

THANK YOU

To my many friends at Alexanderwohl—It is high time for me to express my thanks to you. Many thanks for the visits of encouragement by my pastors and others. Thanks for notes, get well cards, Christmas cards, flowers, and especially all the prayers said for me. Now I'm facing another major surgery, so please continue to remember me in your prayers. With love to you all in Christ's name. *~Betty S. Epp*

COMMUNITY AND CONFERENCE

Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service will be having its annual meeting on Jan. 20 at 2:30 p.m. at the Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church.

The premier performance of “**The Upside Down King**” will be today, January 6, at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE. During the month of January, there will be five more appearances of an original musical by Doug and Jude Krehbiel (aka Road Less Travelled) and Carol Duerksen. A five-member young adult cast and live band will present a rock and roots musical about Jesus—his message, his teaching, his disciples. Choose a site and join in the fun. A freewill offering will be received for WDC youth ministry. Other performance venues: **Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m.**, First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson; **Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m.**, Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge; **Jan. 19, 4:00 p.m.**, Peace Mennonite Church, Dallas, TX; **Jan. 20, 6:30 p.m.**, Grace Hill Mennonite Church, Whitewater; **Jan. 27, 6:00 p.m.**, Grace Mennonite Church, Enid, OK.

Welcome to Education (WEB) will be Jan. 19, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at Bethel College, North Newton, KS. This event offers a variety of workshops (antiques, financial security, whole foods for a whole community, digital photography) and a brunch. **The registration deadline has been extended to Jan. 10.** Mail your registration and \$20 to Valerie Klassen, 9108 SE 36th St., Whitewater, KS 67154. More information is available on the church bulletin board or call 620-367-8219. Sponsored by Bethel College Women's Association.

Companions in Grief, sponsored by Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, will meet Jan. 10 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Kidron Bethel Village Community Room, 500 W. Bluestem, North Newton. Call Brenda Glanzer Lilliston at 316-283-1103 or 877-883-1103 for more information.

Conference Resource Library now open Thursday nights 'till 8: Beginning Thursday, Jan. 10, the Western District Conference Resource Library at 2517 N. Main in North Newton will be open until 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Curl up with a book and a fresh cup of coffee or tea. Hang out, meet new friends. Bring children and have a family story time or...schedule a committee meeting in the library lounge. Come on over, open and read!

Listening Circle begins at Western District Conference Resource Library: Looking for a place to explore theology and ask questions in a gentle environment? Come to an exploratory meeting of “The Listening Circle,” a group for women of any age who want to learn together through study, sharing, and listening carefully to one another. The meeting will convene at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Resource Library on Jan. 10, 2008. Please call convener June Thomsen (283-0106) or librarian Marlene Bogard (283- 6300) for more information. See you there!

Kenneth Unruh and Paul Unruh will be speaking on “Reflections of the Greensburg Tornado.”

2007 First Fruits Goal	\$334,178.00
2007 First Fruits Year to date	\$318,242.00
We came within \$15,936.00 of meeting our 2007 First Fruits Goal.	

MCC's Serving and Learning Together (SALT) Program for young adults is an eleven-month program of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for Canadian and U.S. Christians ages 18 to 27 interested in a cross-cultural service experience. Through participation in the daily lives and realities of communities in need, SALT participants will learn, reflect, absorb and above all, change. For info, go to www.mcc.org/salt.

A GI Rights Training Workshop will be held February 2-3, 2008 at the Manhattan Unitarian/ Universalist Fellowship in Manhattan, KS, sponsored by the Manhattan Alliance for Peace & Justice. See more information posted on the south lobby bulletin board.

The 2008 Camp Mennoscah schedule is out! It has been sent to your church office. Look on the bulletin board to find the date of the camp you would like to attend next year. In 2008, campers will receive a \$10 discount if registration and FULL payment (which is encouraged) is received by May 16, 2008. (The schedule has the new rates. If you should cancel, the camp fee will be returned minus a \$25 non-refundable pre-registration fee.) The 2008 rates for rental groups have changed and are as follows (adult/child): Day rate - \$6/\$3.50; RV/Tent - \$10/\$5; Cabin - \$12/\$6; Bunk House - \$16/\$8; Electric hookups - \$7.50 (per night); Retreat Center - \$45/per room per night (for two people); Linens - \$6 (Minimum charge for Main Camp \$175, Retreat Center \$250). Please contact the camp at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org for further information.

MIDWEEK SCHEDULE – FALL 2007

Schedule for January 9, 2008

5:30–6:15 p.m.	Adult Bible Study on Isaiah 36–39	Conference Room
	Led by Pastor Lee	
6:00–6:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal	Fellowship Hall
6:30–7:00 p.m.	Rejoice Choir (3 rd – 6 th grades)	Chapel
7:00–8:00 p.m.	Midweek Classes for Children & Youth	
	3 yr. olds -4 th grade	Education Wing
	5 th & 6 th grades	Fellowship Hall
	7 th & 8 th grades	Shelter House
	9 th -12 th grades	Youth House
7:00–8:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Choir Loft
7:00–8:00 p.m.	“Empowering Parents”	SE Upstairs Room
	Led by Pastor Linda	
	Read Chapters 12 & 13 in <i>Disconnected</i> , last session	
8:00–9:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir	Chapel
8:00–9:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study on Isaiah	Conference Room
	“Empowering Parents”	Education Wing

Invite your Friends, Neighbors, New Persons in the Community
To Join Us!

Questions? Call 367-8192

MID–WEEK FELLOWSHIP MEALS READY TO SERVE AT 6:00 P.M.

Additions will be accepted in the church office until Monday noon.
Cancellation deadline is 9:00^{AM} on Wednesday. Menu for January 9: Taco Soup, french bread, cinnamon applesauce jello, cake (peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will also be available).

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Wednesday Fellowship Meal Reservation for January 9

Additions will be accepted in the church office until Monday noon.
Cancellation deadline is 9:00^{AM} on Wednesday.

_____ I/We plan to be a regular at every Wednesday night meal. I will notify the church office if I will not be able to come.

_____ I/We plan to come this Wednesday.

Family Name _____

Adults _____ # Children _____

(Place in Offering Plate or Turn in to Church Office)

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Building on the foundation of Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 3:11),

empowered by the Holy Spirit,

we

Love God and invite all people

Encourage fellowship in Christ

Teach obedience to Christ

Serve and minister in Jesus' name

so that:

God is praised!

Offering God's Love, Healing & Hope to All

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Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.

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