

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 25—Anabaptist Faith: Allegiances

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:00 PM Church Board—FH

Monday, September 26

- Jail Ministry: Gary Moore
- 7:00 PM Worship Commission

Wednesday, September 28

- 5:30 PM Meal served by Christian Fellowship
Menu: Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Chips, Relishes, and Dessert
- 6:45 PM Children—ages 2 years to 6th grade—Gather in Room 123
- 6:45 PM Adult Study: Gospel of Mark—Room 222-224
- 6:45 PM Choir (Sanctuary)
- 6:45 PM Jr. High (Room 126)
- 6:45 PM Youth Group (Youth Rooms)

Sunday, October 2—Anabaptist Faith: Community of Believers; World Communion Sunday

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:06 PM Youth Group Bible Study

Upcoming Worship Services

- October 9—Learning from yesterday
- October 16—Learning about where we are today



**First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS**

September 25, 2016



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Anabaptist Faith: Allegiances

Sunday, September 25, 2016

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Gathering

PreludeJyl Ewy, pianist

Choral introit: *How Can I Keep From Singing?* Lowry/Arr. Courtney

The work of the people (announcements)

Call to worship.....Pastor Anita Kehr

Opening prayer

Songs of faith: *O come, loud anthems let us sing*.....*H 68
(stanzas 1, 3, 4)

Let the whole creation cryH 51
(stanzas 1,3)

Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah.....H 50
(stanza 3)

Greet one another; children come forward

Hearing God's Word

Children's focus Marissa Murphy

Special music: *For the beauty of the earth*..... Barb Beachey and Jyl Ewy

Kingdom celebrationDewayne Pauls and Kent Erb

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory: *This is Amazing Grace*

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Choral anthem: *Sing Out, My Soul* Lutrell/Hayes

Scripture: Joshua 24:14-18Josh Kennell

Sermon: *Choose*Pastor Joel Schroeder

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *10,000 Reasons*

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Benediction song: *The Lord bless you*

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Musicians: Joey Menninga, vocals and guitar; Kay Schroeder, vocals; Ted Krehbiel, drums;
Seth Bontrager, bass; Jyl Ewy, piano; Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder
Ushers: Alan Entz, Ryan Nye, Jan Groves, Allen Schmidt
Childcare: Michael or Pamela Garcia, Schyler Entz
Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner
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.

Mark your calendars for Fall Church Family Night, beginning this Wednesday, 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!

Flu Shot Clinic—Heath Kerr, Pharmacist from Dillons, will once again be administering flu shots on October 5, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM during the Church Family Night meal. The cost of the shot is \$40 or free for Medicare patients. Medicare cards will need to be seen at the time of service. Please bring cash.

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.

Book of JEBB will be having a concert here at First Mennonite Church on Sunday, October 9, 7:00 PM, in the Sanctuary. Come hear bluegrass, gospel and folk music played with taste and skill by Bethany Amstutz Schrag, **Ben Regier**, Eric Schrag and **Tim Regier**.

Church Family Night will once again be sponsoring a shoebox packing party for Operation Christmas Child. The children will be packing shoeboxes for children all around the world. Please start saving shoeboxes and other donations for the boxes. The collection boxes are in the Court Area.

Gratitude 2, our all-church women's brunch, will take place in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 29, 9:00-10:30 AM. Invite your friend, mother, daughter, sister. . . and come! Our morning will include food, fellowship and inspiration. **If you would like to prepare a table for eight with your own dinnerware please contact Carol Entz: lacaentz@gmail.com or 283-0525.** We hope to have an interesting variety of table settings.

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.

Save the date—Our second mini-celebration will be Saturday morning, October 22! We will be celebrating our long history of service projects by meeting for breakfast at 8:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. We will then travel to Wichita for a morning of working together by helping others through the Kansas Food Bank and will conclude our celebration by noon. This is an activity for **ALL AGES**--from six to 106!! Please join us!

SR. HIGH YOUTH

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

Wed. (Sept. 28) 6:46ish pm —YOUTH GROUP @ FMC!
Sunday (Oct. 2) 6:06 pm—Bible Study @ Ethan's (Entz)



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

YOU ARE INVITED! Come to the Grace Hill Mennonite Church Hog Roast—today, 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—today, September 25, 3:00 PM, in Memorial Hall featuring music by Holst, Susato and Della Joio.

Are you frustrated about just “getting by” and want to learn more about ways to “get ahead?” Are you at least 18 years old? Do you have low resources, including financial? Are you able and willing to work and/or might benefit from job training? Are you willing to build new relationships which will provide support and connections and to commit to attending weekly meetings? Consider signing up for Circle Leader Training at Peace Connections at 284-0000 which begins September 27.

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.

Fall Festival at Bethel College—September 29-October 2. For a complete schedule, see www.bethelks.edu/fallfest.

The Friends of Kidron invites you to the Annual Country Breakfast at Kidron Bethel Village on Saturday, October 1, 7:30-9:00 AM. Fresh sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, orange juice and coffee will be served. The meal is by donation and everyone is welcome! Proceeds from the event will benefit the Kidron Bethel Health Care Benevolent Fund.

Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk—October 1. Join experienced birders Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel at **7:30 AM** in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep.

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 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.

Kidron Bethel Village is holding an Independent Living Open House on Sunday, October 2, 1:00-3:00 PM. Homes that will be open are 2902A and 2904B on Ivy Drive. Call 620-327-3475 for more information.

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.

MCC Material Resource need update—Thank you for all your generous contributions; MCC school kits and other supplies keep rolling into the workroom in North Newton and we are thrilled! We have a few gaps that we need your help filling so that complete kits can be packed and sent out around the world for distribution. Current needs are: rulers (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in), hand towels (dark color), dressmaker's scissors, bar soap (packaged, not boxed) and infant sleepers. Your donation of these items in person, via Amazon Smile or check (designated MCC Kits) is appreciated. Questions? Call 316-283-2720.

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—225; Visitors—6
- Sunday School—164

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$10,183, Organ Fund was \$1,440, and the Window Fund was \$431. The offering for October 2 is for Mennonite Central Committee .

In Sympathy—Florence Huxman (92), Jim Huxman's mother, passed away on Sunday, September 18, in Pretty Prairie, Kansas. Her funeral services were held at First Mennonite Church, Pretty Prairie, on September 22. We extend our condolences to Jim and Alice.

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

Vision & Mission Process REMINDER - Please fill out your blue TODAY forms and place them in Fellowship Hall by 6:00 PM tonight! Next Sunday, we will begin sharing our hopes and dreams for FMC with yellow TOMORROW forms.

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!