

VISION 2012, the Western District Conference prayer and funding campaign, is ready to receive your gifts to achieve the goal of \$1.5 million. So far, 733 people/units have given slightly over \$1000 per intent or \$1.1 million -- and we are thankful. The goal is 1000 people giving \$1000 (over a three-year period). Prayerfully consider how you can assist church planting, Camp Mennoscah, the Resource Library and ministerial services with your gift. Contact WDC at Box 306, North Newton, KS; 316-283-6300 or www.mennowdc.org, click on "Vision 2012", print the intent form and send it in.

Last chance! Call Western District Conference (316-283-6300) by noon tomorrow to register for the Immigration Consultation to be held on Saturday, March 6, from 8:30 - 2:00 at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. (See www.mennowdc.org for more information.)

Scrapbookers unite! The Camp Mennoscah Scrapbooking Retreat is March 12-14. You'll finally get to work on those pages that you've always wanted to—and have a chance to learn new techniques! Check out the brochure at www.mennowdc.org in the Coming Events section or contact Camp Mennoscah at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290.

Naming contest! Okay, so Camp Mennoscah has this new property with a new-to-us house, but we have no name for it! We're asking all you creative folks out there to help us with a name for this house. Keep in mind all the other building names at camp—Wasp Nest, Skylark, Moonbeams, Sunrise, Nestles, Waldorf—you get the picture. Want to see a picture of the house? Check us out on Facebook! Send suggestions to campmno@mennowdc.org or post them on Facebook.

The Camp Mennoscah catalog is now available and registrations are coming in! Take a look and read about all the fun retreats and our snazzy youth camps. This year is going to be fun and exciting and absolutely the BEST! Contact Camp Mennoscah at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290 for more information or a copy of the catalog.

Gardening as Spiritual Exercise - "Gardens, no matter how small, can serve as "sacred texts" in which we can find the word of God spoken, if we only have the faith and patience to look for it there." Daniel Deffenbaugh, author of [Learning the Language of the Fields: Tilling and Keeping as Christian Vocation](#), will speak at First Mennonite Church, 7300 Holdrege St., Lincoln, at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 28, 2010. His talk, hosted by Common Good Farm, is free and open to the public. Complete information is available at www.fmclincoln.org.



First
Mennonite
Church

The Morning Breeze!
Sunday,
February 28, 2010

This Morning

Pastor: Dorothy Nickel-Friesen

Greeters: Don & Judy Jantzen

Hosts: Bob & Barb Esau

Music: Jan Reimer

Offering: AMBS

Offering next Sunday: FMC General Fund

Last Sunday!

Attendance: 73

Offering: \$ 4077 to FMC

Audio: Marv Goossen

Video: Austin Goossen

Power point: Alex Goossen

Upcoming Events!

Today, after worship – Retirement Celebration!

Monday, 3/1 – 12:05pm Lenten @

Tuesday, 3/2 – 1:30pm WMS

Wednesday, 3/3 – 7pm SYF @ Jordan Fielder's home.

Saturday, 3/6 – 8:30am Men's Brotherhood Work Day

Birthdays!

Sunday! Andi Nellius

Thursday! Daryl Riesen, Karen Wiebe

After worship today, please join in our celebration of Pastor Weldon's retirement. There will be a catered meal and short program in the Fellowship Hall. There will not be Lunch Bunch today.

New Address!!! Weldon & Florence Schloneger

P.O. Box 181 – (mailing)

204 W. 26th St. – (street)

North Newton, Kansas 67117-0181

☞ Some mailboxes in the Narthex have been moved. Please take care that you are gathering from the box above your name.



Prayer and Praise

✠ MMN: Evangelist Yukari Kaga completes her fourth two-year term with the Tokachi-area Mennonite churches in Japan next month. Pray that God may provide financial support and accountability structures to enable her continued ministry.

✠ WDC: Give thanks for the leadership of Weldon Schloneger, pastor of First Menn. Church, Beatrice, NE on his farewell Sunday today.

This and That

Men's Brotherhood Project to rebuild the sports shed at Camp Mennoscah. Four to five people are needed to pour the cement slab for the shed. A week later five to eight will be needed to build the new shed. Of course funds to help with materials are appreciated as well. All are welcome to come help.

Fundamentals of transitional ministry is a three-day course devoted to 20 hours of specific skills needed by the Pastor in a congregation undergoing significant change. This course focuses on the Pastor's tasks. The course is offered by The Interim Ministry Network. Attendance is encouraged by WDC and was Gail Cross, February 22-24 in Kansas City.

Men's Brotherhood will be gathering Saturday, March 6 around 8:30 am for a project work day. Please talk to Doug Casey if you have any questions.



IN MAILBOXES! If you have not yet completed your Member Information card in your mailbox, please do so today. ALL cards are needed back! Take a moment to look over the information, fill in any blanks or use the opposite side to make any corrections then drop the card in the box in the Narthex labeled Member Information. If

all of your information is complete and correct, please check the box on the card and put it in the box! I would like to assure that I have as much correct information as possible for the new directory and my birthday/anniversary lists. Thank you for your cooperation. Deadline for the new Directory will be March 7.

Mondays in Lent 2010. The downtown clergy of Beatrice will share personal reflections on "What does the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ mean to me?" Worship each Monday at 12:05pm followed by a light luncheon. All proceeds of the lunch benefit Warren's Community Table. This week, Monday, March 1 at First Christian Church, Cindy Karges, homilist.

A soup dinner fund raiser is being held for the Tri-County Legion baseball teams. The event will be held Sunday, March 14th at the Plymouth Community Center from 11-1. All proceeds will be used for operating and construction costs of the Legion baseball field located 1/2 mile north of Tri County Public Schools. Tri County Legion Baseball Organization, Inc. is sponsoring the event. Donations for this project can be sent to Jeff Reynolds, PO Box 274, Plymouth, 68424. Donations to TCLBO, Inc are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

As Beatrice Community Hospital continues to work out ways to contact local pastors when a parishioner is admitted to the hospital it is vitally important that a family member always calls the pastor in these situations. Pastors would prefer hearing the same news from 2 or 3 sources than not at all.



Boy Scout Troop #221 Annual Soup and Pie Luncheon will be held March 14, 2010 at First Presbyterian Church, 5th & High Streets, Beatrice. Serving time 11:30am – 1pm. Chili, vegetable, chicken noodle soups and pies. Adults \$5, Kids 10 & under \$3, Kids under 3 free.

Try on service this summer with Youth Venture

Get ready for a new adventure and be a part of what God is doing around the world. If you are between the ages of 14 and 22, and are interested in spending some time serving and learning alongside other young adults, Youth Venture may be for you. Youth Venture gives you a chance to try new things, meet new people, and learn about a new culture through the eyes of a local church or host community. During summer 2010, you can travel with teams and a leader to locations like Bolivia, Botswana, France, southern California and Montreal, among others. For more information about Youth Venture, visit Service.MennoniteMission.net or e-mail ArloaB@MennoniteMission.net.

