

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 18—Anabaptist Faith: Following Jesus

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:06 PM Bible Study at Justen's house

Monday, September 19

- Jail Ministry: Jerry Regier
- 7:00 PM Property Commission
- 7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission—Warkentin Room

Tuesday, September 20

- 9:30 AM Women's Fellowship—FH

Wednesday, September 21

- 7:00 PM Choir
- 7:00 PM Youth Group

Sunday, September 25—Anabaptist Faith: Allegiances

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

Upcoming Worship Services

- October 2—Anabaptist Faith: Community of Believers;
World Communion Sunday
- October 9—Learning from yesterday



**First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS**

September 18, 2016



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Anabaptist Faith: Following Jesus

Sunday, September 18, 2016

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Gathering

Prelude Donna Stucky, organist/pianist

Gathering song: *There is a Redeemer* **CS 49

The work of the people (announcements)

Call to worship..... Jim Huxman, worship leader

Opening prayer

Praising God

Songs of faith: *The Lord is king* *H 69

To God be the glory.....H 102

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Cindy Combs

Song of faith: *Lord, you have come to the lakeshore*H 229

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Mark 8:31-38

Sermon: *Baptisms*..... Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding and Sending

Song of faith: *I sing with exultation* H 438

Pastoral prayer..... Pastor Kay Schroeder

Sending song: *Thuma mina* H 434

Sending words..... H 758

Postlude

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

Chorister: Carol Entz; HAT: Kent Erb, Nora Miller, Brent Voran, Joan Entz

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

Childcare: Greg or Laura Myers, Addie Regier

Audio Tech: Larry Becker Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering

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.

Women's Fellowship—Tuesday, September 20, 9:30 AM. We welcome women of all ages to our work day to make various items for MCC. Bring a sack lunch; drinks will be furnished. The offering will be for MCC school kits. Helen Bachman will have the devotions and we will adjourn following lunch. Everyone is welcome!

Thank you Sunday School children, Beginners through 8th grade, who just completed a six-month offering project for Mennonite Mission Network, collecting a total of \$180.64. This money will help provide English lessons, school supplies, and healthy snacks to children at *Happy Holy Kids* and *Smart Generation* schools in Indonesia. Our next Sunday School offering project is for funds to make repairs on the popular play structure at Camp Mennoscah, known as "The Whale." This project will last through February 2017. Children, please bring your offering money each Sunday to help get "The Whale" repaired in time for camps next summer!

Mark your calendars for Fall Church Family Night, beginning on September 28. Supper will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Following supper, there will be activities for all ages. There will be a class for Preschoolers, ages 3 and 4, in room 234. Jr. High will be meeting in room 126, High School in room 122-124, Adult Bible Study in room 224, and Choir will meet in the Sanctuary. Please join us and bring your friends for Fall Church Family Night!

Celebrating 65 years of Bachman wedded bliss! An anniversary come and go social for Donovan and Helen Bachman will be Sunday, October 9, 2:00-4:00 PM, in the Garden Room at Schowalter Villa (701 South Main Street, Hesston). This is given by their children with much love and respect. No gifts necessary.

Gratitude 2, a women's inspirational brunch, will be held on Saturday, October 29, 9:00-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome. Reserve the date in your calendar now. More information to come.

Just a reminder to save your Campbell's Soup labels for the Hopi Mission School. You can place them in the red box that is on the shelf outside the Church office.

SR. HIGH YOUTH

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

Tonight! **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 and YOU!

Wed. (Sept. 21) 7:00ish pm —YOUTH GROUP @ FMC!
ONCE AGAIN, PIZZA will be devoured and we'll explore how our desired outcomes should dictate the choices we make daily. As always, FRIENDS are WELCOME!! See you on Wednesday!



SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, October 22, 8:00-Noon! Our second mini-celebration will happen! Details to follow!!

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

Today, 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 **today**, 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.

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.

YOU ARE INVITED! Come to the Grace Hill Mennonite Church Hog Roast—Sunday, September 25, 5:00-8:00 PM. Come for food, yard games, fellowship, and music. A freewill donation will be for area food banks. See you there!

Bethel College Wind Ensemble—Sunday, September 25, 3:00 PM, in Memorial Hall featuring music by Holst, Susato and Della Joio.

Money webinar for Millennials—Everence encourages young adults to join Darryl Dahlheimer, Program Director for LSS Financial Counseling, for a live chat designed to help people think about how their faith affects their financial decisions. *Conquering your debt: the overlooked key to faith and finances* will be at 8:00 PM (EDT) September 28. Visit stewardshipresources.org/compass-live-chats for more information or to register.

Fall Story Hour (ages 3-5) **begins Thursday, September 29, 10:00 AM** at the Western District Conference Resource Library. Story Hour will run through Thursday, November 17. Come join Carol Flickinger for stories, activities, and lots of fun. Please let us know if you're planning to attend at 316-283-6300.

Bethel College Fall Fest is just around the corner and BCWA Council is jumping in to something new this year! Due to popular demand, we are hosting a Pie By the Slice Booth as part of our fundraising efforts that benefits our beloved college. Our goal is to get 100 delicious pies for this booth, and we are seeking your contributions! Would you be willing to contribute pies for this endeavor? We are asking for 9" pies, in disposable containers, no cream pies, of course. Pies can be brought to the Student Center on Friday evening, September 30 or Saturday morning, October 1.

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: amsb.edu/academics/communities-in-trauma.cfm

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—247; Visitors—23
- Sunday School— 199

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$5,140 and the Organ Fund was \$600. The offering for September 25 is for Local Mission.

In Sympathy—Edna Entz (93) passed away on September 10. Her funeral service was held here at First Mennonite on Thursday, September 15. We extend our condolences to Jim and Mary Enz and the rest of Edna's family.

Thank you to each and every one of you who contributed to our grocery shower. We appreciate the kindness that was shown to us by the wonderful food items and gift cards that were given to us! Thank you to the Fellowship Commission for hosting the shower. We appreciate all the kindness!

~Brody and Haleigh Machmer

The Mennonite—It is time for us to renew our subscriptions for *The Mennonite*. If you would like to renew your subscription or would like to start a new subscription, the group rate is \$37. **Subscriptions are due today, September 18.** Please return the form that was in your church mailboxes to the office and make checks payable to First Mennonite Church with *The Mennonite* on the memo line.

We are needing to return the books on grief to Western District Library. Please have the books back to the Church Library by Sunday, September 25.

Vision & Mission Discernment: TODAY—All First Mennonite attenders are asked to submit their perception of who First Mennonite is TODAY by completing a blue TODAY form and placing it on the time line in the Fellowship Hall THIS WEEK!