**First Mennonite Church of Christian**

Pastor Laura Goerzen, Organist–Lu Goering, Greeters–Ann & Andy Storer, Worship Leader–Lurline Wiens

December 30, 2018

**Gathering and Praising**

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading Psalm 148

**Singing God’s Word**

The First Noel #199

O Holy Night Duet

 Gin Niehage & Steve Kaufman

What Star is this Insert

While Shepherds Watched their Flocks Insert

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing #201

Away in a Manger Insert

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly #206

What Child is This #215

Silent Night, Holy Night #193

*\*Joy to the World #318*

**Sharing with One Another**

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayer of the Church

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

**Going in God’s Name**

\**Sending Song - Good Christian Friends, Rejoice #210*

*\*Benediction*

Postlude

\**Those who are able are invited to stand*

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**Christmas Carol Sing**

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Moundridge, KS

A welcoming Community of Christians for Peace

**December 30, 2018**

**Announcements**

**Opportunity to Gift Cradle to Crayons with Christian Resources:**Cradle to Crayons provides loving childcare for the youngest members of our community and is developing a fresh supply of Christian resources to aid in its ministry to these young children. If you would like to give the gift of introducing young children to God’s love, go to [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/) and hover over the Account & Lists icon. Click on “Find a List or Registry” and search for Cradle to Crayons. You will find a wish list of high quality faith-based toys and children’s books from which to choose a gift for our local childcare center.

**The Neuf Memorial Run:** The Neuf 9K and 2 mile run returns to the campus of Bethel College on Jan. 12, 2019 to honor the memory of Russ Neufeld, a former MC USA and Hesston College employee. The race will start at 10AM outside of Mojo’s Coffee Shop on the campus of Bethel College, North Newton, KS. The Neuf will raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the Russ Neufeld Memorial Scholarship at Hesston College. Register and read other details about the race at [www.runtheneuf.neuf.ca](http://www.runtheneuf.neuf.ca). We would love to have you join us for this fun community event!

**Delivering Meals:** January is FMCC’s month to deliver Senior Center meals. There is a sign-up sheet on the south wall in the foyer. Please take a look at that and sign up when you can help. You get a free meal if you want one for delivering the meals. You pick up the meals at 11:00AM at the Center. Currently it takes about 45 minutes. Right now we are delivering one 8 miles out of town. That takes some extra time. If you have questions contact Pat Krehbiel. Please consider helping.

**Office closed:** The church office will be closed Near Years Day and Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

**Centering Prayer** will not meet Monday, December 31, but will resume Monday, January 7, 2019. Centering Prayer meets from noon to 1:00PM most Mondays at the Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus and is open to anyone, regardless of previous experience. For more informationn, contact Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu, or Nathan Koontz, Nathan@hutchfmc.org.

**Monday, December 31:** The Bethel College advancement/development office invites you to a holiday open house, 9:00AM- 3:00PM. Come by to visit with staff, enjoy holiday treats and a warm beverage – and make your year-end donation. The office is on the main floor of the Administration Building on campus.

**Sunday, January 6, 2019:** Rachel Pannabecker presents “Remembering Ethel Ewert Abrahams, Collector and Artist, a Sunday-Afternoon at the Museum program, 3:00PM, Kaufman Museum. Pannabecker will talk about Abrahams’ unusual collection of tobacco fabric novelties, which she believes to be the largest in the United States, and which is now on display as the museum’s special exhibit.

**Saturday, January 5:** Kauffman Museum first-Saturday bird walk. Meet in the museum parking lot at 8:30AM. Experienced birders will lead a walk of 1 to 1.5 miles in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail in North Newton. Please be aware the trail is mostly unpaved/wood-chip with some hilly/steep spots.

**Out of the office:** Lurline will be out of the office the end of the week. If you have announcements for the bulletin, please have them to me by noon on Monday, December 31 and I will get them into the bulletin.

**Opportunities**

**Today:** 9:15AM First Perk

 9:30AM Sunday school

 10:30AM Worship Service

**December 29-January 2:** Pastor Laura out of the office

**January 10, 2019:** Worship Team 9:30AM

**January 12, 2019:** Neuf Memorial Run

**January 16, 2019:** Church Board Meeting 8:00PM

**Sunday January 6:** Organist – Roberta Gingerich, Greeter- Edna Stucky & Bev Hasan, Worship Leader –Pat Krehbiel

**We seek and practice Shalom**

**Prayer for Peace Makers**

Please keep Christian Peacemaker Team-Palestine's  Palestinian partners and team in your heart and mind during this challenging time of  occupation for Palestinians and transition for the team. May 2019 deepen everyone's resolve to confront the powers of violence and work for Just Peace for everyone in the region.