
ALEXANDERWOHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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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Looking Toward Our Future

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Focus Statement: As we review highlights of our work together this past year, we seek affirmation that our efforts are true to scripture and why your Lead Pastor believes the Lord is pleased with our progress.

Gathering Music Nancy Becker, piano
Welcome Pastor Lee Suderman
Opportunities for Celebration and Service
Prelude Nancy Becker, organ
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ~Welsh Hymn Tune, arr. Jordan
(Please sign, pass, and return the friendship registers)

Call to Worship Chancel Choir
"I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me" ~Wagner

Welcome Pastor Lee
***Songs of Praise** "This is the Day" SWJ #77
"Worship the Lord in the beauty" HWB #220

Children's Time Pastor Lee
Anthem Chancel Choir
"Saints Bound For Heaven" ~arr. Parker/Shaw

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings First Fruits Giving
Offertory "Jewels" ~Root, arr. Schubert
Prayer of Dedication and Intercession Pastor Linda Ewert

Old Testament Reading Pastor Mike Brouillette
Joshua 3:14-4:11 TNIV

Message "Moving Forward With Confidence" Pastor Lee

***Commissioning Of Our Leaders** The Congregation
Pastor: Through the Spirit, God gives many gifts,
all of them useful in building the church.
God calls all of us to the ministry of reconciliation.
Each of us thus shares in the servanthood of all.

TODAY

A **Supervised Nursery** is available for children ages 3 and under

Pastor: (to Leaders) As you accept your service assignments,
your tasks become our tasks,
your covenant becomes our covenant.

We therefore join in this commissioning charge.

People: We commission you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**As you go, proclaim the good news,
"The kingdom of God has come near."**

Call people to faith in Christ.

Care for the sick in body and soul.

**Be messengers of the healing and victory over evil
that comes with God's powerful reign.**

*Leaders: With joy, we accept this charge
and count ourselves as ambassadors for Christ,
bearing the message of reconciliation, forgiveness,
and a new creation in Christ.*

**People: As God's Spirit calls and the church commissions,
the servants of Christ are scattered in places of need.**

**We accept your service as an extension of this
congregation and pledge our support to make your
ministry effective.**

**We join you in affirming the priority of Christ's kingdom.
May God protect and strengthen you in all
circumstances, and grant you a deep love for those
whom you serve.**

**We will keep praying for you,
that Christ may be seen through you in word and
deed.**

~John H. Mosemann (1967), in *The Mennonite Hymnal* (HP, 1969), 732 (adapted).
Based on 1 Cor. 12-14; Matt. 10:5-8; Luke 9:2; 2 Cor. 5:18-20.

***Benediction and Blessing On Our Fellowship To Follow** Pastor Lee

***Sending Hymn** "God of our life" HWB #486

Postlude "Classical Postlude" ~Haydn

*All who are able are invited to stand.

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Chancel Choir Director and Song Leader: Ken Rodgers

WELCOME

On this first Sunday after Epiphany, we recall Jesus' baptism as he identified with fallen humankind and his Father's mission in the world. As we gather for worship, let us gratefully remember that Christ is here ready to meet us where we are.

during the Worship Service. Nursery attendants are Ben and Tina Schrag.

Noon Sandwich Lunch Fellowship Meal

After Lunch Special Congregational Meeting with John Simmering – Child Care will be provided.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray for:

—**Hospital:** Betty Epp at Newton Medical Center; Randolph Reimer at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita

—**Mennonite Education Agency (MEA):** wisdom for the Goshen (Ind.) College President's Council members as they continue the search for the individual who will become the new director for the Goshen College Center for Intercultural Teaching and Learning.

—**Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Mennonite Voluntary Service participants, John Neiswander, Laura Rheinheimer, and Carrie VanderHoek, as they work in Harlingen, Texas, with people who have fled the dangers and struggles in their home countries to seek refuge in the U.S. Pray that God will give them compassion as they listen to these people's stories.

—**Western District Conference (WDC):** the Leadership Commission as they interview pastoral candidates for credentialing on Friday and Saturday (18-19). Thank God for raising new leaders for the Mennonite Church.

—**Roy Walls, Jr.,** former pastor of Peace Mennonite Church, Aurora, CO, suffered a heart attack and died on January 5. He served as pastor of Peace Mennonite (then a member of Western District Conference and now a member of Mountain States Mennonite Conference) from 2000–2003. Roy was currently serving as pastor of First Baptist Church in Golden, CO, where memorial services were held on January 12. Cards may be sent to his wife, Rosie, at 8440 Dover Way, Arvada, CO 80005. We join the family, church, and community in prayers for comfort and strength during this time of loss.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

As we consider our giving for this new year, may we heed the words of Malachi 3:10 and bring our tithes into the storehouse that there will be enough *resources* in the *church budget*. (Contemporary interpretation added)

THOUGHT for the WEEK

“There are secret things that belong to the Lord our God, but the

Sunday, January 20

2:00 p.m. Mennonite Heritage Museum Annual Meeting –
Alexanderwohl Fellowship Hall

revealed things belong to us and our descendants forever, so that we may obey these words of the law.” (Deut. 29:29 NLT) May we be obedient in those things which God *has* shown to us and asked us to do.

COMMISSIONING OUR NEW LEADERS

Board of Deacons – David Esau; Marilyn Unruh Flaming; Judy Goertzen; Delbert Peters, Chair; Brian Stucky; Judy Unruh; ElRoy Wiens

Board of Christian Education – Sandy Banman; Karl Brubaker, Chair; Tammy Flaming; Janine Peters; Yvette Peters; One Open Spot

Board of Missions and Service – Norma Duerksen; Tim Goertzen; Rod Peters, Chair; Kris Schmucker; Zane Unrau; Gayle Voth

Board of Trustees – Myron Goertzen; Marlin Janzen; Brendon Nafziger; Duane Unruh; Steve Unruh, Chair

Board of Worship – Nancy Becker, Chair; Amy Flaming; Laura Flaming; Gretchen Schrag; Delton Voth; One Open Spot

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, January 14

8:45 a.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Church Council

Tuesday, January 15

Annual Reports Due

Wednesday, January 16

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

8:00 – 9:00 p.m. Youth practice in Sanctuary for Youth Sunday

Thursday, January 17

7:00 p.m. Daughters of Grace “Strong Women” Fitness Class – Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 18

Saturday, January 19

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Youth Walk–thru for Youth Sunday – Sanctuary

5:30 – 9:00 p.m. Daughters of Grace Craft’n Night – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 20 **Youth Sunday**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Offering: First Fruits Giving

Last Sunday, January 6

Attendance: Sunday School 215

Worship Service 247

Offering: Sunday School \$122.00

First Fruits \$8,152.88

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 10 Noon Meal followed by Annual Congregational Meeting

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Wed., Jan. 16, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Meet in Youth House

Wed., Jan. 16, 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. Practice in Sanctuary for Youth
Sunday

Sat., Jan. 19, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Walk thru service for Youth Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Everyone interested in Agri-Urban and it's 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. An interesting program is planned. **Reservations were to be made with Ben Schrag by Jan. 6.**

Another group is going to work with MDS in Greensburg this Thursday, Jan. 17. There is still plenty of room available in the church van and we would like to fill it. So, if you are able to help please contact Steve Goertzen, Rosi Reimer, or Matt Voth.

Daughters of Grace invite you to the **Craft'n Night** on Saturday, Jan. 19, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the church Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share if you wish. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Cindy Wiens 367-2540.

The Mennonite Heritage Museum will hold its annual meeting Jan. 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the Alexanderwohl Church Fellowship Hall. The agenda includes annual reports and a presentation by Brian Stucky on Pioneer Trails in Central Kansas. Fasma will be served.

MomTime will be Jan. 21, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Moms will meet in the Fellowship Hall; Kids in the Nursery. Provide a sack lunch for your child and \$1.50 per child for child care.

Jeff Stetson's play, *The Meeting*, which depicts a hypothetical encounter between Dr. Martin Luther King and Malcolm X, will be presented at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility on Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m. The performance is sponsored by the Prison Arts Project of Offender/

Take Note of NewsLine deadline—The deadline to submit items for the February 2008 *NewsLine* is Monday, Jan. 21, 2008. Items received after that date may not be included or may be held for the February issue.

THANK YOU

We have been on quite a journey during these past several weeks following our car accident. We are so grateful that we aren't traveling this road by ourselves. We want to say thank you to the community for the many cards, visits, and above all the prayer support offered on our behalf.

~Lester, Lois & Brittany Voth

COMMUNITY AND CONFERENCE

Kauffman Museum Sunday–Afternoon–at–the–Museum Program, today, Jan. 13, 3:30–4:30 p.m., “Birds of a Feather....” Joyce Lent, naturalist at Great Plains Nature Center in Wichita, will bring a live bird and give a presentation about that bird's life habits. Free and open to the public. All ages welcome. Call 316-283-1612 for more information.

“The Upside Down King” is an original musical by Doug and Jude Krehbiel (aka Road Less Travelled) and Carol Duerksen. During the month of January, a five-member young adult cast and live band, including our own Jason Peters, will present the 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. Remaining performances are: **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.

The **Newton Et Cetera Shop** is having a **50% OFF STOREWIDE SALE** on Wednesday, Jan. 16. All profits will be directed to AIDS Care Kits through Mennonite Central Committee.

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 is 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!

Victim Ministries in celebration of the life of MLK and directed by John McCabe Juhnke, chair of the Communication Arts Department of Bethel College. The actors are incarcerated individuals in the Central Unit (maximum security) in Hutchinson. For more information and to get your

name on the guest list, call Offender/Victim Ministries at 316-283-2038 by Wednesday, Jan. 16.

Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service will be having it's annual meeting on Jan. 20 at 2:30 p.m. at the Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church. Kenneth Unruh and Paul Unruh will be speaking on "Reflections of the Greensburg Tornado."

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 Feb. 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.

MCC Sale Update

- We are already asking volunteers to sign up for various jobs. On the bulletin board in the south lobby are volunteer sign up sheets for clerks for Ten Thousand Villages and Quilter's Corner workers.

MIDWEEK CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Pastor Linda will teach a midweek class on the topic, "Discovering Your Spiritual Type" from 7:00–8:00 p.m. beginning on Wed., Jan. 30. This is a class for all ages of people in all stages of life. Our souls are unique and different from the beginning of our spiritual journeys and become more so as we grow. One size does not fit all in spiritual growth. As

- This will be Kansas MCC Sale's 40th year. If you have any celebration ideas contact the committee, Nancy Becker, or Arlin Buller.
- The board is again requesting items for the children's auction. These can be brought to church and placed in a box in the foyers. They will be taken to the February meeting.
- Items that are to be listed on the sale bill need to be turned in at the February meeting.
- Continue saving your pennies as we will be bringing out the buckets soon.
- Silent Auction items are needed. Check your closets and attics for things you can part with.
- MCC Fellowship Meals reservations are due Jan. 28.
- Clean out your quilt and linen closets for MCC! The 2008 Relief Sale Quilter's Corner is again requesting donations of quilt-related items. Last year's donations earned over \$12,000 for MCC. A detailed list of requested items is posted on the board in the south lobby. Your donations may be left in the Quilter's Corner boxes located in the north and south lobbies, given to your contact people, or delivered to the MCC Center in North Newton designated for Quilter's Corner. If you could help during the sale, sign up for the time(s) which would best suit you on the sheet posted on the board in the south lobby.

studies regarding people and spirituality were done, it was discovered that similar patterns of spirituality were repeated over the centuries. One distinction can be made between those who know God intellectually and those who know God in their feelings and intuition. Another distinction can be made between those who use images and words in prayer and those who find silence, mystery, and imageless spirituality most helpful.

People of each type have preferences for how they listen for and know God. Join Pastor Linda and others in discovering what our spiritual types are and how this impacts our worship and spiritual growth. This class will meet for 2 or 3 weeks.

Following the class on spiritual types we will begin a class looking at the book, *Road Signs for the Journey: A Profile of Mennonite Church USA*. This promises to be an interesting conversation regarding who we are as Mennonites, how we have changed over time, a comparison with other faith traditions, taking us into the scriptures, as well. Bring your voice to the discussion and let's see what we can learn about ourselves, what the challenges are for us, and what the future could be. Again this is a class for young and old alike. Resources will include the book and a DVD for our discussion. This class will begin sometime in February—be looking for more information in the coming weeks.

There will be no midweek classes from 7:00–8:00 p.m. on Wed., Jan. 16 and 23.

6:30–7:00 p.m.	Rejoice Choir (3 rd – 6 th grades)	Sanctuary
7:00–8:00 p.m.	Midweek Classes for Children & Youth	
	3 yr. olds – 2 nd grade	Education Wing
	3 rd & 4 th grades	East Chapel
	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.	No adult class offered	SE Upstairs Room
	"Discovering Your Spiritual Type" beginning Jan. 30	
	NO Handbell Choir	
8:00–9:00 p.m.		Conference Room
	Repeat Adult Bible Study on Isaiah and 2 Kings	

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 16: Sloppy Joes, baked beans, potato chips, and Cheerio bars (peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will also be available).

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Wednesday Fellowship Meal Reservation for January 16

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)

MIDWEEK SCHEDULE – FALL 2007

Schedule for January 16, 2008

5:30–6:15 p.m.	Adult Bible Study on Isaiah 39 and 2 Kings 20 Led by Pastor Lee	Conference Room
6:00–6:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal	Fellowship Hall