

What do you think? Does the Western District Conference website make sense to you? Please take two minutes and do the on-line survey so we can make it better. Go to [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org).

The Nebraska State Suicide Prevention Summit will be held on January 29, 2010 to provide an overview of suicide as a public health concern in Nebraska, present opportunities to discuss local needs on suicide prevention and feature an introduction to proven suicide prevention practices. The event is 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Jan. 29 at BryanLGH West Conference Center and will be video cast to sites across Nebraska via the Nebraska Statewide Telehealth Network. Public Health Solutions District Health Department in Crete, Nebraska will be a participating site for telehealth. Please give us a call at 888-310-0565 if you would like to attend.

This is an exciting week for Faith & Life Bookstore. We are moving to a new location at 606 N. Main in Newton! The move will provide better parking and closer quarters to other retail stores, as well as a chance to update the store. Except for the new mailing address, all of Faith & Life Bookstore's contact information will remain the same.

On Saturday, Jan. 23 at 10 am, Faith & Life Bookstore will host a community event to celebrate the move. Children 12 and under may come listen to a story about moving and enter a drawing for a prize. Children are also invited to bring wagons and move books to the new store. Adults may move a box of books to receive a coupon for 20% off an entire future purchase at the bookstore. All participants may share cookies, coffee, and hot chocolate provided by Faith & Life Bookstore.

Other upcoming events at Faith & Life Bookstore include the following:

Jan. 26-28: "Overflowing Blessings" Garage Sale at 724 N. Main

Feb. 13 – Mar. 27: VBS Open House

Mar. 1-6: Grand Re-Opening Celebration

Mar. 6: "Writing Your Personal Stories" Workshop with Author Naomi Geed-Penner 1-3 pm

We hope you will come enjoy these events, as well as visit the new store!

Save your Best Choice labels! Camp Mennoscah is collecting Best Choice brand UPC labels. Although there are not many stores that carry Best Choice products, for every 1000 we collect, we'll get \$30. It sounds like peanuts, but think of the Mennonite Central Committee's Penny Power—every penny counts! Labels can be sent to Camp Mennoscah, PO Box 65, Murdock KS 67111 or taken to the Western District Conference offices. For more information about this program, see:

<http://www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html>



## First Mennonite Church

*The Morning Breeze!*  
*Sunday,*  
*January 24, 2010*

### This Morning

Preacher: Weldon Schloneger

Greeters: Bill & Barb Thimm

Hosts:

Organ/Piano: Florence Schloneger

Offering: MMN

Offering next week: FMC

Audio: Doug Casey

PowerPoint: Alex Goossen

Video: Bryan Funk

### Last Sunday!

Attendance: 117

Offering: \$4201 to FMC

### Upcoming Events!

Tuesday, 1/26 – 1:30pm WMS

Wednesday, 1/27 – 7am Deacon's Meeting at The Villa

7pm SYF meeting w/Parents at the Goossen Building

Sunday, 1/31 – Noon Lunch Bunch

Save the Date! 2/14 SYF Soup Luncheon

### Birthdays!

Tuesday! John Thimm Jr., Don Esau

Wednesday! Ann Kerl

Thursday! Elsie Penner

Friday! Mary Lovci

Sunday! Nolan Fast

### Annual Study Series Schedule

Sunday Morning 10AM Service will be held at BMC.

There will be no Sunday School or Worship at FMC!

Sunday Evening 7pm meet at First Mennonite Church

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\*\*If you would like to host Ken Rodgers for a meal, please contact Lou & Ellen Esau.\*\*



### Prayer and Praise

- ✠ Connie Byler, in Spain, has a goal of visiting and sharing the good news of Jesus with at least one person every day. Pray that God may guide her to people with open hearts and give her words that connect with the need of each person.
- ✠ Pray for our global community as we welcome new immigrants in our communities. How do we express our hospitality?
- ✠ Please keep Lillie Reimer in your thoughts and prayers as she was hospitalized this past week.

### This and That

We would like to thank everyone who helped make the Baptism Service possible. Thank you to all of you who helped serve and clean-up at the dinner that made it possible for us to spend time with our family and friends.

Thank you to the congregation for your prayers and support of our youth. A very special thank you to Kathy and Larry Thimm and Ted and Diane Summers for guiding our youth and taking such an important role in their Baptism.

Most of all we would like to thank Pastor Weldon for leading and teaching our children in what it means to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. The Baptism Service was very special and meaningful to all of us. It was our youths' new beginning to a new life of faith and loving relationship with their Lord, Jesus Christ.

Thank you from the parents and families and from the newly baptized young adult church members.

Thank you! The Mother-To-Mother purse auction raised \$3748.36! Thank you to all that helped with this fundraiser either through donations, your attendance at the auction or with preparing food.

SYF Meeting! This Wednesday, January 27, 2010 SYF will be meeting at the Goossen Building. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting. Supper will be provided.

Change of Address! Alvin & Marilyn Kroeker have a new address! 56725 716<sup>th</sup> Road, Fairbury, Nebraska. Their phone will stay the same.

Summer staff recruiting at Camp Mennoscah has begun. Applications and information are available at [www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html](http://www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html) or contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org). Application deadline is February 24, 2010. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is undertaking a multimillion-dollar, multiyear response to the earthquake that struck Haiti Jan. 12. You can help through prayer for the people of Haiti and by donating to MCC's Haiti Earthquake appeal. In addition, MCC is asking for donations of 20,000 relief kits, 10,000 heavy comforters and 10,000 sheets for shipment now through Feb. 28. Monetary gifts, designated Haiti Earthquake, may be sent to MCC Central States PO Box 235 North Newton, KS 67117 or online at [mcc.org](http://mcc.org). Find instructions for donating relief kits, comforters and sheets at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits) or call our office at 316-283-2720 for more information.

To join in this effort, the Church Board has voted to donate \$10,000 to the MCC efforts in Haiti. This money will be taken from the Undesignated Funds held in the Foundation. A special collection is being taken in the Narthex for the next couple of weeks. Please feel free to contribute and add to total amount that will be sent from the church. Make your checks payable to FMC and place in the black and orange box.

Daffodil Sunday for March 14, 2010. Daffodils are the signature flower of the American Cancer Society. They are universally recognized as a symbol of spring and of hope. Last Spring Gage County raised over \$1500 that directly benefits the American Cancer Society's programs of cancer research, education, advocacy and patient services in Nebraska.

We will begin to take orders today in the church library.

Individual bouquets (8-10 flowers/bouquet): \$ 10

Boyd's Bear and Individual bouquet: \$ 25

Cheer Bouquet (vase and individual bouquet) \$ 15

All orders are due no later than February 12, 2010.

Thank you for your participation, Barb Thimm and Rosie Claassen

"Do you know youth who are passionate about the church and who desire a place in it-youth who are asking deep questions and long to share their vision, energy and hopes?"  
\*!Explore: \*A Theological Program for High School Youth provides young people in the 11th and 12th grades in high school an experience designed to encourage the development of their gifts in leadership, expose them to the world of theological ideas, and foster in them a call to vocation in the church.

Youth who are in grade 11 and grade 12 may apply (in collaboration with their pastors) for the summer program following that year in school. The program involves an internship at their home church (100 hours, normally in the summer) and a 16-day intense program for the youth at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminar in Elkhart, IN.  
<<http://www.ams.edu!/explore>>