

THANK YOU

THANK YOU to the many (and there were many!) folks who came out to support our junior high youth last Sunday at the Goessel Area-Wide Jr. High sloppy joe fundraiser at Alexanderwohl. It was a crazy, fun time and we raised \$2,196.00 for our Camp WaShunGa trip. Thanks, too, to all the parents who provided the wonderful desserts, got the kids to the church, and helped out in the kitchen. May God bless you all!

~GAWJH Parent Committee & Youth

We have completed our intent to give Bethesda \$24,000 over the past three years for their capital campaign! Thank you for making this possible. In Eric's thank you he says, "Thank you! We are so grateful for your wonderful support of Bethesda Home and the many ways that you enrich our ministry to the residents who make Bethesda their home. 'Thank you' doesn't really do justice to the many ways you as a congregation provide support with gifts, prayers, visits, and referrals. We are grateful for your ministry to the larger Goessel Community. Blessings."

First Fruits Update. Thank you for the generous giving to finish out 2009. We completed the year being able to meet all of our expenses and achieve all of our first fruit goals. Details will be available at the annual meeting January 31. ~Thank you, Dwight M. Flaming



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 Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor...”*

Luke 4:18a

ALEXANDERWOHL MENNONITE CHURCH
JANUARY 24, 2010

WORSHIP SERVICE

Focus Statement: In Jesus' baptism, God announces to the world that this man is the Son of God. Jesus launches his ministry saying, "I have been anointed to preach good news to the poor..." What kind of Messiah is this? Will we take his message seriously? If so, how will we respond?

Gathering Music Hymn Sing Arlin Buller and Mary Schmidt

Welcome Pastor Mike Brouillette

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Invocation

Instrumental Call to Worship Mary Schmidt, organ

"God Is So Wonderful" ~arr. Colvin

(Please sign, pass, and return the friendship registers)

***Songs of Praise and Adoration**

"Praise Him, Praise Him!" In the blue Hymnal (HWB) HWB #100

"Jesus Loves Me" HWB #341

(SonShine Singers will sing the verse and then the congregation joins them in singing the verse one more time.)

"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" (vs. 1, 3) HWB #343

Morning Prayer Pastor Steve Schmidt

Children's Story Aileen Esau

(Following the story, children, ages 3 thru Kindergarten, are dismissed for Children's Church.)

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings First Fruits Giving

Offertory *"Adagio" ~arr. Wolff*

***Song of Dedication** *"There Is a Redeemer" (vs. 1)* SWJ #25

Scripture Reading Kendra Flaming and Neal Brubaker

Luke 3:21-23a; Luke 4:1-21 NIV

Message "What Kind of Messiah Would Jesus Be?" Pastor Linda Ewert

Part 1 in a series of "Who Is Jesus?"

***Song of Response**

"Longing for Light" (vs. 1-4) In the back pocket of the blue Hymnal

Special Music GHS Elbiata Singers

"When at Creation's Dawn There Was No Sound" ~James Clemens

"Walk in Jerusalem" ~Rollo Dilworth

Choral Benediction GHS Elbiata Singers

"The Peace of the Earth Be With You" ~Guatemalan folk melody

Postlude *"Pageant of Praise" ~Wyrzten*

*All who are able are invited to stand.

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SonShine Singers: 3 year olds through grade 1, Rachael Burkholder, director; Jason Peters, pianist

Song Leader: Arlin Buller

Elbiata Singers Director: Renae Peters

Elbiata Singers Accompanist: Marcia Brubaker

Bass: Isaac Fast

Drums: Caleb Makovec

WELCOME

Welcome, beloved people of God! We are glad you are here! A special welcome to the Elbiata Singers from Goessel High School who will be giving the special music today. Today we begin a four-part series on "Who Is Jesus?" May the Holy Spirit open our eyes and inspire our hearts with new insights into what it means to follow Jesus as our Messiah and Lord of our lives today—and every day.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Hospital: Harvey Jantz was admitted to and dismissed from Newton Medical Center. He is at Bethesda to recuperate.

Death: Lorene Woelk, sister of Betty Schmidt, died Monday, Jan. 18, and her funeral was Friday, Jan. 22, at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. Please remember this family as they grieve their loss.

Western Dist. Conference: Pray for our global community as we welcome new immigrants in our communities. How do we express our hospitality?

TODAY

A **Supervised Nursery** is available for children ages 3 and under during Worship. Attendants are Vanessa Schroeder and Kendra Flaming.

Children's Church available for 3 year olds thru Kindergarten. Teachers are Mandi & Mike Brouillette; helper is Bryce Brouillette.

Annual Meeting Report Books are in your mailboxes today.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, January 25

NewsLine Items Due

9:00 am Staff Meeting

11:45 am–1:30 pm MomTime in the Fellowship Hall; kids in Nursery. We will discuss Chapter 4 in our book. RSVP to Megan.

7:30 pm Board of Deacons

Tuesday, January 26

7:00 pm Children's Ministry Team

Wednesday, January 27

Midweek Activities (See Insert for Details)

Thursday, January 28

7:00 pm Overall Overhaul fitness class in the Fellowship Hall resumes

Friday, January 29

Saturday, January 30

Sunday, January 31

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

Preaching: Pastor Steve Schmidt

Series on "Who Is Jesus?"

Part 2: "The Word Made Human"

Scripture: John 1:1-5, 14; Philippians 2:5-11

Special Music: Chancel Choir

Offering: First Fruits Giving

Nursery Attendants: Pat and Amy Flaming, Nicole Goertzen

Children's Church Teachers / Helpers: Chrystiana Voth / Kendra Flaming

Noon Light Lunch – donations will be accepted for the meal

12:30 pm Annual Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Bring your Report Books with you. Also bring the copy of the Church Constitution that you received in November.

6:00 pm Alexanderwohl Jr. High movie, game, and pizza night in the Youth House. Bring snack food to share. Supper will be provided.

Last Sunday, January 17

Attendance: Sunday School 195

Worship Service 231

Offerings: Sunday School \$127.61

First Fruits Giving \$4,283.50

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Wednesday, Jan. 27, 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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Transportation for midweek events—If you would like a ride to adult Bible study on midweek nights, please call the church office.

We have some exciting and important agenda we will be discerning at our annual meeting next Sunday. (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 have in your mailboxes today. 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!

Lost and Found—If you are missing a Bible or a coat, please check the coat rack and shelf in the south lobby, labeled "Lost and Found." Some of these items have been here a long time. If they are not picked up in two weeks, we will find useful ways to distribute them.

Tabor Mennonite Church has a Mennonite Disaster Service Trip planned to New Iberia, Louisiana, for March 21-27. They have 5 open slots in their reservation. If you are interested in going along, please let Steve and Rosi (367-2418) or Dale Alderfer know soon. Projects may involve one new house build and several remodels and a trip to the Tabasco factory!

COMMUNITY AND CONFERENCE

An inter-church singspiration will be held this evening at 7:00 pm at the Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church, 300 Prairie Pointe. The evening will include psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, as well as Scripture readings and a time of prayer. The theme will be "*Looking Forward to the Lord's Return*," and will be led by Steve Vincent.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is undertaking a multimillion-dollar, multi-year response to the earthquake that struck Haiti Jan. 12. You can help through prayer for the people of Haiti and by donating to MCC's Haiti Earthquake appeal. In addition, MCC is asking for donations of 20,000 relief kits, 10,000 heavy comforters, and 10,000 sheets for shipment now through Feb. 28. Monetary gifts, designated Haiti Earthquake, may be sent to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117 or online at www.mcc.org. Find instructions for donating relief kits, comforters, and sheets at www.mcc.org/kits or call our office at 316-283-2720. **See the bulletin boards in north and south lobbies for more information.**

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Make Poverty History! The Circles™ Initiative of Harvey County invites you to a community poverty simulation on Saturday, Feb. 6, 9:15 am–noon,

at the St. Mary's Gymnasium, 101 E. 9th St., Newton. Experience what life is like for low-income families seeking basic needs on a limited budget. Simulation will be followed by reflection/discussion of the experience and ways to move toward making poverty history. All are welcome—those especially encouraged to attend are faith and community leaders and others who frequently deal with low-income families. RSVPs are appreciated. Call Peace Connections at 316-284-0000 or email info@peaceconnections.org.

You are invited to a reception to meet Ervin Stutzman, the new executive director for Mennonite Church USA, at Faith Menn. Church, 2100 N. Anderson, Newton, on Sunday, Feb. 7. This event begins at 3:00 pm, with Ervin speaking at 3:30 pm, followed by a question and answer period.

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:

- ▶ 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
- ▶ Verenike Supper, First Menn. Church, Halstead, Jan. 30, 5-7 pm
- ▶ Bethel College Concert Choir Home Concert, Feb. 7, 2 pm
- ▶ Biblical storytelling workshop & concert, Feb. 20
- ▶ Call to action against the Death Penalty
- ▶ Save “Best Choice” labels for Camp Mennoscah
- ▶ Staff Opportunity at Mennonite Mission Network in Elkhart, IN
- ▶ Mennonite Central Committee Haiti Earthquake Response
- ▶ Mennonite Central Committee increases Asia Disasters Appeal

MIDWEEK SCHEDULE – WINTER 2010

Schedule for January 27, 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*	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

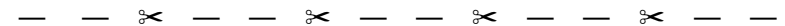
* Childcare provided for children birth–age 2.

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.
This meal 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 27: Taco Soup, fruit salad, and cake (peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will also be available).



Wednesday Fellowship Meal Reservation for January 27

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)