

Church Events

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Education Council meets at church.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Leadership Council meets at church.

Thursday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Whitewater Café.

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Council meets at church.

January 28 at 11:30 a.m. All church meal. The Social Committee is asking that you bring either a crockpot of soup OR a pie. Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

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

Announcements

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!

Quilt in the foyer: Named Buckeye Beauty. Purchased at the MCC Sale 2017. Made by Lisa Longacher from Castle Rock, Co.

Nursery Next Sunday: Courtney Nethercot and Lauren Graves

Greeters Next Sunday: Russ and Kris Janzen

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,102.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Relief Sale

Et Cetera

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.

Offender/Victim Ministries will hold their annual meeting this afternoon, January 14 at 4:00 p.m. at Shalom Mennonite Church, 800 E. 1st St., Newton.

Celebrate Martin Luther King Day on January 15, by taking a local history walk! Racial Justice in Newton: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow is a walking tour to hear the stories of Newton's racial and ethnic diversity, to celebrate our accomplishments, and to seek positive change in the community. Tours start at 3:00 and 3:30 p.m. at the Newton Recreation Commission (415 N. Poplar) and last around 90 minutes. Bus transportation is available for those needing assistance getting to the two other sites and back to the Rec. This event is free and open to the public.

Bethel College annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, with Ken E. Nwadike Jr., a peace activist, inspirational speaker and video journalist popularly known as "the Free Hugs Guy," and poetry reading by Bethel students, January 15 at 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.

Harvey County Circle of Hope Volunteer Ally Training will take place Thursday, January 18, 9:00am-3:00pm or Saturday, February 10, 10:00am-4:00pm at First United Methodist Church, 801 N. Main, Newton. Lunch is provided. Both trainings utilize concepts from Bridges Out of Poverty. For more information or to reserve your spot contact Peace Connections at 316-284-0000 or info@peaceconnections.org.

We need your help! As we continue remodeling the Camp Mennoscah kitchen and dining hall, we need your help on several projects. These include removing and replacing the roofing, painting in the final stages, and help moving everything back into the kitchen. The first project is to remove shingles from the existing roof and make it water tight for framing. **The date set for this project is Saturday, January 20 starting at 9:00 a.m.** Tools needed are shingle forks, hammers, and flat bars. Bring a lunch. The next project will be approx. 2 weeks later to apply shingles on the roof for the new entrance. If you can help, please call Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3014 or Jim Yoder at 316-284-3890 or jdyoder@cox.net.

What can one person do to stand against "the troubles of this world?" The challenges are monumental: economic injustice, gender inequity, race relations, water and land conflicts. Hesston College's 2018 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) will explore these questions and their answers with the theme "Before the unthinkable happens: Confronting our role in injustice," Feb. 23 to 25 on the Hesston College campus. See more information and register at www.hesston.edu/avds.

The Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring a clothing manager for 30-40 hours/week. The clothing manager, in cooperation with the management team, receives and processes donations; trains and supervises clothing and accessory volunteers; prepares volunteer projects and work spaces; helps manage the sales floor; and participates in regular system evaluation and store planning. The full job description and applications are available at the store (619 N. Main in Newton) or via e-mail at generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com. Applications are due Monday, January 29, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale:

-) April 13-14 Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson. Check out the website at www.kansas.mccsale.org.
-) The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Fellowship Meals will be February 25 and March 4. Fellowship Meals are shared experiences in giving, hosts invite someone to their home to “come and dine” and guests visit another family’s home. The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Fellowship Meals Committee finds guests for you to invite, or hosts to invite you. Brochures are available in the foyer. Registration deadline is Feb. 1.
-) Still looking for donations of cars, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, farm machinery and GOOD items for the Kansas MCC Sale. Call Jerry Toews, 620-367-8257.

REMEMBERING 50 years of the Relief Sale in Kansas The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale was known originally as the Mid-Kansas Mennonite Relief Auction Association. They organized and sponsored what was known as the MCC Sale. There had been an ongoing debate concerning the collection of Kansas sales tax at the Sale. At the 1969 sale, held in Hillsboro, sales tax was collected. Levi Goossen, our Attorney at that time, appealed this circumstance and asked for an exemption. The Sale was incorporated on Jan. 23, 1971 and we received the initial tax exemption letter from the IRS on Dec. 10, 1971 with final confirmation under IRC 509 on March 22, 1973. This exemption continues, although we have had to handle a challenge or two along the way. The act of charity in the name of Jesus is the ongoing purpose of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. A community coming together to promote “Praising God through Service”.

CHURCH OFFICES

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Wednesday - Afternoon, Friday - day off

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