

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Western Dist. Conference: Give thanks for the leadership of Weldon Schloneger, pastor of First Menn. Church, Beatrice, NE, on his farewell Sunday today.

Western District Conference VISION 2012

VISION 2012, the Western District Conference prayer and funding campaign, is ready to receive your gifts to achieve the goal of \$1.5 million. So far, 733 people/units have given slightly over \$1000 per intent or \$1.1 million – and we are thankful. The goal is 1000 people giving \$1000 (over a three-year period). Prayerfully consider how you can assist church planting, Camp Mennoscah, the Resource Library and ministerial services with your gift. Contact WDC at www.mennowdc.org, click on “Vision 2012,” print the intent form, and send it in; or Box 306, North Newton, KS; 316-283-6300.

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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**ALEXANDERWOHL MENNONITE CHURCH
FEBRUARY 28, 2010**

WORSHIP SERVICE

Focus Statement: Today is the second Sunday of Lent, that 40 day period from Ash Wednesday to Easter. (Not counting Sundays which are already 'little Easters'.) The Lenten season helps us prepare anew for Christ's death and resurrection. Each Sunday another ribbon is removed from the cross to reveal the cross more clearly. The Lenten sermon focus is God's everlasting covenant and everlasting love. May these messages help prepare your heart, mind and spirit for Jesus to rise again in your life and for you to find new joy.

Gathering Music Handbell Choir
"Sunday School Ring-a-Long" ~arr. Bill Ingram
"This Little Light of Mine" ~arr. Valerie W. Stephenson

Welcome Pastor Linda Ewert

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Invocation Pastor Linda

Lenten Opening

Leader: Sometimes we stumble on the road to becoming like Jesus.

People: Even then, God is our refuge and shelter

Leader: Sometimes we cling too tightly to the things of this world.

People: Even then, the Holy Spirit can pry us loose.

Leader: Sometimes we insist on staying the way we are.

People: Even then, Jesus can transform our lives.

Leader: In these days leading us to Easter, be our refuge, pry us loose and transform us into your own image, Lord Jesus.

Lenten Prayer Song, Removing of a Ribbon from the Cross

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" (vs. 1,3) HWB #617

Instrumental Call to Worship Jason Peters, organ

"As the Hart with Eager Yearning" ~Fedak (HWB #500)

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

***Songs of Praise and Adoration**

"O God, Who Gives Us Life" In the blue Hymnal Worship Book (HWB) #483

"A Wonderful Savior is Jesus" HWB #598

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" HWB #522

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 "My Eternal King" ~Jane Marshall Chancel Choir

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory

Handbell Choir

"More Love to Thee" with "My Jesus I Love Thee" ~arr. Bill Ingram

***Song of Dedication** "Thou True Vine, That Heals" (vs. 2) HWB #373

Scripture Reading

Wanda Ream Schmidt

Isaiah 62:1-5; Matthew 13:44-46 TEV

Message

"The Price"

Pastor Steve Schmidt

***Closing Song**

"Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly"

HWB #514

***Benediction**

Pastor Steve

Postlude "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" ~Fedak (HWB #493)

*All who are able are invited to stand.

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Song Leader and Chancel Choir Director: Renae Peters

Handbell Choir Director: Mary Schmidt

Handbell Choir: Aileen Esau, Jenny Fast, Marilyn Flaming, Janine

Peters, Jason Peters, Rosi Reimer, Jim Schmidt, Pat Schmidt, Nancy

Stucky, Janice Voth, ElRoy and Loretta Wiens

WELCOME

Welcome one and all! We are so glad you are here. The welcome we give, and the joy we express that you have come, is nothing compared to God's welcome and joy!

TODAY

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

Children's Church available for 3 year olds thru Kindergarten. Teachers are Rachael & Brian Burkholder; helper is Erin Brubaker.

Not by Bread Alone, Daily Reflections for Lent by Jay Cormier, are available on a table at the back of the sanctuary. A donation of \$1.00 is suggested.

If you haven't received your **Pictorial Directory**, stop by the church office.

Today is the application deadline for the MMA College Scholarship. Each year, MMA offers college scholarships from \$500 to \$2500. These scholarships are available for High School Seniors and also current College Students that are planning on attending college in the fall. For information and an application contact Brian Burkholder 620-367-8172.

TODAY

6:30 pm Special Congregational Meeting – Fellowship Hall

- 1) Vote to approve a new term of service for Pastor Linda
- 2) Discern direction for Youth Leadership

To help the discernment process we will discuss the pros and cons of five possible options.

- A. Incorporated into current Pastors' Job Descriptions
- B. All Volunteers/Sponsors
- C. Half Time Youth Pastor
- D. Full Time Youth Pastor with expanded job description
- E. Stipend for worker

Childcare will be provided if you let the church office know in advance that you wish to have childcare.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, March 1

9:00 am Staff Meeting
1:30 pm Prayer Team

Tuesday, March 2

Wednesday, March 3

Midweek Activities (See Insert for Details)
7:30 pm Board of Trustees

Thursday, March 4

6:30 pm Board of Mission and Service
7:00 pm Overall Overhaul fitness class in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 5

Saturday, March 6

Sunday, March 7 *3rd Sunday of Lent*

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
Youth Sunday

Offering: First Fruits Giving

Nursery Attendants: Vickie and Ashley Hiebert

Children's Church Teachers / Helpers: Tina and Ben Schrag / Tia Goertzen

Noon MCSMT Fundraiser Meal (see announcement)

Noon-1:30 pm Faith Ex in the Youth House

2:30 pm KMMC Mass Rehearsal – Hesston Mennonite Church

4:00 pm Bethesda Chapel with Pastor Steve Schmidt

Last Sunday, February 21

Attendance: Sunday School 147
Worship Service 163

Offerings: Sunday School \$119.10
First Fruits Giving \$4,388.01

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 21, Noon Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Friday, March 26, 6:30 pm Daughters of Grace MCC Craftin' Event

Wednesday, April 28, 6:30 pm Daughters of Grace Salad Supper

September 25 & 26 Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Wednesday, Mar. 3, 7:00 pm – Midweek in the Youth House

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Homeless Shelter Update – There are a few opportunities left to sign up as an evening or night crew volunteer for the days of Mar. 17 and 18.

Supper crews are in place. Thank you! New volunteers are encouraged to attend a training session on Tuesday, Mar. 2, 6:30 pm, or Wednesday, Mar. 17, 10 am. Contact Pastor Linda if you want to go on Mar. 2. The Faith Ex class and their mentors brought a meal, ate and visited with the residents at the homeless shelter on Saturday, Feb. 20. Cindy Hastings served as an evening volunteer at the shelter on Monday, Feb. 22, and found it to be a good experience. If you would like to hear more—ask her!

Lunch is served for you next Sunday noon, March 7, in the fellowship hall! The Mennonite College Student Ministry Team will prepare and serve your meal here as a fundraiser for our college students attending Mennonite colleges. Please join us for a delicious BBQ meal and contribute to the support of our college students for the 2010-2011 school year.

Book Sale – Books that have not been checked out for about 10 years are on tables in the fellowship hall. There is a jar for donations.

SAVE THE DATE: March 21 – Teacher Appreciation Lunch for all teachers, helpers and their families.

It's time to turn in your registration for the MCC Crafts night on March 26. Women of all ages are invited to attend a fun evening of making a variety of crafts: MCC tote bag, tied flannel quilts, children's games and a variety of paper crafts. Information with registration form was in your church mailbox. **Child care will be provided for birth through 4th grade. Please register those names also.** This is hosted by Daughters of Grace.

WDC women's volleyball tournament is March 19-20. If you are interested in playing, and are 18 years old or older, please contact Yvette Nickel **by March 9** at 620-747-0819 or yvette_the_jet@hotmail.com.

Just a reminder for parents to **return the registration form for Camp WaShunGa to Arlen Goertzen by March 10**. As of Thursday, February 25, only two have been received. Please get these in as soon as possible so final plans can be made. Thank you.

Are you interested in a copy of a **map of the District System** that was in place until our new spending plan was adopted? Recently a large number of copies was found and if you would like one please contact Judy Unruh.

COMMUNITY AND CONFERENCE

The Agape Center has received their food license for another year from the Manhattan office of the Dept. on Aging. Praise God! Thank you to everyone who has responded to the invitation to "eat at Agape" and keep this program in our community. Let's continue to give our support to Agape and "meals on wheels," helping to keep this vital program in our community.

Gracia Burnham will be the guest speaker Thursday, Mar. 11, 6 pm, at the annual SPRING SUNSET SUPPER to be held at Eden Mennonite Church and sponsored by South Central and Western District Conference women. **Please sign up** on the bulletin boards or contact Loretta in the church office **by March 2**. See details on bulletin boards.

Information about a very **special evening being planned by Kansas MEDA** is available on the table in the lobbies. The **focus of the evening is the Ukraine** (an area of Russia once inhabited by Mennonite farmers and business persons), exploring the transition from collective farming to a market economy. It will be March 13, at the Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church, with a German buffet starting at 6:00 pm.

On the bulletin boards:

- ▶ Men of Song Benefit Concert, Bethel College Menn. Ch., Feb. 28, 3 pm
- ▶ Life Enrichment, Bethel College, Mar. 3, 9:30 am
- ▶ Dyck Arboretum of the Plains, Hesston, event Mar. 7
- ▶ "Immigration, faith and justice" consultation, Faith Menn. Ch., Mar. 6
- ▶ Part-time Paid Sorter Needed at Et Cetera, apply by Mar. 6
- ▶ MCC Comforter Blitz, Journey at Yoder Church, Mar. 8 & 9
- ▶ Lenten Retreat, Hesston Menn. Ch., Mar. 13, 9 am-2 pm
- ▶ Summer service opportunities with Youth Venture
- ▶ Camp Mennoscah Retreats and Other Information

MIDWEEK SCHEDULE – WINTER 2010

Schedule for March 3, 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

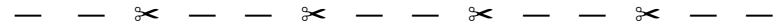
* Childcare provided for children birth–age 2.

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.

Additions will be accepted in the church office until Monday noon.
Cancellation deadline is 9:00^{AM} on Wednesday. Menu for March 3: Chicken Enchilada Casserole, tossed salad, peaches, cookies (peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will also be available).



Wednesday Fellowship Meal Reservation for March 3

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)