

symbolism, adorned with a map of the world and troop movements, reflective quotations, visual images, and rimmed with a border of poppies, rooted in Jon McCrae's poem, "In Flanders Fields," which has become a symbol of the Great War. The message of Leslie's art is the terrible tragedy of war and an implied call to us to be alternative people.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to a defining moment for us all.

~~Pastor Dave



Christmas is coming...and there is no better way to celebrate the season than with Christmas music! Please come start your Christmas season with a Christmas concert by Hopeful Blues. The concert, a mix of sacred and secular music (both old favorites and some new), will be held on Sunday, **December 9** at 4 p.m. at Hope. Family and friends are welcome to join us – the more the merrier! Please bring a Christmas treat to share after the concert – punch will be provided.

### **Sunday School schedule during Christmas**

There will be **NO** Sunday School on December 23 or 30. Classes will resume on January 6.

### **December dates to mark on your calendars.**

**December 2** – Our annual Holiday meal. You are invited to bring food to share enjoy a time of wonderful fellowship. Following the meal, a congregational meeting will be held for all members and regular attendees to look at a proposed 2019 spending plan.

**December 9** – The poinsettias arrive and the choir will sing several Christmas numbers.

**December 24** – Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6:30 p.m.

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**Discernment Time!!!** I have contacted all persons on commissions and Vision Council who terms were up to see who would be staying or going off. From that I have 5 positions to fill, with the help of Vision Council suggesting names of those to ask. Currently one position has been filled. Please prayerfully consider your talents if you are asked to be on a commission. We need a few good volunteers/helpers to help make this commissions work appropriately.

~~Kim Voth, Discernment Chair

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Craft Bazaar and Peppernut Sale Survives the Cold...

November 10, 2018 dawned clear and cold. In fact, it was a mere 17 degrees at 7 a.m. that morning...so would the people come? Would this be the first craft bazaar when people stayed home by their fire and drank their own hot chocolate? Fortunately, no!

Hope Mennonite Church  
808 N. Prairie Road - Wichita



Lunch ♥ Bake Sale ♥ Crafts

Several hundred guests allowed us to pamper them that morning with hot coffee, hot chocolate, fresh cinnamon rolls and sausage sandwiches for breakfast...and they kept coming through lunch for homemade soup, bierocks, pie, and the best bake sale on the planet.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Craft Bazaar and Peppernut Sale was, once again, a wonderful success thanks to all of you! Although the number of people was down slightly, the people who attended continue to be a very generous group. At this point over \$13,500 has come in from the sale thanks to your efforts and generous donations of time and talents. So whether you worked at the bazaar, donated baked goods, organized/baked pies, donated raffle items, had a booth, made lattes, cooked cabbage, made bierocks, stored frozen bierocks, made peppernut dough, baked peppernuts, bagged peppernuts, stored frozen peppernuts, priced items, made cards, bought groceries, sent out emails, distributed information, made announcements, made/organized frozen casseroles, grilled sausage, took orders at the window, cleaned the church, put up the sign, made/donated crafts, arranged publicity, served on the committee, set up exhibitor spaces, moved chairs and hymnals, brought canned goods, set up tables and chairs, came to eat breakfast/lunch, brought your family and friends to eat breakfast/lunch, bought any of the above, helped with lunch on Sunday, or most importantly prayed for this ministry, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts! As you can see, it takes an entire church family to make this work - and we have the best family anyone could ever hope for! Your love and concern for folks in need must bring joy to God's heart...

Donations from the 2018 Craft Bazaar will lovingly be made to the following ministries: Family Promise, Camp Mennoscah, Mennonite Disaster Service, the Kansas Food Bank, the local Union Rescue Mission, Missionary Baptist Church Wichita (following extreme

damage from vandalism), and Our Home Ministries/Good Shepherd Shelter (cares for and educates impoverished children in Ukraine).

*~Connie Luty; Laurie Regehr*



## 2018 annual meeting reports

It is that time of year for all commissions, committees, and youth groups, to think about their 2018 report. The report should include activities and events of the year as well as 2019 dreams or plans.

The reports will be put into the annual congregational meeting book.

Our annual meeting will be held toward the end of January.



## SANDWICH SATURDAY 2019

Hope participates in St. John's Episcopal Church's work with the homeless in Wichita by providing 150 sack lunches on the first Saturday of each month.

The food items and supplies are purchased and all we need are the hands and feet of Christ to put them together and to deliver them. This is a wonderful ministry opportunity for families, friends, neighbors, school groups, and small groups. The 2019 list is now on the bulletin board and just waiting for you. Please consider taking a turn during this coming year. Cindy Fast, Joan Stambaugh, Michelle Ernt, and Kim Voth will continue being the purchasers.



## OXFORD HOUSE CHILI COOK OF – 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

The Oxford Houses are a network of self-run, self-supported houses with the primary goal of housing and rehabilitative support for the alcoholic and drug addict who wants to stop and stay stopped. This annual fundraiser is to raise money to help individuals staying in these houses to purchase Christmas gifts for their children. There will be

hoodies for sale as well.

The event will be held on **December 15**, 2-5 p.m. at Grace Revolution Church, 812 Oliver, Wichita. Check out the flyer on the bulletin board for more information or talk to Travis Cox for more information.

*December*

Don't miss the longer :



## The Mennonite

*The Mennonite* is our monthly denominational magazine. The church receives 8 copies; however, if you are interested in your own copy, delivered directly to your house, you can subscribe through our church plan for only \$37 a year. If you are interested, please contact the church office by **December 9**. Payment is not required until after the first of the year.

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As the holidays near, many of us will be looking for families/organizations to donate to. Please consider donating to Family Promise. Below is a list of items needed at the Day House on a regular basis. We will have a box in the lobby to collect any donated items. Thank you!

- Bus passes - both daily and monthly passes (can be purchased at Dillons)
- Laundry detergent (All Free)
- Roll paper towels
- Tri-fold paper towels
- Liquid hand soap
- Body wash
- Razors
- Deodorant
- Clorox wipes
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Trash bags (large kitchen size)
- Gift cards to Walmart
- Gas cards
- Diapers, pullups and overnight UnderJams-all sizes
- Underwear-all sizes, male and female, kids and adults
- Sports bras-all sizes
- Socks-all sizes
- Gloves-all sizes
- Pony tail holders, Hair bows and ribbons
- Swimsuits-to use with free memberships provided by the YMCA all sizes

## *Reminders for December:*

### *Worship Prep*

*Dec 2-Ruthie*  
*Dec 9-Joanna*  
*Dec 16-Charlene*  
*Dec 23-Heidi J.*  
*Dec 30-Connie*

### *Nursery*

*Dec 2-Katie; Elisha*  
*Dec 9-Donna H; Lily*  
*Dec 16-Michelle E.; Emily I.*  
*Dec 23-Carole; Elisha*  
*Dec 30-Clinton; Alex*

### *Coffee*

*Dec 2-Holiday Meal Coordinators*  
*Dec 9-Marcus & Cynthia*  
*Dec 16-Greg & Dawn*  
*Dec 23-NO Coffee today*  
*Dec 30-Galen & Cindy*

### *SS Superintendent*

*Dec 2-Justin*  
*Dec 9-Cynthia*  
*Dec 16-Ruthie*  
*Dec 23-NO SS*  
*Dec 30-NO SS*

### *Hospitality*

*Dec 2-Delaine; Eldon*  
*Dec 9-Lori; Delaine*  
*Dec 16-Marcus; Lori*  
*Dec 23-Natalie; Marcus*  
*Dec 30-Joanna; Natalie*



*Merry  
Christmas*