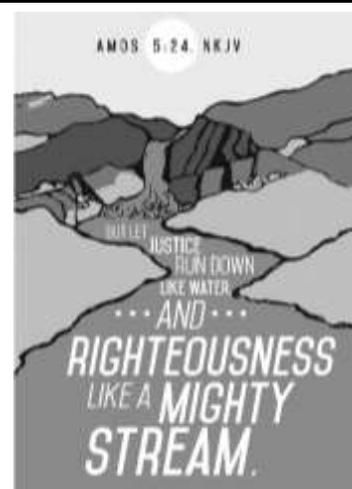


**Welcome** as we worship our God of justice and compassion! For the next two weeks, we listen to the challenging voice of the prophet Amos. We ask what God's word has to say to how we can work for justice near and far out of the convictions and hope of our faith.



**GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

**Prelude** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* ~Page Mary Schmidt

**Welcome** Pastor Lois Harder

**Opportunities for Celebration and Service**

**Call to Worship and Invocation** Based on Amos 5:8, 24, 9:14

Leader: The one who made the Pleiades and Orion,

**People: the one who turns midnight into dawn,**

Leader: the one who calls forth the waters of the sea and pours them out over the land

**All: The Lord is his name!**

Leader: Let those who plant vineyards drink their wine and those who make gardens eat their fruit

**All: Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like mighty stream!**

**Gathering hymn** *O young and fearless Prophet* HWB 374

O young and fearless prophet  
of ancient Galilee,  
your life is still a summons  
to serve humanity,  
to make our thoughts and actions  
less prone to please the crowd,  
to stand with humble courage  
for truth with hearts uncowed.

O help us stand unswerving  
against war's bloody way,  
where hate and lust and false-  
hood hold back your holy sway.  
Forbid false love of country,  
that blinds us to your call  
who lifts above the nations  
the unity of all.

Create in us the splendor that  
dawns when hearts are kind,  
that knows not race nor station  
as boundaries of the mind;  
that learns to value beauty,  
in heart, or mind, or soul,  
and longs to bind God's children  
into one perfect whole.

**Children's Story** Delbert Peters

**Morning Prayer** Pastor Lois

**Hymn of faith** *Brothers and sisters of mine* HWB 142

Brothers and sisters of mine  
are the hungry,  
who sigh in their sorrow  
and weep in their pain.  
Sisters and brothers of mine  
are the homeless,  
who wait without shelter  
from wind and from rain.

People are they,  
men and women and children,  
and each has a heart  
keeping time with my own.  
People are they,  
persons made in God's image,  
so what shall I offer them,  
bread or a stone?

Lord of all living,  
we make our confession:  
Too long we have wasted  
the wealth of our lands.  
Lord of all loving,  
renew our compassion,  
and open our hearts  
while we reach out our hands.

**Worship Music** *My Jesus I Love Thee* Eric and Julianna Schrag

**Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings**  
**Prayer of dedication**

First Fruits Giving  
Pastor Lois

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Reading**

Amos 5:8-14, 18-24

**Message**

"Justice like a river"

Pastor Caleb Yoder

**SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Song of Response**

*I bind my heart*

HWB 411

I bind my heart this tide  
to the Galilean's side,  
to the wounds of Calvary,  
to the Christ who died for me.

I bind my soul this day  
to the neighbor far away,  
and the stranger near at hand,  
in this town, and in this land.

I bind myself to peace,  
to make strife and envy cease.  
God, knit thou sure the cord  
of my thralldom to my Lord!

**Benediction**

Pastor Caleb

**Postlude**

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing ~Page*

Mary Schmidt

+ The peace lamp serves as a visual reminder for us that we follow Jesus the Prince of Peace and believe in uncertain times that God's shalom will prevail.

Special thanks to Mary Schmidt, Delbert Peters, Eric and Julianna Schrag, Anita Boese (visual arts), Caiden Duerksen, Dwight J. Flaming, Steve Unruh, Delton Voth, and the AMC Covid Task Force.

**Questions for Reflection – Amos 5**

1. If Amos were here today, would he go gently with us? What might he call us to task for?
2. What examples can you find of practicing justice?

**Next Sunday** we continue our second Sunday with the book of Amos. The scripture reading will be from Amos 8:1-12. Pastor Lois will be preaching.

## *Praying for our congregation and beyond*

- ❖ We pray for Joyce and Dan Bergen as Joyce continues to undergo treatment and care at the Newton Medical Center. We ask for your gentle hand of healing and comfort, O God, for Joyce and Dan and their family.
- ❖ We continue to pray for Don and June Hiebert as they both recover from Covid-19 and other complications. We thank God for the healing Don has experienced and pray for his continued recovery. We also pray for June as she recuperates at home.
- ❖ We pray for Mary Lou Unrau as she moved on Friday to Schowalter Villa for rehab. She will be quarantined for a couple of weeks there as she begins her therapy, so cards will be much appreciated. The full address is: Schowalter Villa, Progressive Recovery Academy, Rm. 712, 200 W. Cedar, Hesston, KS 67062. We pray also for Glen as he will be unable to visit Mary Lou in-person for these next days.
- ❖ We pray for Bethesda Home as well as other area nursing facilities in a time of high stress due to reduced staff and positive cases. We lift up both residents and staff members.
- ❖ We continue to pray for Pastor Caleb's mother, Gloria Yoder, as she remains hospitalized for Covid-19 in Iowa City, IA.
- ❖ We pray for peace in our country as we are becoming a deeply divided people and our trust in the institutions of democracy and our compassion for all people are strained.

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If you would appreciate a porch visit or phone call from one of the pastors or deacons, please feel free to contact us!

### Coming Events

Today, Sunday, January 10	10:00 am	Worship Service via Zoom
Monday, January 11	7:00 pm	Church Council
Wednesday, January 13		Faith formation taskforce meets
Sunday, January 17	10:00 am	Worship Service via Zoom
Monday, January 18	7:30 pm	Board of Worship
Wednesday, January 20	7:00 pm	Board of Christian Education
Sunday, January 31	1:00 pm	Annual meeting on Zoom

**All changes for the 2021 Yearbook are due January 29, 2021** -- (addresses/cell or land line phone numbers/email addresses, etc.) This includes new board positions for 2021. Please turn them in to the church office.

**The COVID Taskforce met this past Monday** and projects that we will continue with virtual worship through January and possibly into February, due to anticipated continued high transmission rates of the virus after the holiday season. The next taskforce meeting is January 25. Taskforce members include pastors Caleb and Lois, Tina Schrag, Brendon Nafziger, Janine Peters, Renae Peters, Marilyn Unruh Flaming, and Dr. Robyn Hartvickson.

**Current and upcoming devotionals** (*Upper Room & Rejoice!*) are available in the NE entryway for purchase.

### Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum 46th Annual Meeting through Zoom

We will be conducting our annual meeting on Sunday, January 17, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. from Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church through Zoom, due to COVID-19 concerns.

To join the Zoom meeting please use the following:

Meeting ID: 850 5291 3461

Passcode: 964749

(Next week, be looking for an email with a direct link.)

This will be a business meeting only with no special speaker. We have a slate of three new board member nominees to be voted on: Sandy Duerksen, Pat Penner, and Bruce Funk. Fern Bartel will be presenting a slide show from the past year's activities. No fasha will be served following the program but, in honor of this tradition, you may partake in this from your home!

**The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale has been moved from April to July 2-3, 2021.** It will still be held at the State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. Continue to keep the Sale, the committees, the board and the people who make up the sale family in your prayers.

**Thank you from the Tabor Food Pantry!** The strong support that we have seen throughout this past year from the Goessel community and churches has been amazing! While we have had fewer donations of food items due to COVID restrictions, the monetary support we have received has made it possible to keep our shelves very well stocked and we are able to be generous with giving groceries and grocery gift cards to clients. We are exploring ways to share this generosity with the community by supporting additional food ministries. The food pantry is here to help anyone in the Goessel community who is struggling at this time. If you need a little help, please reach out to us. If you know of someone in need of assistance, please let them know that the food pantry is available to help with their grocery needs. The Food Pantry is here to help... *because no one should go hungry.* Thank you again for your continued support.

~ Kim Funk, on behalf of the Tabor Food Pantry

## CONFERENCE PRAYER REQUESTS

### Western District Conference

Pray that WDC will receive generous contributions to help meet goals for the fiscal year ending in January, and give thanks for the many ways congregations and donors support the ministry of the conference.

### Mennonite Mission Network

Mary Raber of Mennonite Mission Network has not been able to return to Odessa Theological Seminary in Ukraine because of COVID-19 restrictions. Pray for her as she continues her translation and editing work from the United States.

## COMMUNITY & CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Camp Mennoscah

**Applications for Camp Mennoscah Summer Staff positions are now being accepted!** Although there is a chance positions will change to meet the needs of pandemic-impacted summer youth camps, the current summer staff leadership positions are naturalist, crafts leader, lifeguard, grounds/maintenance, music leader, office, and all-round/media. For those 21 years old or older, there is also a Director of Support opening. Find the application and information online at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) under Summer Youth Camps!

**Celebrate the new year by coming to Camp Mennoscah!** Camp Mennoscah is a wonderful space for families and groups needing space to spread out! Facilities for differently sized groups are available with a variety of gathering areas. Trails and fields are waiting to be hiked and used for fun activities, too! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) to reserve. You are invited to enjoy this sacred space!

**Thank you, Allen and Janet!** After 40 years of dedicated service as program directors at Camp Mennoscah, Allen Jantz and Janet McGillivray are retiring. We know them in part for their wonderfully caring and carefully planned camp week and for Allen's lunchtime skits and Janet's lanyard-making. We celebrate these years shared with Camp Mennoscah and wish them the best in new adventures! See you at Camp Mennoscah again soon, Allen and Janet!

**The Camp Mennoscah Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Olivia Bartel has accepted the position of Executive Director.** Olivia has an undergraduate degree from Bethel College and a Master of Arts from AMBS with a focus in Theological Studies. She has been with Camp Mennoscah since 2008 and is a familiar face on campgrounds and at camp sponsored events. Olivia has a tremendous passion for Camp Mennoscah's mission and building relationships. She has been instrumental in developing new programming such as the Scrapbooking and Crafts Retreats. She has also updated and strengthened the staff training program to promote safe boundaries. Most of what Olivia does, however, has been behind the scenes to ensure everyone feels welcomed and has a good experience. Olivia will continue to be responsible for camp programming while taking on additional supervisory and executive responsibilities. Please join us in congratulating Olivia on her promotion and welcoming her to the role of Executive Director.

### Mennonite Church USA

**Sun., Jan. 10, 3 p.m. – Retired pastor [Florence Schloneger, North Newton, and Pauline Sharp](#), Wichita, a Kaw tribal member and board member of the Kanza Heritage Society, will give a virtual presentation**, sharing their family stories related to land ownership, economics, education and identity. This is in connection with the special exhibit at Bethel College's Kauffman Museum, "Crossroads: Change in Rural America." Schloneger's ancestors immigrated to Kansas in the 1800s while Sharp's relatives, members of the Kanza (Kaw) tribe, lived in central Kansas for centuries before the arrival of Europeans. [Sign up for the Zoom link at https://kauffmanmuseum.org/event/sunday-afternoon-at-the-museum-with-florence-schloneger-and-pauline-sharp/](https://kauffmanmuseum.org/event/sunday-afternoon-at-the-museum-with-florence-schloneger-and-pauline-sharp/) The event will also be on Facebook Live on the Kauffman Museum Facebook page.

**Mon., Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m. – Bethel College's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration will feature spoken word artist M'Vyonne Payne and former pro athlete and motivational speaker Chris Singleton.** The event will be held in *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*, with COVID protocols in place, and will also be live-streamed via YouTube at [bit.ly/bethelks-mlk2021](https://bit.ly/bethelks-mlk2021) Sponsors are the Bethel College Diversity Council, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Student Life Office, with support from the Bethel College Women's Association.

### Western District Conference

**WDC Annual Assembly Resolutions** - The Assembly will be held **July 30-Aug 1**, in a hybrid model with the possibility of both virtual and in-person activities. WDC encourages the development of resolutions that facilitate discernment, educate, build unity, and provide an area conference understanding while acknowledging dissenting voices. Any proposed church statement should be discerned through congregations or WDC commissions and task forces and

submitted for consideration to the WDC Resolutions Committee **a minimum of 120 days prior to annual conference sessions (April 2, 2021).**

**Common Read:** Join others across WDC to discuss *I Am Not Your Enemy: Stories to Transform a Divided World* by Michael T. McRay. This Common Read is a partnership between Herald Press, MC Canada, and MC USA. **WDC-based Zoom discussions will take place on Jan. 11, 11:30am-12:30pm and Jan. 28, 7-8pm.** Join for one or both discussions. To borrow a copy of the book (limited number) or to register for the discussion, email [crlib@mennowd.org](mailto:crlib@mennowd.org).

## **Bethel College**

**Kauffman Museum at Bethel College is partnering with Humanities Kansas to host the Smithsonian traveling exhibit “Crossroads: Change in Rural America” through Jan. 17.** Accompanying it is a local companion exhibit, “Of Land and People: Our Community at the Crossroads,” created from the museum’s permanent exhibit “Of Land and People.” **The museum is open 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tues.-Fri; 1:30-4:30 p.m., Sat.-Sunday; and closed Mondays and major holidays.** Admission to the “Crossroads” exhibit is free on Saturdays.

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## **Mennonite Central Committee**

**MCC Webinars on Service Opportunities:** Are you ready to step out and into service? To spend a year serving abroad or the summer serving your church or a local community organization? Check out the webinars happening this winter that will introduce these MCC service opportunities to you! Learn more at [mcc.org/mcc-me-webinar-series-service-opportunities](https://mcc.org/mcc-me-webinar-series-service-opportunities).

**Canner Operator :** MCC is looking for new canner operators! This two-year service term is unique and offers the opportunity to travel around the U.S. and Canada, working as a team while meeting new people! Check out [mcc.org/canning](https://mcc.org/canning) for details!

**MCC Comforter Blitz update:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Kansas Friends of MCC Comforter Blitz in Yoder, KS has been canceled. However, the Blitz committee still has a goal of collecting at least 300 comforters between February and April. We need your help to meet this goal! Fabric kits and comforter sets to tie (top, back, and batting) are available to check out from MCC in North Newton. For contactless drop-off of completed comforters the 24-hour donation room is always available. To arrange drop-off or checkout materials, contact Kate at [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org), or 316.804.8432.

## **Everence**

### **Everence to hold Medicare webinar: Tuesday, Jan. 19**

Everence will host its popular workshop, *Make Medicare an easy step*, as a webinar on Tuesday, Jan. 19 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. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting our office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

*\*Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.*