

Celebrating the Nurture of our Faith

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Gathering

Prelude duetsAmanda Rempel and Faith Wenger

Gathering song: *How He loves us*

The work of the people (announcements)

Call to worship Pastor Kay Schroeder

Opening prayer

Praising God

Song of faith: *I stand amazed in the presence*..... *H 528

Greet one another

Kingdom happening: Prayer of Blessing for our Sunday School
Renee Hamm, Bev Regier

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Special music Addie Regier, Erin Regier, Michelle Regier

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: John 1:12-13, 16-18

Meditation: *Grace and Truth* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word and Call

Song of faith: *Lord, I am fondly, earnestly*.....H 514

Receiving the newly-baptized into membership:

Kaitlyn Black, Callie Knopp, Emma Krehbiel

Introduction, overview, video Pastor Joel Schroeder

Affirmation for membership Chris Weaver

Congregational membership covenant H 777Cindy Unruh

Celebration of Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Words of institution

The Bread

The Cup

Children's blessing at the cross aisle

Worship music: *Broken Vessels*

Holy Spirit

Prayer of thanksgiving and pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *Lord, Reign in Me*

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook

Musicians: Rachel Bachman, Wendy Schrag, Joey Menninga, Rachel Unruh, vocals; Rachel Unruh, violin; Joey Menninga, guitar; Graham Unruh, bass; Jyl Ewy, piano.

Chorister: Paul Schrag; HAT: Wendy Schrag, Chris Weaver, Rachel and Ken Bachman

Ushers: Alan Entz, Ryan Nye, Jan Groves, Allen Schmidt

Childcare: Michael or Pamela Garcia, Camyrn Entz

Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner

Visuals: Carol Hiebert

The **EXAMINING YESTERDAY** section of FMC's Vision & Mission process has begun! EVERYONE is encouraged to submit at least three significant events, persons, or times that have shaped the personality of FMC in the past. Forms are in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign your name and post the event forms on the timeline.

COMING SOON—MARK YOUR CALENDARS—The first choir rehearsal of the 2016-17 season will be Wednesday, September 7. It is time to move your singing voice from the shower to the choir loft!?! Fully clothed participants are invited to gather at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. Questions? Contact Kay at 316-217-1272.

The **Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission** wants to invite you to a Mission Celebration night on September 11, 5:30 PM for fasma and a chance to hear from those in our congregation who have served time in short term missions. Please see an invite placed in your mailbox for more information. Would you please help us pass on this invitation to family members or friends from FMC who may not otherwise hear about this celebration? There will be extra copies by the exits and the office. Thank you.

Dillons Rewards Update: Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the Dillons Rewards fundraiser. We had 30 households who shopped at Dillons

April 1-June 30 (Quarter 2 of 2016) and through their involvement with Dillons Rewards contributed **\$462.39** total donations to FMC. If you have not signed up for the Dillons Rewards program and would like to, please let me know and I'll send you information on how to be involved. Thank you for your participation. ~Nora Miller, Fellowship Commission Chair

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.

Community Announcements

Bethel College is offering many of its classes for community audit. You pay \$50 per credit hour (compared to the normal audit rate of \$85 per hour) OR, if your age is 62 and older, a flat rate of \$30. For more information, go to www.bethelks.edu/audit, where there is also a "fall course schedule" link. Enrollment deadline is **August 30**.

Laughter is Sacred Space is on tour and coming to Buhler, KS during Suicide Prevention Awareness Month on Sunday, September 4, 7:00 PM at Buhler High School, 611 N Main St, Buhler. \$2 admission and open to the public. Sponsored by Buhler Mennonite Church and NAMI Reno County. Call 620-543-2733 or email: bmcpastor@gmail.com for more information. In this gritty and dramatic talk, Ted Swartz walks you through his relationship with friend and business partner, Lee Eshleman, who took his own life in 2007. Ted explores the paradox of working with a comedic partner struggling with bipolar disorder, as well as the challenge of writing and performing stories about God while experiencing the absence of God after Lee's death.

Courage in Community—Camp Mennoscah's Mental Health Spiritual Retreat, September 4-5, will focus on having courage in and as a community. The retreat will include a hayrack ride, music and worship, swimming, crafts, and free time. All those affected by mental illness, including family, friends, and community members, are welcome to join us for a weekend of relaxing and fellowship. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290.

Urgent Need—Come to the MCC Kit Bag Assembly Party on Friday, September 9, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM at MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th);

SR. HIGH YOUTH

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

▶▶ Saturday, August 27

⇒ 6:00 pm—Baptisms @ Camp Mennoscah (Kaitlyn and Callie)

▶▶ Sunday, August 28

⇒ 8:00 am—Baptism @ East Lake (Emma)
⇒ 9:15 am—Sunday School
⇒ 10:30 am—Worship



Saturday, Sept. 3 11:11 am—Load Bus at FMC

- ▶▶ \$75 (additional siblings \$50)
- ▶▶ Bring completed Medical Release Form
- ▶▶ Friends welcome (need med form)!
- ▶▶ The Plan: Stop at The Alley on the way to Westminster Woods near Fall River, KS. From there...more CHOICES to be made!

Sunday, Sept. 4—NO Sr. High Sunday School @ FMC

Monday, Sept. 5 1:03 pm—Return to FMC!

lunch will be provided. Cutting, ironing and sewing stations will be set up to help meet the need. **Call 316-283-2720 to RSVP.** Please indicate if you can bring a sewing machine or serger that day. Donations of medium weight cotton fabric at least one yard in length and neutral thread are needed. Please no heavy denim or double knit. Bring your friends and come join in the fun!

The annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, September 17, originating at the MCC offices, 121 East 30th Street, North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Mozambique. Informational brochures are available through the church office or on the MCC website, mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride. You can register on-line at the website.

Everyone is Invited! Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting is September 18, 5:30 PM in the Dining Hall. There will be a couple of videos from the summer plus information about the kitchen/dining hall renovations. The meeting is part of our Work & Play Camp, so make a full day of it! Join us for worship in the morning, lunch, and then enjoy an afternoon of free time before the annual meeting. No cost. Donations accepted for meals and, of course, the kitchen/dining hall renovations. Please register if attending for the full day. Call us at 620-297-3290 or email office@campmennoscah.org.

Running Low! The Material Resource Center at MCC Central States is running low on the following items: large bars of laundry soap, infant gowns/sleepers (size 3-9 months), and good quality sewing scissors. Your generous donations of these items will allow volunteers in North Newton to complete relief kits, infant care kits and sewing kits in a timely manner. These items can be brought to 121 E. 30th St., PO Box 235 in North Newton, 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 316-283-2720 or visit mcc.org/kits for more information.

Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats coming this Fall! We'll be cropping and crafting this fall on October 28-30 and November 4-6 at Camp Mennoscah. Bring a friend and your just-waiting-for-a-spare-hour projects. Get ready for a razzle-dazzle fun time! Register online at campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290 for more information.

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!

"Meet the Congregation" displays now feature Louise Janzen, Ted and Alisa Krehbiel, and Mike and Pamela Garcia. 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—259; Visitors—22
- Sunday School— 180

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$4,978 and \$90 for the Organ Fund. The offering for September 4 is for Mennonite Central Committee.

Thank you to my family and all the friends who helped me celebrate my 90th birthday. Thank you for all the cards I received. They will be a wonderful memory. The Lord's been so good to me. ~Louise Janzen

Thank you so very much for all of the prayers, cards, food, flowers and other expressions of love and concern shown to us this past month. While it is very difficult for us, we have felt the love and care of our church family while we deal with this new reality for our family. Thank you so much. ~Dana and Kathleen Neff

Look in the Court Area where pictures of our first celebration are being displayed. We celebrated the completion of the Jimenez/Nuñez project. Thank you to all who brought cake and homemade ice cream for the event. We look forward to celebrating more events in the life of our congregation. It is exciting to see people of all ages working together for a common goal. God works with us and blesses us when we use our gifts of time, talent, creation and treasury. ~The Celebration Committee