
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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The Healthy Spiritual Body

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Focus Statement: If it's true that "membership has its privileges" (as in the family of God), then service in the Body also has its benefits. So we seek to answer why gifts of the Spirit are so important for a healthy spiritual body.

Gathering Music Austin Unruh, piano
Welcome and Invocation Pastor Lee Suderman
Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Prelude Nancy Becker, organ
"May the Mind of Christ" ~Barham-Gould, arr. Schrader
(Please sign, pass, and return the friendship registers)

***Hymn of Worship** "God of our strength" HWB #36
Children's Time Amy Flaming

Special Music Elbiata Singers
"Here's One" ~Hayes
Amy Brubaker, clarinet
"Praise His Holy Name!" ~Hampton
Isaac Fast, bass

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings First Fruits Giving
Offertory "Wonderful Words of Life" ~Bliss, arr. Kerr
Prayer of Dedication and Intercession Pastor Lee

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-18 TNIV Erma Pankratz
Message "What's So Spiritual About Your Gifts?" Pastor Lee

***Song of Response** "You are the salt of the earth" HWB #226
***Benediction** "Peace I Leave With You" ~Shue Elbiata Singers
***Postlude** "In the Sweet By and By" ~Webster, arr. Wilson

*All who are able are invited to stand.

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Song Leader: Marcia Brubaker

Elbiata Singers:

Soprano: Amy Brubaker, Aspen Frey, Jessica Goertzen, Sara Sebring, Kristin Unruh

Alto: Katie Flaming, Joylin Hall, Karina Harvey, Laura Unruh, Chrystiana Voth

Tenor: Neal Brubaker, Isaac Fast, Samuel Lehrman, Cameron Voth, David Wiens

Bass: Travis Duerksen, Nathan Ensz, Ryan Goertzen, Bryant Miller, Austin Unruh

Director: Greg Bontrager

Accompanist: Marcia Brubaker

WELCOME

Our welcome to this morning's worship service includes each of our guests and the Elbiata Singers from Goessel High School. Let us praise the God of our salvation together as we experience the Spirit's touch upon our lives.

TODAY

A **Supervised Nursery** is available for children ages 3 and under during the Worship Service. Nursery attendants are Kim Voth and Gretchen Schrag.

Noon-2:00 p.m. Faith Ex

Noon Christian Co-Workers Sunday School Class social in the Fellowship Hall.

6:00 p.m. Route 15 Sunday School Class get-together in the Fellowship Hall.

FLOWERS

The two baskets with the Peace Lilies are being shared by the family of Betty S. Epp.

THANK YOU

There are not enough words to express our deep thanks to you, our Alexanderwohl family. We had so many people praying for us these last two difficult months—we truly felt God's strength through these prayers. You have given us many words of comfort, hugs of compassion, and other acts of kindness. Mom really appreciated the visits from our pastors and others. It is so reassuring to have the promise of eternal life, especially at times like this. Thank you, everyone! ~ the Family of Betty Epp

Pray for:

—**Hospital:** Richard Banman at Newton Medical Center; Margie Young at Kansas Heart Hospital; Ruby Reimer at Wesley Medical Center

—**Death:** Betty S. Epp died Friday, Jan. 18, and her funeral service was here at Alexanderwohl on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Please remember the family as they grieve their loss.

—**Mennonite Education Agency (MEA):** students at Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite High School the week of Jan. 28-31 as they experience Career and Faith Week in chapel.

—**Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** teachers and administrators serving with Mennonite Partners in China as they gather with Chinese partners at their annual Professional Improvement Conference held Jan. 28 to Feb. 4 in Kunming, China. Mennonite Mission Network is a partner agency.

—**Western District Conference (WDC):** Give thanks for Joyce Pankratz and her leadership at Camp Mennoscah. She completes her service to WDC this week.

—**Linda Peters and Gayle Voth**, as they minister with Nita Wilson in the Hispanic churches in our Texas region this weekend.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, January 28

8:45 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, January 29

7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons – Conference Room

Wednesday, January 30

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

Thursday, January 31

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

Friday, February 1

7:15 p.m. Bethesda Program

Saturday, February 2

8:30 a.m.–12:00 noon Leadership Retreat – Fellowship Hall. All Board and Church Council members should attend.

Sunday, February 3

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

The Trustees will assemble the annual reports on Wednesday, Jan. 30, starting at 7:30 in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to participate.

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Speaker: Mike Brouillette

Special Music: Chancel Choir

Offering: First Fruits Giving

Last Sunday, January 20

Attendance: Sunday School 221

Worship Service 227

Offering: Sunday School \$109.52

First Fruits \$3,441.33

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 10 Noon Meal followed by Annual Congregational Meeting

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Wed., Jan. 30, 6:30–9:00 p.m. Meet at Youth House. We will be going to see “Upside Down King” at Hesston Mennonite Church. **We will leave promptly at 6:30 p.m.**

March 14–16 Sr. High Snow Camp – More detail to follow.

COLLEGE AGE/YOUNG ADULT

Feb. 3, Noon – Pizza Hut Luncheon in Newton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joyful Noise will be serving the Wednesday evening meal of Mexican Specials and sheet cake on January 30. Hope to see you all there!!

Pastor Linda will teach a midweek class on the topic, “Discovering Your Spiritual Type” from 7:00–8:00 p.m. beginning this Wed., Jan. 30. This is a class for all ages of people in all stages of life. 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*. 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.

Please sign up for the “Discovering Your Spiritual Type” class. There are sign-up sheets in the north and south lobbies.

Come join us if you can spare a minute and help us.

COMMUNITY AND CONFERENCE

Attend one of the final two performances of the new musical **Upside Down King**, a "rock and roots" original production by Doug and Jude Krehbiel with Carol Duerksen: **today, Jan. 27**, Grace Mennonite Church, Enid, OK, at 6:00 p.m. and **Wednesday, Jan. 30**, Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston at 7:00 p.m. Offerings for youth ministry of Western District and South Central conferences received at each performance.

Newton Community Children's Choir Chili Supper Fundraiser, Monday, Jan. 28, 5:00–7:00 p.m. in the Bethel College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, 2600 College Avenue, North Newton. Cost is by donation. The choir will perform at 6:30 p.m.

The Western District Conference fiscal year ends Jan. 31, 2008. In spite of generous donations in December, the annual budget still lags nearly \$50,000. Send your offering or contribution to WDC, Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117 soon. Also, see the web site for up-to-date information, photos, and giving options: www.mennowdc.org.

Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing, KS, is hosting a **Day of Prayer and Spiritual Renewal on Feb. 2** with Emilie Griffin, an associate of Renovare. Renovare is a ministry of spiritual formation and renewal from which the writings of Richard Foster, author of *The Celebration of Discipline*, and Eugene H. Peterson, *Eat this Book*, emerged. Throughout the day, we will focus on prayer and the spiritual reading of the Bible. The suggested registration fee is \$40.00, which includes lunch and childcare. Please call Zion Mennonite Church at 316-799-2071 for more information.

Life Enrichment at Bethel College begins again on Feb. 6. There are program schedules posted on the bulletin boards in both lobbies.

Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts is offering a special half-season ticket for the three remaining concerts in the 2007-08 season. The Feb. 8 concert will be Opera Kansas featuring Keith Jurosko in "A Most Ingenious Paradox: The Topsy Turvy World of Gilbert and Sullivan," a parade of witty songs from seven Gilbert and Sullivan operas. The concert is at 7:30 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church.

Library Sleepover! A Mother/Daughter Sleepover will be held at the Conference Resource Library on Friday, Feb. 8, from 7:00 p.m. until Saturday, Feb. 9, 8:30 a.m. Minimum age of 5 years old, no more than two daughters per mom (or grandma). Cost: \$10 per person. Featuring storytelling, crafts, snacks, giggling, evening prayers, morning praise, and

Camp Mennoscah's new director's home is progressing in spite of the weather! Thank you for the generous donations to Vision 2012 and the time of volunteers. The house is enclosed and windows have been

breakfast. Space is limited—sign up by Jan. 31 by calling Marlene Bogard at 316-283-6300.

It's time for **Tabor College's Church Spirit Night!** Enjoy Tabor College basketball action versus Ottawa University on **Saturday, Feb. 9**. Admission is **FREE** when you sign in at the door. The women's varsity game tips off at 5:00 p.m., and the action continues with the men's varsity at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served in the Tabor Cafeteria following the last game. Questions? Call the Tabor College Alumni Office at 620-947-3121, ext. 1708, or e-mail alumni@tabor.edu. Donations to help defray the costs will be greatly appreciated.

John McCutcheon will be in concert Saturday, Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m., in Memorial Hall, Bethel College. This concert is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 316-284-5217.

The **2008 MCC Central States Annual Meeting** will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Ethiopian Evangelical Church, 15150 E. Evans Ave., Aurora, CO. All constituents in Central States are welcome to attend the meeting, which is a combination worship service and business meeting. Please join us to review the past year in MCC Central States and look forward to the year ahead.

Explore the Night Sky Retreat at Camp Mennoscah! Have you ever wondered about the phases of the moon? Have you seen a dwarf star in the middle of a nebula? Come to Camp Mennoscah Feb. 29 to Mar. 1 for our star party! We will have informal discussions Saturday afternoon with experts from the Kansas Astronomical Observers; telescopes ranging in size from eight inches to 16 inches and... we even have lousy movies to make fun of in case of cloudy skies! Look for brochures coming to your church soon! Cost for lodging and meals, at the Retreat Center, is \$85 per person for the weekend. For more information contact the camp at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org.

The Kansas Friends of MCC Committee is excited about planning our second annual **Comforter Blitz** on Monday, March 3, noon to 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 4, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. We're planning for a larger location at South Hutchinson Mennonite Church (Yoder Campus - formerly Yoder Mennonite Church). Irma Gonzales (MCC workroom supervisor) has begun to collect comforter tops, but we could use more. If possible, have a back matched to any tops that you provide. Twin and full sizes are both acceptable. We will have each woman bring a sack lunch for the noon meal; child care will be provided Tuesday only.

placed. Generators are being used for electricity but the hope is to have a line placed in the next two weeks. The plumber and electrician will begin work soon. Roofing and siding materials are ready when weather

permits and volunteers are available. Can you help? Can you supply meals for the workers? Call Galen Waltner, building committee chair: 620-345-2626 (work), 620-345-8598 (home), 620-386-0287 (cell); email: galenwaltner@hotmail.com. Follow progress on Western District Conference website: www.mennowdc.org.

MCC Sale Update

MCC's first action was to share food with hungry people in Russia and Ukraine in 1920. MCC works in partnership with local people to promote self-sufficiency so people can feed themselves. A gift of \$300 is the average cost of food packages that would feed a family of five in Bangladesh for six months. A gift of \$50 can provide a food package to feed a family of five in Ethiopia for a month. A gift of only \$9 can provide food for an orphan in West Africa for one month.

Plants & Things: Want a little green in your life? Grow a plant for the Relief Sale. It is time to start thinking about your donations for the Sale. You can start growing, repotting, and transplanting bulbs and flowers now. Remember to label all your plants with as much information as you know. This is *Plants & Things*. We have missed the "things" in recent years and welcome your donations of garden items such as planter boxes, iron works, stepping stones, pavers, bird baths, yard décor, etc. Plan to bring your donations to the church on Friday, April 11.

MIDWEEK SCHEDULE – FALL 2007

Schedule for January 30, 2008

5:30–6:15 p.m.	Adult Bible Study on Isaiah 40:18–31 Led by Pastor Lee	Conference Room
6:00–6:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal	Fellowship Hall
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 3 rd & 4 th grades 5 th & 6 th grades 7 th & 8 th grades 9 th -12 th grades	Education Wing East Chapel Fellowship Hall Shelter House Youth House
7:00–8:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Choir Loft
7:00–8:00 p.m.	"Discovering Your Spiritual Type" Led by Pastor Linda	SE Upstairs Room
8:00–9:00 p.m.	NO Handbell Choir	
8:00–9:00 p.m.	Repeat Adult Bible Study on Isaiah 40:18–31	Conference Room

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.

*The meal this week is a fundraiser for
Joyful Noise Community Child Care.*

Additions will be accepted in the church office until Monday noon.

Cancellation deadline is 9:00^{AM} on Wednesday. Menu for January 30: Mexican Specials and sheet cake (peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will also be available).

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Wednesday Fellowship Meal Reservation for January 30

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)