**First Mennonite Church of Christian**

**Pianist – Lu Goering, Worship Leader – Gin Niehage, Song Leader – Gin Niehage**

**February 12, 2023**

**Gathering and Praising**

Prelude

Welcome

Morning Prayer

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise and to remember his kindness to us,**

Leader: and the many wonders of his mercy;

***All: to rejoice together in his love, and lift up our hearts in praise.***

*\*Hymn – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” VT #419*

 “Come to Me O Weary Traveler” VT #157

Scripture – Matthew 5:21-37

Special Music – “How Great Thou Are” Video

Offering (put your offering in the plate at the back of the church)

Offertory Prayer

**Receiving God’s Word**

Sermon–“But I say to you” Pastor Pete Emery

Hymn – “When Peace like a River” VT #617

**Sharing with One Another**

Sharing Joys and Prayer Requests

Prayer of the Church

**Going in God’s Name**

*\*Closing Hymn –“What a Friend we have in Jesus” VT #628*

*\*Benediction*

*\*Postlude*

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

Pastor Pete Emery

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**Moundridge, KS**

**A welcoming Community of Christians for Peace**

**February 12, 2023**

**PRAYER PLACES/JOYOUS JOURNEYS**

**Glenn Stucky** passed away Sunday, February 5. Pray for Pat, Alex and his family, Eric and his family and Natalie and her family. Services will be held at a later date.

**Mary Kathryn Stucky’s** health is declining, keep her and her family in your prayers.

**Prayers** for Sheryl Stucky as she continues on Hospice.

**Continue** to pray for Bev and Joe Zerger.

**Andy Storer** is improving. He will be moving to Skilled Nursing at Pine Village soon.

**Wilbur Voth** is currently at Pine Village to gain strength so he can go home.

**Connie Germeroth** is struggling right now with some health issues. Her knee is healing.

**Pray** for the earthquake victims of Turkey and Syria.

**Pray** for peace.

**Love recognizes no barriers. Maya Angelou**

If you have prayer requests or items of joy, contact one of the Care Team members so we can add those requests as needed. Members are: Pat Krehbiel, Dwight Goering or Cheri Kaufman.

Opportunities

**Today:** 9:30: Sunday School

 10:30: Worship Service

**February 22:** Ash Wednesday

**February 26:** First Sunday of Lent

**February 26:** STEPSMC in charge of sermon

**April 14 & 15:** KS MCC Sale in Hutchinson, KS

**Sunday, February 19: Pianist – Delonna Barnett, Worship Leader – Pastor Pete Emery, Special Music – FMCC Singers**

When you see something that is not right, you must say something.  You must do something.  Democracy is not a state.  It is an act, and each generation must do its part to help build what we called the Beloved Community, a nation and world society at peace with itself.

- John Lewis, *Revolutionary Nonviolence*, James M. Lawson Jr., p15

**Announcements**

**Connie Germeroth** would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, and food during the healing process.

**For Lent** the visual committee would like to use different types and sizes of crosses to put around the church. If you have some crosses you would be willing to share, please let Lurline, Lynette or Cheri know by Sunday, February 19.

**An Ash Wednesday** service will be held on Wednesday, February

22 at 6:30 PM. This is the beginning of the season of Lent, a period of

40 days during which Christians remember Jesus’ suffering and the

events leading up to the crucifixion. Anointing with ashes will be

offered as part of the Ash Wednesday service.

**The Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for Friday, February 24 at 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. at the Pine Village Wellness Center. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org/) and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code.
Thanks for your support and if you have a question, call Jerry at 501-388-0177 or email jerryschrag@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE!Come join the fun at 15th annual MCC Comforter Blitz on March 6, 7 and 8 on the Journey Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, KS. Times are Monday and Tuesday 9-5 and Wednesday 9-4.  No sewing skills are required, we will teach you.  Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own sack lunch.  Bring snacks to share during the workday.  This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC to make comforters for relief to be sent to refugees or places after natural disasters. Please contact the MCC Central States office with questions at #316-283-2720, or check the Comforter Blitz Facebook Page, “Kansas MCC Comforter Blitz”.

**Men and Boys Retreat**, March 31-April 2 - Come to Camp

Mennoscah for this long-standing, guys-only retreat! Enjoy time

fishing, canoeing, worshiping, sitting by the fire, or visiting with friends.

The official beginning to the weekend is Saturday morning, but many

arrive on Friday. There will be a worship service on Sunday morning.

Meals can be purchased for Saturday night, Sunday morning and

lunch. Registration and payment will take place upon arrival. For more

information contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515, or go to

https://www.campmennoscah.org/vnews/display.v/ART/5a95be51560

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**MCC Central States annual meeting**, March 4 from 1-3 p.m. at MCC in North Newton, Kansas. This will primarily be an in-person event, but if you would like a link to join via Zoom please email tinaschrag@mcc.org for the link.

**Mennonite Central Committee** is accepting donations to support people affected by the Feb. 6 earthquake in Türkiye (Turkey) and Syria. MCC is working with long-term partners in Aleppo and surrounding areas to provide emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma counseling. In a country already vulnerable from years of conflict, this was a devastating blow. You can share God’s love and compassion with our global neighbors by providing a gift online at [mcc.org/earthquake](http://mcc.org/earthquake), by calling (888) 563-4676 or by sending a check earmarked for “Syria and Türkiye earthquake” to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

Everence® webinar: Social Security and retirement income

Everence® will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income webinar on Thursday, Feb. 23, starting at 6:30 p.m. Specifics will include, Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be time for questions. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas.  To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

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Bethel College announcements are on the south bulletin board.