
Serving in Worship

Pastor	Weldon Martens
Scripture Reader	Josh Patterson
Keyboard	Ellen Mosiman
Song Leader	Bonita Schroeder
Greeters	Allen & Elaine Patterson
Ushers	Lucas Goossen & Lon Hiebert
Nursery	Kathy Balzer & Katherine Claassen

For Sharing and Prayer

The Hands of Friendship Christmas offering for the Adopt a Family project amounted to \$197. A \$350 gift card from Walmart and a \$50 gift card from Et Cetera were presented to the Salvation Army Adopt a Family. We had 23 caps, 2 scarves and 48 pairs of mittens/gloves collected also to go to the Salvation Army. Thank you to all who helped with this endeavor.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC's Israel-Palestine Relations Task Force, as they meet this week and discern ways to join God's work of justice and peace-making.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network partners Juanita and Lawrence Coetzee lead Grace Community Church in Cradock, Eastern Cape, South Africa. Pray for them as they also work in a local prison for juveniles and help the young men there find new meaning in their lives.

Church Events

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Missions Council meets.

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Mom's Café, Whitewater

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. MCC Relief Sale Meeting at Grace Hill - We are needing 20 dozen cookies for refreshments. If you are willing to bring cookies, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. Thank you!!

January 28 at 12:45 p.m. Grace Hill Annual Business Meeting.

Announcements

A bucket offering for My Coins Count will be taken on the first Sunday of each month, beginning January 7 until the Relief Sale on April 13-14. So save up your coins and bring them to church to place in the offering to support Mennonite Central Committee and the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale!

Reports for the church yearbook – If you are responsible for a report, please get it to Debbie Claassen by January 28. Emailed reports are preferred, if possible. Thank you!

Nursery Next Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Bethany Regehr

Greeters Next Sunday: Marianne Eichelberger and Judy Janzen

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Adrian Nethercot/David Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Harvey County Circle of Hope \$1,100.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor's Office Hours:
Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

Pastor: Weldon Martens
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Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen
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Et Cetera

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, January 7 at 3 p.m.: Andrew Bolton, "Is the Community of Christ Becoming Anabaptist?"; Kauffman Museum, North Newton. Bolton has served for a number of years in administrative positions with the Community of Christ (formerly the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) and was an organizer of the October 2017 symposium at the National World War I Museum and Memorial on conscientious objection to the Great War.

Everence to continue series of workshops Everence will continue its popular retirement workshop series in 2018, starting with *Your Medicare options* on Monday, Jan. 8, at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will be held at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Memorial Benefit Run - The Neuf Join friends & family of Russ Neufeld on January 13, by participating in the inaugural running of The Neuf 9K & 2 mile run. The run starts at 10:00 am outside Mojo's Coffee Shop on the Bethel College campus. Russ was a former Mennonite Church USA and Hesston College employee. The run will raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and a scholarship in Russ' name at Hesston College. Register online through Jan 10, or in person on the day of the race. Read other details about the race at www.runtheneuf.neuf.ca.

Do you enjoy singing? Is so, we invite you to join a community choir to present *The Messiah* on Saturday evening, March 31 at Remington High School Auditorium. Anyone high school and older is welcome to be part of the choir practices and performance. Practice will be on Sunday afternoons 3:00-4:30 p.m. beginning Sunday, January 14 at Remington Middle School (east entrance), 317 E. Central, Whitewater. Questions? Call Traci Hutchinson 316-648-2487 or Sharon Entz 316-799-2362.

KIPCOR Film Series continues with *Awake: A Dream from Standing Rock* (co-sponsored by MCC Central States), January 14 at 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, Bethel College. *Awake* is a 2017 documentary about citizen resistance, led by the Standing Rock Sioux nation, to the Dakota Access Pipeline. Talk-back follows with film co-director and Native American journalist Myron Dewey.

Worship at WDC's Year of Evangelism Kick Off: Anabaptist Witness will be a blend of ancient spiritual practices and upbeat bluegrass style with Bethany Amstutz, Gene Thiesen, and friends. Everyone's invited to worship our God of healing love, justice and welcome on January 19-20. Learn more and register by January 11 at: <http://mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/>

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale announcements:

- Looking for someone to haul a small John Deere Tractor from Bakersfield, CA to Goessel, KS for the KS MCC Sale. Contact, Jerry Toews, 620-367-8257 or jtoews62@gmail.com.
- WANTED: Good cars, trucks, tractors, motorcycles, farm machinery, etc. to donate to the KS MCC Sale - new to antique. If you are thinking of getting a new car, consider donating your trade-in to the MCC Sale as a tax deductible donation. Contact Jerry Toews for more info at 620-367-8257 or jtoews62@gmail.com.

Western District Conference (Mennonite Church USA) seeks 3/4-time business manager: accounting experience desirable; computer and organizational skills; ability to work independently and set goals; effective communicator - team player; committed to WDC mission. See mennowdc.org for further information.

REMEMBERING 50 years of the Relief Sale in Kansas:

Relief Sales are the result of grass roots movements across the United States to promote and raise funds for MCC. A group of Kansans organized and formed the Mid-Kansas Relief Sale. This was in 1968 and the first sale was in Hillsboro at the Marion County Fairgrounds. The space was deemed to small and crowded for all of the activities people wanted to provide. After two years the sale was moved to Newton mostly outside and using tents. It rained the week before the sale and the tents and the area flooded making it a less than worthwhile experience. Because of a connection with the Kansas State Fair the Sale was moved to the Kansas State Fairgrounds. Approximately 70 churches across Kansas are on the roster. The purpose at the beginning and still today is to support and raise funds for MCC and MCC alone. This year we celebrate 50 years of successful fundraising to support the work of Mennonite Central Committee.