

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 11—Anabaptist Faith—John 1:1-4, Hebrews 4:12-13

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
12:00 PM FIRST Potluck
5:30 PM Mission Celebration with faspa—FH

Monday, September 12

Jail Ministry: Gary Moore

Wednesday, September 14

7:00 PM Choir
7:00 PM Youth Group

Saturday, September 17

8:00 AM Guys Grubfast—Cal Frye's house

Sunday, September 18—Anabaptist Faith: Following Jesus

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service

Upcoming Worship Services

September 25—Anabaptist Faith: Allegiances
October 2—Anabaptist Faith: Community of Believers;
World Communion Sunday



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**First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS**

September 11, 2016

Anabaptist Faith: Scripture

Sunday, September 11, 2016

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Gathering

PreludeAmanda Rempel, organist/pianist

Gathering song: *O God, our help in ages past**H 328
(Stanzas 1, 2, 3, 6)

The work of the people (announcements)

Call to worshipMiriam Regier, worship leader

Opening prayer

Songs of faith: *This is the threefold truth*H 335
The word of God is solid groundH 314

Greet one another; children come forward

Hearing God's Word

Children's focus Bryan Kehr

Kingdom happening:

Commissioning Dave and Elena Wiebe for service in Nepal.....H 796

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory: *Broken Vessels*

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Scripture: John 1:1-4, Hebrews 4:12-13

Sermon Pastor Anita Kehr

The Word, the word, the Spirit, and the Body

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Ancient Words*

Pastoral prayer Pastor Joel Schroeder

Sending

Sending song: *Thy Word*

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Musicians: Joan Entz, Dan Miller, vocals; Joey Menninga, guitar; Tim Regier, bass; Sheralyn Goering, piano; Ted Krehbiel, drums
Chorister: Daryl Unruh; HAT: Joan Entz, Dan Miller, Michelle and Tim Regier
Ushers: Bob Schmidt, Brian Walker, Heath Kerr, Allen Schmidt
Childcare: Chris or Stephanie Weaver, Callie Knopp
Audio Tech: Ron Bachman Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy
Visuals: Pat Litsey

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 Allies group, which supports people with various sexual identities and their families and friends, will be meeting **today, 4:00 PM** in the southeast corner basement classroom. Please contact Tim or Kathy Wiens if you have any questions.

Guys Grubfast—Saturday, September 17, 8:00 AM. Men, boys, guys, males of all ages are welcome to gather at the home of Cal Frye, 5404 SE 60th Street, Newton. Bring your favorite breakfast item to share and enjoy the opportunity to fellowship with the “the guys.”

A Membership Exploration Class is being planned for this fall. If you are interested in exploring becoming a member at First Mennonite Church, please contact Anita Kehr (pastor). The schedule for the class will be set by the participants.

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’s Office of Alumni Relations is hosting the Thresher Golf Classic, Saturday, September 17, at Sand Creek Station in Newton. The deadline to register (yourself or a team) has been extended to September 12. Cost is \$90 per player. Call 316-284-5251 to sign up.

SR. HIGH YOUTH

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

TODAY Sunday, Sept. 11—ALL YOUTH are welcome to join the brainstorming session during SECONDS @ FIRST (potluck) for the September youth groups! Get your grub and gather in youth room. S.A.L.T. will pow-wow after lunch for a planning session.



Wed. (Sept. 14) 7:00ish pm —YOUTH GROUP @ FMCI
PIZZA will be devoured, and we’ll continue our journey as we explore the choices we make individually and collectively. See you on Wednesday and as always—BRING FRIENDS!!

Sunday (Sept. 18) 6:06 pm—BIBLE STUDY @ Justen’s House!
The FIRST Bible Study of fall is an opportunity for youth to go “deeper” and explore life implications in the Bible. The evening will include: Faspas (a “light” meal), singing, Bible Study, and small group prayer! Good times!!



The annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, September 17, originating at the MCC offices, 121 East 30th Street, North Newton. 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.

Retirement income seminar—Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Creating your retirement income strategy*, at 7:00 PM on the following Mondays: September 12 and October 10. Everence Financial Advisor Robert Wall will speak about having enough for retirement, making your savings last, and coping with the financial markets. There will also be time for your questions. The seminars will take place at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Darlene Buller at (620) 327-4043, (877) 467-7294 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

Sunday, September 18, 3:00 PM—KIPCOR Film Series opens the 2016-17 year with *On the Bride’s Side*, which crosses genres to examine what faces those trying to escape Syria and Lebanon for Europe, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. There will be a talk-back afterwards with Jennifer Doran-Pena, executive director of International Rescue Committee in Wichita.

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.

You are invited to a Steel Wheels benefit concert, Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 PM at Bethel College Memorial Hall. No advance ticket sales. Donations accepted at the door. All donations will be to the Shalom Mennonite Church Benevolent Fund for the Kendra and Russ Neufeld family. All services and expenses for this concert have been generously donated or underwritten! Russ is currently undergoing a bone marrow stem cell transplant requiring them both to be in Omaha for more than three months.

Bethel College is currently hosting “Building Bridges” in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center. The works by Iraqi and Palestinian refugee artists are for sale by silent auction, with proceeds going to support the artists. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, and Sunday, 2:00-4:00 PM. “Building Bridges” is an effort by New York City-based Common Humanity and

local groups. Common Humanity director Mel Lehman will speak at Bethel on Wednesday, September 21, during Life Enrichment, and Friday, September 23, 11:00 AM in Krehbiel Auditorium which is the last day to place bids, and the date of the exhibit's closing reception.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 24, 1:30-4:30 PM. Kauffman Museum hosts, for one afternoon only, the traveling exhibit *A Place for All People* that celebrates the grand opening of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. At 3:00 PM, director Annette LeZotte will present a program on how the national museum developed and how it changes the visual landscape of the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Hesston College invites everyone to campus September 29-October 2 for *Home Sweet Hesston*, a shared homecoming celebration for Hesston College, Hesston High School and the larger community. The weekend will highlight dual alumni of both HHS and HC, including noted conflict transformation author, Notre Dame professor and peace practitioner John Paul Lederach as keynote presenter at the college. A community-wide meal and parade kicks off the festivities on Wednesday, September 27. Registration for college events is due by Friday, September 23. For more information, a full schedule or for college registration, visit hesston.edu/homecoming.

This fall beginning October 18, join AMBS-Kansas Center for a short course entitled *Communities in Trauma: Responding Biblically, Theologically, and Ethically*. This continuing education course will explore trauma from a theological lens and will include testimony, biblical study, and practical and ethical ways to respond in the midst of tragedy. Then this February, join Hesston College for their Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) *When the Unthinkable Happens*, a resourcing event on trauma and resilience. Anyone who registers for both events will receive a \$60 discount off the price of AVDS. For more information and registration, see: ambs.edu/academics/communities-in-trauma.cfm

Jesus calls us to visit the prisoner! At Hutchinson Correctional Facility there are over 80 prisoners who are waiting for a visit. Through Offender/Victim Ministries' M-2 Program, you have the opportunity to visit an inmate one evening a month. New Volunteer training for M-2 will be on **Monday, September 19, 12:00 PM** at Hutch Correctional Facility or **Tuesday, September 20, 6:30 PM** at Hesston College, Kropf Center room 160. Please contact Ben Kreider for more information at ben@offendervictimministries.org or 281-5244.

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 Belva Unruh, Rodney and Ethel Wedel, and Sean and Michelle Claassen. 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—180; Visitors—4
- Sunday School— 154

Having or has received care—Fern Koehn, Kansas Spine and Specialty Hospital

Offering: Last week's offering for Mennonite Central Committee was \$2,635, Local Mission was \$4,622, and Organ Fund was \$180. The offering for September 18 is for Local Mission.

Whoops! We are going backwards. We overspent in August by \$4,789.43, which brings us to a year total of \$20,751.63. There are only 16 Sundays left in this fiscal year. We need \$1,296.97 more per week just to break even. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help. ~ Financial Stewardship Committee

FIRST POTLUCK TODAY! Everyone (college students, guests, regular attenders....everyone) is invited to gather in the fellowship hall following the worship service today for great food and great fellowship! See you there!

Vision & Mission Process—We continue to Examine Yesterday by adding additional events to the timeline in Fellowship Hall. However, today we add the next part—Embrace Today. EVERYONE is asked to complete a blue response form and add it to the blue "Embrace Today" section of the timeline.

The Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission invites you to a Mission Celebration **today, 5:30 PM** for faspa and a chance to hear from those in our congregation who have served time in short-term missions. Would you please help us pass on this invitation to family members or friends from FMC who may not otherwise hear about this celebration?