

Acts 18: 24-28

The Ministry of Apollos

²⁴ Now there came to Ephesus a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria. He was an eloquent man, well-versed in the scriptures. ²⁵ He had been instructed in the Way of the Lord; and he spoke with burning enthusiasm and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶ He began to speak boldly in the synagogue; but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained the Way of God to him more accurately. ²⁷ And when he wished to cross over to Achaia, the believers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. On his arrival he greatly helped those who through grace had become believers, ²⁸ for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the scriptures that the Messiah is Jesus.

Acts 19:1-7

Paul in Ephesus

¹ While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ² He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³ Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴ Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— ⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ –
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 10, 2021
Baptism of the Lord

GATHERING

Gathering Music
Welcome and Announcements
Prelude to Worship

Will Friesen
Sarah Diener
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*Call to Worship

Psalm 29

*Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

*The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.*

**The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

*The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.*

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

*The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say,
"Glory!" [pause]*

*The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.*

*May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!*

Hymns	God is here among us	No. 16
	Creating God, your fingers trace	No. 325

SHARING

Children's Story		Deanne Duerksen
Sharing and Prayer		Doug Miller
Hymn	Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit	No. 28

LISTENING

The Lesson		Acts 19:1-7
Sermon	Crisis or Opportunity?	Tom Harder

RESPONDING

Hymn	Filled with the Spirit's power	No. 289
Benediction		
Postlude		Will

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL *who are gathered to worship, wherever you are, and whenever you are able to watch this service!*

Today there will be a designated offering opportunity for the MCC Relief Sale.

Save the date! FMC's annual meeting will be Sunday, January 24. Plans still being made about how and when best to convene on that day. More information to follow.

January 14 Ministries Council meeting

Today, 3 p.m. – Florence Schloneger, North Newton, and Pauline Sharp, Wichita, will give a virtual presentation, sharing their family stories related to land ownership, economics, education and identity. This is in connection with the Kauffman Museum special exhibit “Crossroads: Change in Rural America.” Schloneger’s ancestors immigrated to Kansas in the 1800s while Sharp’s relatives, members of the Kanza tribe, lived in central Kansas for centuries before the arrival of Europeans. Schloneger is a retired Mennonite minister. Sharp is a Kaw tribal member and board member of the Kanza Heritage Society. Sign up for the Zoom link at <https://kauffmanmuseum.org/event/sunday-afternoon-at-the-museum-with-florence-schloneger-and-pauline-sharp/> The event will also be on Facebook Live.

Mon., Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m. – Bethel College’s annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration will feature spoken word artist M’Vyonne Payne and former pro athlete and motivational speaker Chris Singleton. The event will be held in *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*, with COVID protocols in place, and will also be live-streamed via YouTube at bit.ly/bethelks-mlk2021 Sponsors are the Bethel College Diversity Council, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Student Life Office, with support from the Bethel College Women’s Association.