

John 1:1-18 (NRSV)

The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Epiphany Sunday – January 9, 2022* “Dare to imagine God’s dance!”

Imagine a dance that includes all peoples and nations coming together, praising God for Jesus. Just imagine: God chooses and lavishes grace on us, a dancer who is both intimate and inclusive, living among us, revealing God’s glory in the word made flesh.

GATHERING

Gathering Music	Jenny Epp
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting	Kelly Linnens
Prelude to Worship	
*Call to Worship	Kelly Linnens

Leader: Come and join in a holy dance—a dance God has been imagining since the beginning.

People: we come, weeping.

Leader: Join in God’s comforting dance

People: We come with nothing.

Leader: Join in God’s dance of abundance.

People: We come, feeling disconnected.

Leader: Join in God’s intimate dance.

People: We come, although we do not know how to dance.

Leader: Will we dare to learn the moves? Do we dare step onto the dance floor?

All: Yes! We will join in God’s daring dance!

*Prayer

*Hymn

Joy to the World!

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budget (please review the copy that should be in your mailbox by this Sunday), and finally, to have a discussion of possible important issues. Please make this event a priority as an important time in our church life together.

Doug Miller, moderator

It's time for the annual church directory update! If your information has changed this year, please contact Kara in the church office (620.947.5662 or secretary@fmchillsboro.com) by January 15.

A time and date for Marcella Ediger's Celebration of Life service has not yet been set by Marcella's family. Stay tuned.

Bethel College hosts two activities for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday that are free and open to the public, both in Memorial Hall: Jan. 17, 7 p.m., program with Jasmyn Elise Story as the featured speaker; **Jan. 18, 2 p.m.**, screening of the Kellogg Foundation's 2022 National Day of Racial Healing event. Sponsors are Bethel College Student Life, the Bethel College Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation (TRHT) Campus Center and the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR). *Current Bethel COVID protocols require masking indoors regardless of vaccination status.*

Of the 2,276 children under the age of six in Harvey County, more than half live in homes where all parents in the family are in the labor force. In an effort to provide for the needs of these families, Prairie View is renovating a building on the Newton campus and accepting donations for a new licensed childcare center. This center will be open to the public (non-Harvey County residents are welcome) and serve up to 48 children and their families. Trusted, licensed childcare provides relief and decreased stress and anxiety to families wondering how to care for their little ones. Join Prairie View in providing a safe environment for children. Donations are tax deductible and may be made on their secure website, www.prairieview.org/giving, or mailed to Prairie View Advancement, PO Box 467, Newton, KS 67114.