

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 17—James Krabill—Mennonite Mission Network

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
4:00 PM Catechism

Monday, April 18

Jail Ministry: Jerry Regier
7:30 PM Property Committee

Tuesday, April 19

9:30 AM Women's Fellowship—Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission
7:00 PM PHP Task Force

Wednesday, April 20

7:00 PM Youth Group
7:00 PM Worship Band

Thursday, April 21

7:00 PM Worship Commission

Saturday, April 23

8:00 AM Guys Grubfast—John Goods house

Sunday, April 24—Promised Land—Potluck/ Spring Congregational Meeting

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
12:00 PM Potluck/Spring Congregational Meeting

Upcoming Worship Services

May 1—Praying with open hands (Series on prayer begins)
May 8—Prayer and Praise



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RECONCILIATION

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS

Reconciliation

Sunday, April 17, 2016

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Gathering

Prelude Donna Stucky, organist/pianist

Gathering song: *Brethren, we have met to worship* *H 8

The work of the people (announcements)

Call to worship..... Pastor Kay Schroeder

Opening prayer

Songs of faith: *Love divine, all loves excelling*.....H 592

New earth, heavens new.....H 299

Greet one another; children come forward

Hearing God's Word

Children's focusSheralyn Goering

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Song of faith: *O for a thousand tongues to sing*H 110

Scripture: II Corinthians 5:17-20

Sermon: *What in the world is God up to, anyway?* James Krabill

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *We are people of God's peace*.....H 407

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *Go now in peace*H 429

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book

**CS denotes Companion Songbook

Chorister: Rachel Unruh; Joan Entz, Nora Miller, Bob Schmidt, Bryan Kehr, vocalists

Childcare: Phil or Linda Gaertner, Susannah Epp

Ushers: Gus Dorado, Ray Franz, Mike Garcia, Allen Schmidt

Audio Tech: Ron Bachman Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering

Visuals: Carol Hiebert

Our Mission is to glorify God:

- Through expressing our love to God in worship.
- Through experiencing Christian love in community.
 - Through extending God's love to the world.

The Spring Congregational Meeting is called for **SUNDAY, APRIL 24, at 12:30 PM**, following a potluck meal. The agenda will include a vote for extending a four year term call to Pastor Anita, reports from our treasurer, Audit Committee, and Capital Fund Committee. Drinks will be provided for the potluck. Please bring your own tableware and food to share. Childcare will be provided. Please plan to attend this important congregational meeting.

It's time to sign up for Camp Mennoscah! To receive your early registration discount of \$10 please have your registration arrive at camp before May 1. When you fill out your registration, there is a line that asks if you have a scholarship. You do! Our church will again be providing \$100 scholarships for all First Mennonite and Casa Betania campers. The sign up sheets for scholarships will go up on the bulletin board in the court area soon.

Guy's Grubfast—Saturday, April 23, 8:00 AM. Males of all ages are welcome to gather at the home of John Good for fun, food, and fellowship. Dwayne Abrahams will lead the devotions. Bring your favorite breakfast item to share!

Cards are available in the pews for you to share your thoughts, prayer requests, ask for a visit, or whatever you would like to communicate. Remember to sign them and put them in the offering plate.

COLLEGE-AGE YOUNG ADULTS

HEY! College-age Young Adults! Join us Sunday @ 9:15 a.m. in Room 110 for conversation, coffee, cinnamon rolls, and a chance to connect/re-connect!

The FINAL spring FIRST POTLUCK = May 1

SR. HIGH YOUTH

"Get ← → CONNECTED"

Expressing love of God in worship
Experiencing love in community
Extending God's love to the world

»» Sunday, April 17 (TODAY)

- ⇒ 9:15 am—Sunday School
- ⇒ 4:04 pm—Catechism

»» Wednesday, April 20

- ⇒ 7:02 pm—PIZZA!! Then its "Lego Night" Bring your friends to this AWESOME evening as we continue explore *New Life!*



»» Sunday, April 24

- ⇒ 9:15 am—Sunday School
- ⇒ 12 noon—Potluck meal and Spring Congregational Meeting
- ⇒ 5:00 pm—Bible Study



It's Time to Do Some Growing!



Prayer is one of God's gifts to us. If you would like to pray in a set-aside room for that purpose, the prayer room is available whenever the church is open in Room #113. The weekly prayer and praise notes can remind you of some of the situations needing intercession.

If you have a church key, please always remember to make sure you have locked the doors and the lights are turned off before you leave. Thank you!

Community Announcements

Benefit for CASA: A voice for children. John McCutcheon will be in concert at Krehbiel Auditorium, on the Bethel College campus, today, 6:00 PM. General Admission is \$22.00. Preferred seating/meet and greet is \$35.00. Purchase tickets online at www.9thcasa.org. For more information contact Kathy Wiens.

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus will be in concert at Bethany College in Lindsborg at Presser Hall on Sunday, April 17, 7:00 PM. They will also be in concert at Central Community Church in Wichita on Sunday, April 24, 7:00 PM.

Community Stakeholder Meetings—Parents, staff, and community members are invited to come join us in helping to develop the vision for USD 373. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 19, 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 421 S. Ash Street. Additional meetings will be held on May 17 and June 7. Please plan to attend these important meetings! For more information, visit the USD 373 Vision & Comprehensive Planning page—usd373-ks.schoolloop.com

Walton Release Time Bible School Program will be on Tuesday, April 19, 7:00 PM at Walton Methodist Church. The public is invited.

The Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies at Tabor College is sponsoring two events on Saturday, April 23. The first is a local Mennonite Heritage Tour and lunch from 12:15 to 5:15 PM. It will begin at Tabor's Historic Church and circle through the Marion County region, visiting various Polish, Russian and Swiss Mennonite sites, including Alexanderfeld. The cost is \$30. Then, the CMBS Annual Spring Dinner Meeting, will be at 6:30 PM, at Tabor's Wohlgemuth Lobby. The cost is \$16. It will feature *Beginnings and Distinctives of the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite* by Minister Linford Holdeman, Halstead, Kansas. Please RSVP to Peggy Goertzen, CMBS, (620) 947-3121 ext.1211/1212 or peggyg@tabor.edu by April 18.

The Camp Mennoscah Board of Directors invites you to a fundraising meal for the Kitchen/Dining Hall Renovation on April 23 at 5:30 PM in the Camp Mennoscah dining hall. There will be music by Book of JEBB and a meal of favorite camp foods served by the Board. Renovation plans will be available to preview and you can meet Jerry Kroeker, the new executive director. Please RSVP to 620-297-3014 or office@campmennoscah.org.

The FloraKansas Spring Plant Sale will be held April 22-25 at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston, Kansas' largest native plant sale offering many species of wildflowers and grasses many of which are rare in cultivation. A large selection of adaptable perennials is also available. Memberships can be purchased on the day of the sale. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount at all arboretum plant sales and may participate in the members only pre-sale on Thursday, April 21 from 1 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 620-327-8127 or visit www.dyckarboretum.org.

The Bethel College Wind Ensemble spring concert, with guest conductor Don Kehrberg, will be on Friday, April 29, 7:00 PM, in Memorial Hall.

Kitchen helpers for Camp Mennoscah's summer youth camps are needed for the weeks of June 19-25, June 26-30, July 17-23, and July 24-29. No great skill is needed, only willing hands and a giving heart. Parents can receive a camper discount of up to full camp fees. Call 620-297-3290 for more information. Free camp tee for all volunteers!

Camp Mennoscah wants as many kids and youth as possible to have a summer youth camp experience. It's a great way to help faith grow and to find God in creation and in friends. The summer youth camp theme is Fearless Faith: Courage in Community. For more information call 620-297-3290 or email office@campmennoscah.org. Scholarships are available. You can register online at www.campmennoscah.org.

More room for retirees! Our rollicking, good-time Retirees Relaxation Retreat at Camp Mennoscah is April 25-27. Our theme is *Mennonites in Early Kansas*. There will be time for bible study, music, presentations, and most definitely coffee breaks throughout the day. It's a chance to join with others and to renew in the midst of creation. Invite a friend to share in the fun! Call 620-297-3290 for a brochure or register online at www.campmennoscah.org.

WELCOME TO EVERYONE who has come to worship and especially to those who are here for the first time. May you experience the loving embrace of God today. Nursery Care, infants to age 2, is provided during the worship service in the nursery located at the back of the Sanctuary. Childcare is available for children ages 2-4 during the worship service in Room 223. If you need help finding your way, ask an usher at the door. We would be glad to help you!

Welcome to James Krabill, Senior Executive for Global Ministries of Mennonite Mission Network. From 1978 to 1996 he did Bible teaching in Ivory Coast, except for three years when he was involved in mission education in the U.S. From 1996 to the present he has been an administrator for Mennonite Mission Network and its predecessor.

"Meet the Congregation" displays now feature LaWanda Wiens, Connie Weber, and Scott and Cindy Erb. Take a look at the display cases by the Library and Court Area and learn about each family.

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—243; Visitors—19
- Sunday School—197

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$7,421. The offering for April 24 is for Local Mission.

Receiving or has received care—Elsie Epp, St. Francis Hospital

College scholarship money is available—If you will be attending (or are considering) a Mennonite college, university or seminary in 2016-2017, you are invited to apply for scholarship funds from FMC. **By no later than TODAY**, submit the completed application to either Jyl Ewy or Ron Dietzel. For each school year, an FMC application must be completed. Some Mennonite colleges provide matching funds so your monies would be doubled when enrolled in one of those schools. Eligibility criteria for the FMC funds are provided on the application. The form is available in the Court Area by the Church Office.

Women's Fellowship work day—Tuesday, April 19, 9:30 AM-1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch. Devotions will be led by Judy Schrag and the offering is for Mennonite Women USA.