

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Sunday, Jan. 17, Faith Ex students and mentors will meet from **noon to 1:30 pm** in the Youth House for an Orientation Session.

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 7:00 pm – Midweek in the Youth House

This summer's service trip will be to Dallas from July 7-11. We'll spend two days serving with our sister church and two days participating with Western District youth groups in a conference in Waxahachie, Texas.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, Jan. 31 Annual Meeting following a light lunch provided – donations will be accepted for the meal

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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Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.
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JANUARY 17, 2010

WORSHIP SERVICE

Focus Statement: How would you describe what God is up to in our world? What would you say is your assignment in what God is wanting done? What would you say is the assignment of our church? Since we have a finite amount of time and resources, wouldn't it make sense to be applying them to the priorities God has for us? As we enter 2010 may the Holy Spirit guide us so that we are pursuing the purposes of God.

Gathering Music Sherie Klassen
Welcome Pastor Linda Ewert
Opportunities for Celebration and Service
Choral Call to Worship Chancel Choir
"Come and Fill Our Heart" ~Jacques Berthier
Invocation Pastor Linda
Instrumental Call to Worship Karen Unruh, organ
"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ~Sadowski
(Please sign, pass, and return the friendship registers)

***Songs of Praise and Adoration**
"Come, Thou Fount" In the blue Hymnal (HWB) HWB #521
"God of the Bible" (vs. 1, 2, 5) In the back pocket of the Hymnal
"Holy, Holy, Holy" HWB #75

Morning Prayer Pastor Mike Brouillette
Children's Story Amy Flaming
(Following the story, children, ages 3 thru Kindergarten, are dismissed for Children's Church.)
Special Music Chancel Choir
"Joys Like a River" ~arr. By Douglas Wagner

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings First Fruits Giving
Offertory "Give Me Jesus" ~Smith
***Song of Dedication** HWB #53
"God of the Earth, the Sky, the Sea" (vs. 1)

Scripture Reading Acts 2:36-47 NIV David Esau
Message Pastor Steve Schmidt
"Pursuing God's Priorities and Purposes"

***Closing Song** "I Am Weak and I Need Thy Strength" HWB #553
***Benediction** Pastor Steve
Postlude "Soon and Very Soon" ~Schrader
*All who are able are invited to stand.

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Song Leader and Chancel Choir Director: Renae Peters

WELCOME

Welcome everyone. How good it is that you have come! If this is your first time here, or your nine hundred and first, God is eager to meet you here. You are invited to open your heart and mind to what the Lord wants to share with you this morning.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Hospital: Elda Bartel was dismissed from Newton Medical Center.

Death: Dr. David C. Wedel, brother-in-law of Otto Quiring, died Wednesday, Jan. 13, and his funeral was Saturday, Jan. 16, at Bethel College Mennonite Church.

Western Dist. Conference: Pray for the meeting of the WDC Texas pastors in Dallas on Jan. 23.

Dorothy Nickel Friesen's husband, Richard, suffered a heart attach on Jan. 9. He was admitted to Wesley Medical Center and dismissed. He is recuperating at home.

TODAY

A **Supervised Nursery** is available for children ages 3 and under during Worship. Attendants are Megan Duerksen and Leona Schroeder.

Children's Church available for 3 year olds thru Kindergarten. Teachers are Shari and James Wiens; helper is Kara Schmucker.

Noon Area Wide Jr. Hi. Fundraiser: Hungry after that long sermon? Come have lunch in the Fellowship Hall, served up by the Goessel Area Wide Junior High youth as a by-donation fundraiser for our trip to Camp WaShunGa in May. You will enjoy delicious hot sloppy joes & a side of fries, topped off with an array of delectable homemade desserts. Thanks for your support!

Youth: Please be at AMC by **11:00 am**. We will go bowling at Play-Mor Lanes in Newton afterward, so please bring **\$6.00** and your **signed transportation form**. We will plan to return to the AMC parking lot by approx. 6:00 pm.

2:30 pm 2010 annual meeting of Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum at Goessel Mennonite Church. Faspa be will served following the program. The meeting is free and open to the public.

2:30 pm 2010 annual meeting of Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service at Hesston Mennonite Church. Speaker will be Jeff Blackburn, pastor of Greensburg Mennonite Church. See details on bulletin boards.

7:00 pm Church Meeting about our Schools and our Community –

Come hear about what is happening with schools in Kansas and the big concern about school funds being cut by the State. John Fast, Supt. of Goessel schools, will give us an informative PowerPoint presentation on this topic. Come join the conversation.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, January 18

9:00 am Staff Meeting
1:30 pm Prayer Team
7:00 pm Board of Worship

Tuesday, January 19

7:00 pm Board of Education

Wednesday, January 20

Midweek Activities (See Insert for Details)

Thursday, January 21

Friday, January 22

Saturday, January 23

8:30 am–1:30 pm Leadership Retreat – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 24

9:30 am **Sunday School**

10:30 am **Worship Service**

Preaching: Pastor Linda Ewert

Beginning a series on “Who Is Jesus?”

Part I: “What Kind of Messiah Would Jesus Be?”

Scripture: Luke 3:21-22, 4:1-21

Special Music: Elbiata Singers

Offering: First Fruits Giving

Nursery Attendants: Vanessa Schroeder and Kendra Flaming

Children’s Church Teachers / Helpers: Mandi & Mike Brouillette / Bryce Brouillette

Last Sunday, January 10

Attendance: Sunday School 190
Worship Service 239

Offerings: Sunday School \$132.33
First Fruits Giving \$5,449.00

The January MomTime is Jan. 25, 11:45–1:30 in the Fellowship Hall; kids in Nursery. We will discuss Chapter 4 in our book. RSVP to Megan.

We have some exciting and important agenda we will be discerning at our annual meeting in two weeks. (The meeting will follow worship, at 12:30, Jan. 31.) We won't be reading reports—you can read those ahead of time in the report books you will receive next Sunday. Instead, we'll be seeking God's direction for our church's future. We will discuss youth leadership following the end of Mike's term. We'll approve: a) a Youth Minister Search Committee, b) a spending/ministry plan for the new year, c) Gift's Discernment recommendations for remaining positions. We'll hear from the Trustees regarding facility needs and plans. Besides all this, **lunch is being provided**. You have to eat anyway, why not join us for a lunch where you don't have to bring any food!

You are invited to join the adult midweek class on “Living as an Anabaptist Christian today” on Wed., Jan. 20, at 7 pm to hear Brian Stucky share his PowerPoint presentation on “Mennonite Theology for Everybody” in the Conference Room. If this does not work for you, come at 8 pm and he will share his presentation again.

Church Council and all members of all Boards will join in the annual **Leadership Retreat, Jan. 23**. We'll begin at 8:30 am (continental breakfast provided), have lunch together (provided) and wrap up by 1:30 pm with, we pray, clarity and enthusiasm for the new year!

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Marie and Martha Voth for making the new banners which have welcomed us today. How special it is that you would use your gifts for the glory of God. Thank you!

Thank you to the Deacons, former Deacons, and Congregational Caregivers who helped prepare the bread and juice, and help serve communion last week. It was a good gift to the church.

COMMUNITY AND CONFERENCE

AGAPE Potluck Meal will be Jan. 21, 6:00 pm. At 7:00, Donley and Carol Duerksen will show pictures from their recent China trip.

A car will be going to Hopi Mission School, leaving on January 19. Please send or **bring Campbell's labels and Boxtops for Education** to the Western District Conference Office in North Newton or Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston **by Monday, Jan. 18**, for cost-free delivery to the school.

Mennonite Central Committee is responding to the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti late Tuesday afternoon. MCC committed

\$100,000 for immediate needs and anticipates a response of at least \$1 million over multiple years. MCC is planning its response which will include short-term relief plus recovery efforts over the medium and long term. Donations to MCC's response in Haiti are welcome and can be made online at www.mcc.org, or by sending a check, designated Haiti Earthquake, to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117 or by calling 316-283-2720.

Story Time at the WDC Resource Library in North Newton will resume on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 10:00 am–10:40 am. Children ages 3-5 are encouraged to come listen, smile, and even giggle with other children, while being surrounded by the wonderful world of books! Our storytellers have a lot of fun books and ideas to share that will just brighten your day! Please call Marlene or Pat at 316-283-6300 to register your child.

Dynamic and energetic and FUN! Summer staff recruiting at Camp Mennoscah has begun. Applications and information are available at www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html or contact the Camp at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org. Application deadline is Feb. 24, 2010.

What do you think? Does the Western District Conference website make sense to you? Please take two minutes and do the on-line survey so we can make it better. Go to: www.mennowdc.org.

On the bulletin boards:

- ▶ Bethel College Events: MLK Day, Jan. 18; Concert Choir, Feb. 7, 2 pm
- ▶ MLK Day Events at Hesston College, Jan. 18-22
- ▶ Doane College Choir (Crete, NE) Concert, Hesston College, Jan. 23
- ▶ Prairie Window Concert, Dyck Arboretum, Jan. 24, 4:30 pm
- ▶ Brian Stucky Lecture, Dyck Arboretum, Jan. 26, 6 pm supper; 6:30 lecture (\$2–lecture, \$7–supper & lecture). RSVP by noon, Jan. 25
- ▶ “Caring Connections: Giving and Receiving Care” seminar, Jan. 30, 8 am-noon
- ▶ Arts in Prison benefit Workshop (1-3 pm) & Concert, Jan. 30, 4 pm
- ▶ Verenike Supper, First Menn. Church, Halstead, Jan. 30, 5-7 pm
- ▶ Biblical storytelling workshop opportunity, Feb. 20, 3-5 pm
- ▶ Call to action against the Death Penalty
- ▶ Call for volunteer Clerks & Greeters at Newton Et Cetera Shop
- ▶ Save “Best Choice” labels for Camp Mennoscah
- ▶ Staff Opportunity at Mennonite Mission Network in Elkhart, IN
- ▶ Mennonite Central Committee increases Asia Disasters Appeal
- ▶ MCC information on World AIDS Day
- ▶ Assoc. Menn. Biblical Sem.–Great Plains Extension seminary courses

MIDWEEK SCHEDULE – WINTER 2010

Schedule for January 20, 2010

5:30–6:15 p.m.	Adult Bible Study	Conference Room
	Study of the Gospel of Mark	
5:45–6:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal Served	Fellowship Hall
6:30–8:00 p.m.	Children’s Activities	
	SonShine Singers (ages 3–1st grade)	Education Wing Room 19
	Rejoice Choir (grades 2–6)	Chapel
	Joy Builders Class (ages 3–Kindergarten)	Education Wing
	Disciple Makers Class (grades 1–4)	Education Wing
	Faith Finders Class (grades 5–6)	East Chapel
7:00–8:00 p.m.	Midweek Classes for Youth	
	Jr. High Class	Shelter House
	High School Youth	Youth House
7:00–8:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir*	Choir Loft
7:00–8:00 p.m.	Living as an Anabaptist Christian Today* “Mennonite Theology for Everybody” with Brian Stucky	Conference Room
8:00–9:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir	Chapel
8:00–9:00 p.m.	Repeat Adult Bible Study	Pastor Steve’s Office
8:00–9:00 p.m.	Repeat Living as an Anabaptist Christian “Mennonite Theology for Everybody” with Brian Stucky	Conference Room

* Childcare provided for children birth–age 2.

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

Questions? Call 367-8192

MID–WEEK FELLOWSHIP MEALS READY TO SERVE AT 5:45 P.M.

Additions will be accepted in the church office until Monday noon.
Cancellation deadline is 9:00^{AM} on Wednesday. Menu for January 20: Hamburger Potato Pizza casserole, tossed salad, cinnamon swirl bread, Cheerio bars (peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will also be available).



Wednesday Fellowship Meal Reservation for January 20

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)