

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 21—Trusting the Trustworthy One: Creator and Companion

7:45 AM Outreach, Missions and Peace Commission

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

5:30 PM Reception for Casa Betania High School Graduates—FH

Monday, May 22

Jail Ministry: Gary Moore

Sunday, May 28—Trusting the Trustworthy One: Constancy in Change

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

Upcoming Worship Services

June 4—Pentecost—Worship in the Park—Athletic Park

No Sunday School

June 11—Peace Summer—First Sunday of a Series

June 18—Music Sunday



Trusting the
Trustworthy One

First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS



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Creator and Companion

Sunday, May 21, 2017

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Gathering

Prelude..... Donna Stucky, organist/pianist

Gathering song: *Christ who left his home in glory*..... *H 283

The work of the people (announcements)

Call to worship: Acts 17:22-31 Pastor Kay Schroeder

Opening prayerH 737

Praising

Songs of faith: *Come, thou Almighty King*H 41
I love to tell the storyH 398

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focusArthur and his "sidekick" Ryan

Song of faith: *I come with joy to meet my Lord*H 459

Kingdom sharing: Faith-Focused
Caregiving & Membership Commission

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: John 14:15-21 Riley Kingsley, reader

Sermon: *Beyond and Within* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Breathe on me, breath of God* H 356

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *My hope is built on nothing less* H 343

Blessing

Postlude

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

Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder

Ushers: Gus Dorado, Ray Franz, Mike Garcia, Andrea Regier

Childcare: Greg or Laura Myers, Madelynn Hamm

Audio Tech: Tim Regier

Video/Lighting Tech: Tyler Shelly

Visuals: Pat Litsey

OUR VISION—Together in Christ: rooted deeply, reaching widely, loving well

OUR MISSION—With Jesus as our center, we are called to be:

- Faith-Focused
- Mission-Minded
- Community-Connected

available on the box. The contents for the MCC school kits are very specific—4 notebooks, 8 unsharpened pencils, large eraser, 12"/30 cm ruler and 12 colored pencils (no markers). Check the box in the foyer or the bulletin board in the basement by the Fellowship Hall for examples.

Delegates needed: First Mennonite is eligible to send three delegates to the Mennonite Church USA convention in Orlando, Florida, July 4-8, and ten delegates to the Western District Conference annual assembly in Arlington, Texas, August 4-6. The MC USA convention will be discerning the future of the denomination, and the WDC assembly will be celebrating 125 years of history. Both will be worthwhile and hope-filled. **If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please contact Ryan Koehn or Anita Kehr.**

Congratulations 2017 Graduates! Newton High School—Tyler Doty, Logan Hamm, Clay Nye, Tanner Pauls, Addie Regier, and Justen Schroeder. **Hesston High School**—Emma Krehbiel. **Bethel College**—Mason Unruh and Grant Walker. **Hesston College**—Maddy Black and Riley Kingsley. **Hutchinson Community College**—Taylor Stahly. **Youngstown State**—Katrina Gerbrand. **Kansas State**—Andrew Walker. **KU Medical School**—Ruth Lehman Wiens. **University of Minnesota**—Terra Wiens. **Wichita State**—Alyssa Becker (December 2016). **Mira Costa College in Oceanside, CA**—Christina Entz Stang (December 2016). **Kansas University BSN program**—Olivia Miller. If you know of additional graduates please share their name(s) with the church office so we can all celebrate their accomplishments!

The Property Committee needs your help to maintain our facility! There are several projects that need completing, and we want you to have the opportunity to help. We need help with painting the new shed, painting the walls and ceiling in the balcony classroom, and installing pipe insulation and replacing a few ceiling tiles in the Jr. High room. Contact Jordan Miller, Alan Entz, Clint Litsey, Ryan Nye, or Rod Schmidt for more information.

VBS 2017 kick off begins Friday, June 2, with a cookout at FMC in the parking lot by the playground. On Saturday, June 3, VBS will run from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM for grades K-5. Preschoolers will have a shortened day ending at 12 noon.

Church in the Park will be June 4, at Athletic Park near the Mennonite Settler statue. The worship service will begin at 10:30 AM with no Sunday School that morning. Children will be sharing what they learned in Bible School. A picnic lunch will follow the service. Please bring finger foods to share and lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Drinks will be provided. Invite your friends!

Believe it or not, First Mennonite Church has had an active women's group for 130 years. And we are going to celebrate their contributions from 1887 to 2017. That really is 130 years. You will be amazed. Put it on your calendar for Sunday, June 11, 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome, women and men. Please sign up on the sheet in the Court Area.

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!

Community Announcements

We need volunteers in Ashland, Kansas for Saturday, May 27, working from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A group of about 30 is needed along with skid steers and A/UTV's. Work will consist of cleaning up barbed wire fence. Transportation, lunch, water and tools will all be provided. There is a need for several skid steers and A/UTV'S to be used in the area for the next 6-8 weeks. If you know of an individual or company that would be willing to provide this please let me know. Volunteers can call, text or email with their availability to Jordan Miller at 316-217-4570 or jordanmiller795@gmail.com.

Two distinguished scientists, Dr. Michael Crawford and Dr. Francis McMahon, will be coming to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church in Goessel to speak and present their findings on their scientific research and its connection to Mennonites. They will also be speaking about genetic links to certain diseases as well. The public is invited to attend Sunday, May 21, 7:00 PM, for this free lecture.

We LOVE our volunteers! Calling ALL Mennonite Central Committee volunteers (workroom, warehouse, meat canning, Kansas Relief Sale, Et Cetera Shop and more) to join us for our Volunteer Appreciation BBQ on June 7, 5:00-7:00 PM in the MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton. Check mcc.org/volunteer-bbq for more information. Please RSVP for the event by May 24 to Patsy Dirksen, 283-2720, patsydirksen@mcc.org. We hope to see you on June 7!

Children ages 3-8 are invited to Summer Story Hour at the WDC Resource Library June 14-July 26 (not July 5). Register **today** (space is limited) by emailing crib@mennowdc.org or calling the library at 316-283-6300. Due to limited space, children should be able to attend at least 4 of the 6 weeks offered.

Do you live for a good story? Are you passionate about God's presence and work in the world? If so, work for Mennonite Mission Network as our writer and multimedia content producer. This full time position will be located in the Newton, KS or Elkhart, IN office. Learn more at www.MennoniteMission.Net/

about/Employment. If interested, please send a resumé to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net.

Is the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 on your calendar? Registration remains open. Come to Orlando July 4-8 to celebrate “Love is a Verb” with fellowship, worship, and activities with Mennonites from around the country. The convention will feature top speakers, including Mark DeVries and Rachel Held Evans, along with a wide range of workshops and a chance to enjoy the Orlando sunshine. Learn more at convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/.

Find out how to put your faith into action! Consider serving and learning about how God is working in other parts of the country. Check out our Christian Service opportunities for ages 14 -26. But don't delay because application deadlines are coming up soon! Service Adventure, Journey International, Door (Dwell) and MVS application deadline is June 1. Visit mennonitemission.net/Serve for more information.

The MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton is running particularly low on the following items: bottles of shampoo (13-24 oz.), bars of infant friendly/mild soap, infant sleepers/onesies (sizes 3-9 months), men's crew socks (white). Without these items, various kits cannot be completed so we need your help! Kit items can be dropped off at 121 E. 30th in North Newton or purchased online (Amazon Smile or other online retailers) and shipped directly to MCC. Questions? Please contact Kate Mast 316-2833-2720, katemast@mcc.org.

Bethel College seeks a full-time director of development. Bachelor's degree required with 3-5 years' experience in funds solicitation or a combination of transferable experience. Send cover letter, resume and three professional references to: Fred Goering (interim vice president for advancement), fgoering@bethelks.edu; see full job description at www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/people/career-opportunities/

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 second half of 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 John and Janice Good (Court Area display case); Brian and Lori Kennell and family (Library display case); Don and Kathryn Penner (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—192 Visitors—7
- Sunday School—150

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$5,447. The offering for May 28 is for Local Mission.

PRAISE THE LORD! Thank you for your support. April was an awesome month financially. We had a net income of \$10,729.42, which means our net loss for the year is down to \$919.61. Summer is just around the corner; during the busy time of vacations, don't forget to continue your support with tithes/offerings. Thanks!
~Nancy Waltner, Treasurer

Pastor Anita will be out of the office beginning May 25, first for vacation and then for a conference at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. She'll be back in the office on June 6.

Casa Betania invites First Mennonite to join them in celebrating with their first high school graduates: Willis Baños, Carlos Lujano and Jonathan Villa. Today, the 4:00 PM worship will be a time of blessing the graduates. Translation will be available. After the service at 5:30 PM, there will be a graduation reception in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate with the graduates. Guests are welcome to come for one or both events. The graduates and their families are appreciative of First Mennonite's support in their formation through youth group, Camp Mennoscah and other times of fellowship.

Boxes have been placed in the foyer to collect designated school supplies for the MCC school kits. A second box is for school kit bags; sewing instructions are