

Attendance Last Week: 8:30am - 136 11:00am - 151 Total - 287

During the worship services a NURSERY is available for children ages 2-3 years in Room 113 and under 2 years in Room 104.

During 11:00 service: CHILDREN'S CHURCH is available for 4 yr olds - 2nd Grade in Room 119.

CLIPBOARDS with packets of crayons and papers are available in baskets at the doors for children to use during the services. Please return to the baskets at the end of the service.

Here's What's Happening!

SUNDAY: Come together to PRAY in Room 114 during 8:30 or 11:00 service.
12:30pm - All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner at NOCC after the 11:00 service. Everyone is invited to join us!
2:00-3:00pm - High School Guys' Bible Study at the Center
4:30pm - Unite (College Ministry) meets in the Youth Center
NO Precept Bible Study
NO College Students' Supper

THIS WEEK: NOCC delivers Meals On Wheels
MON 5:30pm - Parents' Advisory meeting at the Center
6:00-9:00pm - Decorate the Church for Christmas
7:00pm - Elder meeting at the Center
TUE 6:00-7:30am - Men's Fraternity meets in the Youth Center
9:00am-noon - Decorate the Church for Christmas
10:30am - Men's Coffee at Augustine's Bakery, 1305 Main
5:00pm - Deadline for items to be in the bulletin and requests for announcements to be made Sunday.
WED NO Heroes For Life (for Kind. thru 5th grades)
NO CIA (M.S. students)
NO E2*10 High School Girls' Bible Study
NO Visionary Parenting
NO Men's Fraternity
NO Count Us In prayer time
NO Lifeguard (H.S. students)
THU HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
Church Offices closed
FRI Church Office will be open

NEXT SUNDAY: Come together to PRAY in Room 114 during 8:30 or 11:00 service.
2:00-3:00pm - High School Guys' Bible Study at the Center
4:30pm - Unite (College Ministry) meets in the Youth Center
6:30pm - College Students' Supper at Debbie Hibbs'. All college students are invited!

COMING UP: DEC 1 - 7:00pm Ladies Heart-to-Heart meets at NOCC
DEC 9 - 8:00pm Finance Team meeting at the Center
DEC 12 - 5:00pm NOCC Soup Supper and Family Christmas Program at NOCC (Dinner & Show)

NEW TIME DEC 24 - 7:00pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at NOCC.
Childcare is not provided.
DEC 27 - 11:00am Combined Worship Service--NO Sunday School
JAN 3 - 11:00am Combined Worship Service--NO Sunday School

The Elder On Call for November 21-27 is Brent Goertzen. If you have a need and cannot reach the church office, please call Brent.

READING PROGRAM: The Spiritual Life Team encourages everyone at NOCC to be a consistent reader of God's Word. As a growing part of this church, please read Isaiah this month and discuss with a friend. Rev. 1:3

The Seekers Sunday School class meeting in Room 119 invites you join them for "The Advent of the Savior." This is a 6-week series that will remind you of God's faithfulness and power to fulfill his promises and draw you more deeply into the love that brought Christ to earth.

COME DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!

Monday, November 23 at 6:00-9:00pm

and/or Tuesday, November 24, 9:00am-noon

Anyone is welcome to come and help for as much time as you have available. Please call Rachel Ediger to let her know you can help!

DECEMBER Ministry Schedules are in your NOCC mailboxes.

To All Ladies of NOCC, You're invited to a Birthday Bash! Heart to Heart will meet on Tuesday, December 1, at 7:00-8:00pm at North Oak. Let's celebrate Jesus, the greatest gift ever given! We will celebrate His birth, your birth, and the gift of forgiveness and our rebirth. Please give a baby picture or birthday picture of yourself to Sandi May at mailbox #90 by Sunday, November 29. Service project: baby food & diapers for First Call for Help. Please bring donations to the event. If you are unable to attend this event, but would like to be a part of the Soul Sister name exchange, please let Sandi May know before this event.

FROM THE CARE COMPASSION TEAM--The person mailing cards for the month of November is Eileen Jensen. If you know of someone who needs a note of encouragement, sympathy or get well, please call her. If you are having a baby or have surgery scheduled this month, please fill out a CARE form in the literature rack so we can better assist you.

Begin a new Christmas tradition this year. Make it more about presence and less about presents. The switch will result in a deeper appreciation for the presence of Christ in our lives, and a deeper understanding of how we can be the presence of Christ in the lives of others. Join the NOCC family as we conspire to change the way we do Christmas, shifting our attention away from material items and the status quo holiday obligations. Let us turn our attention towards a Relational Approach to Christmas, using our resources not to purchase gifts of obligation, but to impact lives for Jesus Christ!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: We gave 110 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child to send to Mexico. A great big THANK YOU to all who participated.

A Caroling We Will Go . . .The Assimilation Team invites you to go Christmas Caroling on Friday, December 18th at 6:30 pm. Bring cookies--drinks will be provided. Meet at the church to divide into groups, go caroling and return to the church for hot chocolate, cookies and fellowship. Bring your family and friends and let's share the joy of the season with others in Hays! See you there!!! If you have questions, call Noman and Elizabeth Williams.

ELLIS COUNTY MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE
FREE THANKSGIVING DAY FEAST
12 NOON - NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY - 200 MAIN STREET - HAYS
ALL ARE WELCOME
DONATE money or gift certificates by sending your tax-deductible donations to ECMA, PO Box 173; Hays, KS 67601
If you use the envelope in the bulletin, please turn it in at the church and it will be forwarded to ECMA for you.
VOLUNTEER your time - call 623-2800
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ECMA'S SECOND MILE FUND

!!!Severe Weather Information!!!

When a snow or ice storm occurs, the sidewalks and parking lot can be icy and slick. Due to the shaded areas on the north side of the building, it is difficult to remove those icy surface conditions. The sloped sidewalks at the main northwest entrance of the building are especially difficult to clear off. Under these circumstances, the east doors can always be used as an alternative building entrance. Because the street between the Church and Center may not get cleared by city crews, the parking lot entrance on Oak Street is the best location to enter the parking lot. If services will be cancelled or changed, an announcement will be made on local radio, the church website and the answering machine at the church office!!

The public is invited to an Open House of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale House Against Hunger at 604 Church Drive, Inman from 1:00-5:00pm, Sunday, November 29, (Weather permitting). The Hunger House is a home constructed using donated and discounted materials and services. The house is sold with the profits donated to Mennonite Central Committee via the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. For more information, please contact Richard Ediger, Committee Chairperson at 620-543-2787; Verbie and Bruce Thiessen at 620-585-2282; or Gail Wiens at 620-585-2433.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Week of November 22-28, 2009

Email your request for the PRAYER MINISTRY INFORMATION To nocc@northoak.net.

Dinner & Show

Saturday, December 12, 5:00pm at NOCC Sanctuary

Dinner - Raise funds for NOCC Mission Trip

Show - NOCC Family Christmas Program

One tremendously fun evening of food & entertainment

- Tickets are available in the Gathering Space or at the church office.
- Please bring tickets with you that evening because they will let us know how many people are coming as well as serve as your bidder number for the silent auction.
- A freewill donation will be taken with all proceeds going for the NOCC Mission Trip.
- There will be a silent auction for gift baskets that will make perfect gifts for Christmas. If you would like to donate a basket, please sign up at the table in the Gathering Space.
- If God has given you a talent that you would like to share with the rest of the church family, please sign up your act in the Gathering Space. (Singing, Skits, Talents, etc.)
- Also, please bring your favorite Christmas snack or dessert that evening to share with everyone.

4th Annual Basket Auction

Along with the NOCC Family Christmas, Saturday, December 12, will be the annual basket auction. This fun event is one way that we can all support the mission trips taken by NOCC. You can support this project by making a theme basket and donating it for the auction. Another way to support this event is to come and purchase a basket for yourself or someone else for this Christmas. Please stop by the Basket table in the Gathering Space and sign up to bring one or more theme baskets for the evening. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Donna McKenzie. All proceeds from the auction go to NOCC Mission Projects.

Baskets of Blessings

This year there is an additional opportunity to participate in the NOCC Family Christmas event, with several baskets being prepared to randomly bless others. They will include a variety of items and services valued at approximately \$100-\$200 each. With every minimum \$5 donation, givers will be able to enter up to 3 persons/families from our local community or church family in the drawings. These people may include someone going through financial hardships, emotional stresses, grief over the loss of a loved one. . .or it may include someone to be blessed for their time spent serving others. . .ask the Lord to open your eyes and show you who might need a special basket of blessing at this time! There will be a special opportunity for those under 18 to participate with their own basket(s) of blessing. Think about blessing parents, a Sunday School teacher, grandparents, a school teacher, a neighbor. . .With each minimum \$1 donation, givers will be able to enter up to 3 persons/families from the local community or church family in the drawings. To assist in preparing these baskets of blessings, please consider making a small monetary donation toward the content of these baskets. Alternatively, if you own a business or work at one that might give a gift card or donate a service, that type of contribution would be greatly appreciated. We will need all contributions and gift cards/certificates by Sunday, December 6th. Proceeds from the Baskets of Blessings will be donated to the NOCC Advent Conspiracy Water Project. If you have any questions or need more information please contact Brenda Greathouse or Patty McCullick.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

On December 24 at 7:00pm a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service will be held at NOCC. Join us for a time of celebrating the birth of Jesus, our Savior and Lord!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
December 27: 11:00 Combined Worship Service-NO Sunday School
January 3: 11:00 Combined Worship Service-NO Sunday School

