WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 17—Building Together with the Youth 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service

Monday, July 18

Jail Ministry: Jerry Regier 7:00 PM Worship Commission—Warkentin Room 7:00 PM Property Committee

Tuesday, July 19 7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission

Wednesday, July 20 6:30 PM Young Adult Gathering at Nathan and Marissa Murphy's house

Sunday, July 24—Building Together: Exterior Finishes 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service

Upcoming Worship Services

July 31—Building Together: Interior Finishes August 7—Building Together: Last Things

Questions to prepare the ground for constructing vision and mission:

Weeks 1, 2, and 3: June 26—Who have been the "apostles and prophets" at FMC who have kept our focus on Jesus? July 3—What are the "dividing walls" at FMC that need to be taken down in order to make space for what God wants to do among us? July 10—What is the infrastructure that we need in order to live as a new humanity, putting to death the hostility that is our temptation?

July 17—What are the ways in which FMC can form and nurture a deeper faith among people of all ages?





Building Together with the Youth Sunday, July 17, 2016

Gathering

Gathering music

Gathering song

Morning shift updates (announcements)

Calling all workers for worship

Greeting the Builder (opening prayer)

Songs of praise to the One in charge

Greet co-workers: workers in training (children) come forward

Hearing God's Word

On the job training (children's focus)

Offering for labor and materials: Local Mission Offertory (Please pass the welcome pads)

Reading from the building manual (Scripture)

Additional information and sharing from the youth group

Responding to God's word

Song to work by

Communicating with the Main Contractor (Pastoral Prayer)

Sending

Song of encouragement for building as we leave

Final instructions (Blessing)

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook Worship band: Youth Group members; Chorister: Paul Schrag Ushers: Gus Dorado, Ray Franz, Mike Garcia, Allen Schmidt Childcare: Chris or Stephanie Weaver, Schyler Entz Audio Tech: Larry Becker Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner Visuals: Cindy Unruh

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.

Thank you to everyone who donated plastic bags to Camp Mennoscah. They now have enough for the rest of the summer and no longer need any more.

All young adults (20-something, post-college) save the date—July 20! There will be a young adult gathering event at the home of Nathan and Marissa Murphy (409 Witmarsum West, North Newton), 6:30 PM. The event will have good conversation, fun, and snacks. The primary focus will be to gauge interest in starting a new Sunday School class and what potential group members would expect out of the class. Talk to Nathan and Marissa Murphy or Joel Schroeder if you have questions or comments.

Our next week to serve at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter is August 10-16. Please contact Lee Penner at 316-284-2154 if you are able to help.

Once again, we will be packing Christmas shoeboxes this Fall for children around the world. Please keep that in mind as you start your back-to-school supply shopping.

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!

Please be aware that we have some folks with chemical sensitivities in our congregation. So, please be careful about your use of scented lotions, colognes, etc. Thank you.

Please be hospitable to our neighbors and avoid parking within four feet of a driveway or alleyway on the street (which is also illegal and a towable offense). Remember that we have three other church parking lots besides the ones that surround the church building. There are two on SE 2nd Street (one to the east and one to the west) and then the parking lot on First and Pine. Thank you!

Community Announcements

You're invited to the MCC Open House—Thursday, July 21, 5:30-8:30 PM at the MCC Center in North Newton, Kan. (121 E. 30th). Join us for an indoor picnic to celebrate the newly renovated MCC Material Resource Center, hear

from new MCC partners and learn more about brand new kit options you can support. We will recognize the generous gifts shared by Wes and Donna Duerksen to make the renovation happen and enjoy a full picnic, plus selfserve frozen yogurt and toppings bar. Please join us for a fun evening! Questions? Call 283-2720 or email tinaschrag@mcc.org.

Harvey County Homeless Shelter has a full-time (40 hrs/wk) opening for Volunteer Coordinator/Bookkeeper. Starting pay is \$10/hr. Resume can be sent to HCHS, P.O. Box 978, Newton, KS or e-mail to James@HCHS-KS.com.

The Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring a Sorter/Receiver for 30 hours a week—The sorter/receiver maintains an active presence in the processing area, in both receiving and sorting donations. He/she will be primarily responsible for sorting through houseware donations, placing items in appropriate price categories, recycling and discarding, as needed. The full job description and applications are available at the store (619 N. Main, Newton) or via email at manager@newtonetceterashop.com

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is hiring for a Thrift Shop Coordinator. This position is available starting in August and the position location is flexible within the 16-state Central States region. The Thrift Shop Coordinator is expected to encourage shop operations to grow profitability annually, to assist with problem solving in daily operations, to encourage and advocate for board development and sound policies, and to nurture manager skill development while offering and promoting MCC Thrift Shop Network resources. The work schedule is 40 hours per week. The full job description is available at http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/thriftshop-coordinator-cs. Please contact Heidi Huber at heidihuber@mcc.org for more information.

MCC is making peaches available to you again this summer! Peaches come in 20 lb. cases for \$35 each, from Noland Orchards in Palisade, Colorado. Please place orders with Patsy Dirksen at patsydirksen@mcc.org or 283-2720 by July 29. Pick-up date for peaches is August 18 at MCC in North Newton.

The MCC Material Resource Center in North Newton is in need of the following items: full size Fiscars scissors, sew-on snaps (20-25 per package), large bars of laundry soap, full-size bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright color), and men's briefs (sizes M, L, or XL). These items can be brought to 121 E. 30th St. in North Newton, Kan., purchased online via Amazon Smile or other retailers and shipped to MCC or we welcome your monetary

donations designated Kit Supplies. Thank you for your ongoing support of the worldwide work of Mennonite Central Committee! If you have questions, please call 283-2720 or visit mcc.org/kits for more information.

The Young Adult Weekend is getting closer! Youthful adults aged 18 and older will be gathering at Camp Mennoscah on July 29-31 for a weekend of worship, camp activities, and all stuff fun. There's a chance to roast your own meal, go swimming, sing around the campfire, and be in the midst of creation. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org! Scholarships are available.

Grace Hill Mennonite Church is taking a bus to the KC Royals game on Saturday, August 6. The bus will leave at 2:00 PM from the Grace Hill Church parking lot and return after the game. Cost for the bus and ticket is \$90 per person. Please contact John Klaassen at 316-772-0626 or at kjohnklaassen@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us!

The annual Camp Mennoscah Camp Sing is August 7, 6:30 PM, at Grace Hill Mennonite Church in Whitewater. You're invited to bring your friends and join us for camp songs, hymns, and that camp favorite-popcorn and generic pop! Summer staff will be there to lead the festivities. Come join in the fun!

New staff at MCC Central States! We are happy to welcome two new people to the staff at MCC Central States and we hope you'll help us welcome them as well! Patsy Dirksen started in June as our new Office Manager; please say "Hello" the next time you're at MCC in North Newton. We are also excited to introduce you to Ana Hinojosa, our new Immigration Education Coordinator! Ana started at the beginning of July and will work from Brownsville, Texas. Her work will focus on working with Latino/a populations, collaborating with churches and other faith-based organizations. She will network with MCC's partners on the U.S./Mexico boarder as well as participate in the MCC Immigration network. Welcome Patsy and Ana!

Mennonite Women USA invites you to a special summer event-

Empowering Women: Money, Health, and Faith is a resourcing event that will take place on August 12-13, at Peace Mennonite Church in Aurora, Colorado. All women are welcome to attend the entire event. You can register at mwusa.org/ministries/prep.

WELCONE 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!

"Meet the Congregation" displays now feature Gladys Graber, Marjorie Janzen, and Jean Ann Unruh. Take a look at the display cases by the Library and Court Area and learn more about each family.

First Mennonite Church by the numbers Attendance:

- Worship-226; Visitors-4
- Sunday School—192

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$7,901. The offering for July 24 is for Local Mission.

In Sympathy—Marlene Schmidt (77) passed away on Sunday, July 10. Her memorial service was held here at First Mennonite Church on Thursday, July 14. We extend our condolences to Don and their family.

Sunday morning announcements—The Jimenez-Nuñez PHP updates each Sunday are taking the place of the announcement time. Please contact either Pastor Kay or the worship leader by 9:00 AM if you have an urgent, brief announcement to make on Sunday morning. Thank you!

Update on Manon Ducroquet—One month after her brain surgery, Manon is doing very well. She doesn't have any more infantile spasms and most of her seizures are gone. She still has some small focal seizures (the shaking of her right hand, mostly 2 fingers) coming from other tumors, the neurologist isn't very concerned about them. Thank you all for your support and prayers. Frederic and Aurore Ducroquet

Jim Schrag is taking a leave of absence from the Church Board due to health reasons. Brian Kennell will be the chairperson of the Church Board for the months of July, August, and September. Please communicate with Brian about any board concerns during this time.