

Call to Worship

Announcements

Prelude: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"
Psalm Reading Luke 1:68-79
Song "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"
Prayer

Worship in Giving

Advent Reading Wilbert Schmidt
Based on Malachi 3:1-4
Offering: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
"O Come, Little Children"

Worship in Prayer

Epistle Reading Phil. 1:3-11
Share and Prayer

Worship in Song

Mixed Quartet
"O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"
"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Worship and the Word

Sermon Pastor Brad
"The Voice" Luke 3:1-6

Worship and Mission

Response "As With Gladness Men of Old"

Benediction

Postlude "Ding, Dong! Merrily on High"
Pianist: Harriet Woelk

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The Ministerial Alliance invites you to come and enjoy the music of The McPherson Community Brass Choir and the GHS Elbiata Singers on Sunday, December 9, at 7:00 pm at the Alexanderwohl Church.

Night in the Barn: Everyone is invited to attend and experience *Night in the Barn* at Papa's Pumpkin Patch from 5 – 8pm during the first two weekends in December 9. Come and interact with the characters, animals, sights, and sounds of the timeless tale. Enjoy this walking tour of the Nativity with family and friends. The suggested donation of \$5 per person includes a hot drink and snack (part of the proceeds raised will go towards the Tabor Building Fund). Come and share in the wonder of the Christmas Story!

Christmas Sunday Social December 16 during the Sunday School Hour. Everyone bring your favorite Christmas goodies! Fun food and fellowship!!

The finance team has developed a budget for 2019 and the Executive Board approved it. The new budget will be available to pick up in the foyer in the coming weeks. We will hold a congregational meeting right after church on December 16th for the congregation's discussion and approval.

Commodities will be distributed on Friday December 21, at Goessel Mennonite Church from 5-6 p.m. If you know anyone that is struggling to make ends meet please direct them here! For any questions please contact Jenny at 367-8492.

This fall Hurricane Michael and Hurricane Florence forced the cancellation of about 250 drives, causing 7,500 units of blood to go uncollected. In this season of giving please consider donating blood (800-733-2767 or redcrossblood.org), sign up to work at the drive, or provide a doz. Christmas cookies (sign up on bulletin board) on Dec. 26. Thanks for saving lives!!

Sometime during the week of Dec. 10th there is going to be a security update on the wi-fi thru Moundridge. If you are the first person that tries to connect to wi-fi at the church please call Jenny @ 367-8492 or Pastor Brad and they will give you the security code for log in.

The position of Congregational Secretary will be available as of January 1, 2019. If you are interested please let Brad or Mickey know.

Attendance; December 2, 2018.....	47
Offering: December 2, 2018.....	\$3021.00
Next Week's Music: Praise Team	
Piano: Lindsey Wedel	

Weekly Events:

Sunday Morning: Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday Evening: Youth Group 6:30 P.M.

Up Coming Events

- December 8&9: Night at the barn 5-8 p.m.
- December 9: Brass Christmas 7p.m.
- December 13: MCC Christmas Soiree 5-7 p.m.
- December 16: Christmas Social 9:30 a.m.
- December 16: Budget approval
- December 21: Commodities 5-6 p.m.
- December 24: Christmas Eve Services 5:30 p.m.
- December 25: Jesus' Birthday
- December 26: Blood Drive 2-6 p.m.
- January 12: Neuf Memorial Run 10:00 a.m.

Deacon: Jaynette Miller 367-3727
Church Moderator: Mickey Harvey
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The Holy Spirit
Everyone Welcome



GOESSEL MENNONITE CHURCH

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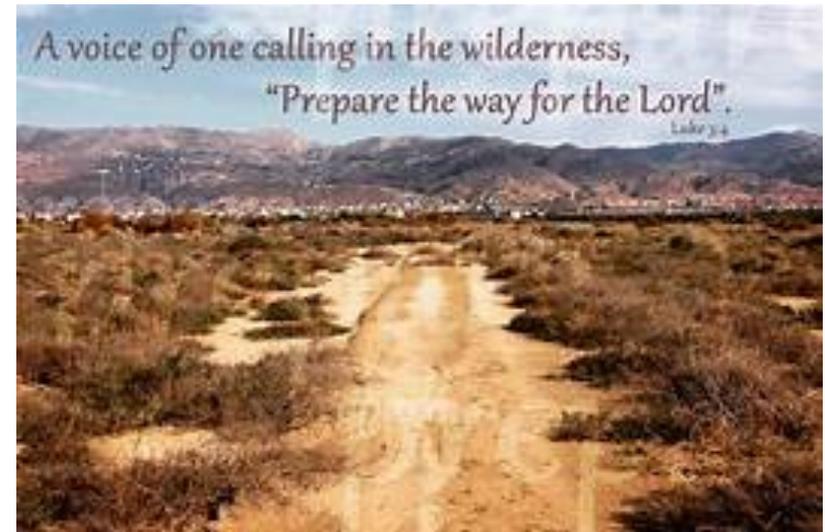
Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Volunteer with SWAP: Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP), a program of MCC Great Lakes, has openings for volunteer groups. Groups of all ages are an essential component of SWAP's ministry, addressing multiple challenges of low-income families in Appalachia, including home repair and personal need. If your church has never been to one of our SWAP locations, or if it has been a while since you have been to SWAP, please consider forming a group to come and experience a week at one of the locations in West Virginia or Kentucky. For more information go to <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/volunteer/swap> or call Angela Maggard at 606-633-5065. You can also check out the latest newsletter at <https://mcc.org/media/resources/8302>.

You're invited to the annual MCC Christmas Soiree at MCC in North Newton on Thursday, December 13 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Join us for this holiday party to enjoy festive food and fellowship! We'll pause at 6 p.m. to hear from International Volunteer Exchange Participants share about their current work and Christmas traditions from their home countries. Everyone is welcome for this come and go holiday event. MCC is located at 121 E. 30th in North Newton. Call us with questions, 316.283.2720.

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 10 a.m. outside of Mojo's Coffee Shop on the campus of Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas. The Neuf will raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the Russ Neufeld memorial scholarship at Hesston College. Register & read other details about the race at www.runtheneuf.neuf.ca. We would love to have you join us for this fun community event!



Candle Lighting Liturgy

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, says the Lord of hosts.

[Here relight the first Advent candle.]

The light of hope has awakened our spirits.

A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord make his paths straight."

Renew in us your covenant, O God, that we may be ready for the dawn of your salvation.

We light a second candle to bring light to every darkness, and to guide us in the way of peace.

[Here light the second Advent candle.]

With gratitude for your light, O God, we will prepare to welcome a new birth of your love.