

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 30—Panic. Rock. Faith

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

Thursday, August 3

7:00 PM Nurture Commission

Sunday, August 6—Refugees: Past, Present and Future

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

Upcoming Worship Services

August 13—Commitments

OUR PRAYER:

O God, builder of all that is good,
join us together in Jesus Christ
so that we may be your dwelling place.

Teach us to think your thoughts,
to dream your dreams,
to hear your voice,
and to see your vision.

Form us to be the salt of the earth and light to the world.
Let it be that we may grow as a community of grace, joy and peace,
so that your healing and hope may flow through us to the world.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
relying upon the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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Don't PANIC Stay Facing the ROCK Take a step of FAITH

*Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous,
be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.*

1 Corinthians 16:13-14



First Mennonite Church July 30, 2017

God is our refuge and strength

Sunday, July 30, 2017

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Gathering

Prelude.....Jyl Ewy, pianist
Jesus, Only Jesus

The work of the people (announcements)
(Please pass the welcome pads)

Call to worship Pastor Kay Schroeder

Pastoral prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *Praise is rising*
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *H 37

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Stefanie Knopp

New song of faith: *Jesus, Only Jesus*

Offering: Scholarship Fund
Offertory: *This I Believe (The Creed)*

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: II Corinthians 16:13-14 and others

Sermon: *Panic. Rock. Faith*Pastor Joel Schroeder

Responding to God's Word

Prayer

Song of response

Sending

Blessing

Postlude: *One Thing Remains*

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder; Musicians: Joey Menninga, Seth Bontrager, Diana Unruh, Jyl Ewy
Ushers: Loren Entz, Ivan Goering, Clint Litsey, Carol Gerbrandt
Childcare: Melody Enns
Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner
Visuals: Cindy Unruh

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

The Campbell's company "Labels for Education" is being phased out. Labels will be accepted only until the end of July 2017. **TODAY** is the last day for collecting Campbell's soup labels. The Box Tops for education will continue to be collected. These labels can also be placed in the red box in the foyer.

CHILDREN: Remember to stop by FMC-Mart to buy the school supplies for the MCC School kits. The items range in price from 10¢ to \$1.00. You will take your supplies to your Sunday school room. The mini-store will be open 9:00-9:20 AM each Sunday morning.

Pastor Anita will be on vacation July 27-August 1 and at the Western District Conference Annual Assembly in Arlington, Texas August 4-6.

Do you have a photo of your ancestors (parent or yourself) who first immigrated to the US? As part of our upcoming service on Sunday, August 6, we are making a short "Immigrant" slideshow and need your old photos! Please send no more than two digital photos to Andrea Regier at andrea.and.ben@gmail.com by Tuesday, August 1.

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

Why go to Branson when you can attend a variety show right here at First Mennonite Church? On Sunday, August 6, 7:00 PM, opera singer Marie Engle and her crazy Uncle Stan will be presenting *Opera and Orneriness*, a music and comedy production featuring Opera and Classical American songs by Marie. Interspersed between songs will be humorous stories of the Low German Mennonites of Southeastern South Dakota presented by Stan. The show is a benefit for Marie who is seeking to start her career and bring a Christian presence to the world of Opera. Marie has performed in Vienna and will be attending Julliard School of Music in New York City this fall to work on her masters in Opera. Stan is a tree trimmer who still uses the same trailer his father built in the 1950's to haul hog feed in South Dakota. Marie will also be singing in the Sunday morning service on August 6.

Attention all Camp Mennoscah campers—Detour to Camp Mennoscah—Smoots Creek Bridge, located directly south of US-54, is being replaced. Alternate routes take you east or west of NE 100 Ave. The bridge will be closed until June 2018.

Community Announcements

The internationally acclaimed African Children's Choir will perform with the Wichita Community Children's Choir at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church (1550 N Chapel Hill Drive, Wichita KS) today, 7:00 PM. Come and enjoy their incredible US Tour! Tickets will be \$10 at the door and proceeds will help support the Music for Life Institute's international relief and development programs.

The Mennonite welcomes your original submissions and contributions for our October 2017 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on Scripture: Texts that move and shape you. Submissions are due no later than August 1. We welcome written reflections—personal stories, biblical or theological reflections, poetry and more (800-1200 words), as well as original photography, multimedia products (including, but not limited to, original song or music recordings, music playlists, videos and vlogs) and artwork on the theme. For more information contact: themennonite.org/october-call-submissions-scripture/.

The Parkinson's Support Group at Kidron Bethel will meet in Menno Hall on August 1, 2:00 PM for small group sharing. All are welcome.

Harvey County Circle of Hope annual picnic is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, 5:30-7:30 PM, at King Park (500 N. Ridge Road) in Hesston. Bring your family and a side dish and find out if Circle of Hope is right for you.

Save the Whale! Camp Mennoscah started a Go Fund Me campaign to help fund the new playground structure. A gift of \$5 buys enough of the new playground for one camper to play on for one week of camp. Gifts of any size are welcome. Go to gf.me/u/hmes8 and check out the progress!

The Young Adults are GATHERING! Come to Camp Mennoscah for the Young Adult Weekend, August 4-6. We'll be hanging out and having worship, swimming, playing board games, and breaking bread together (though it may look more like grilling and ice cream). Register online

at campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290. Request a scholarship as part of the online registration.

Registration is now open for the Womens/Girls Retreat (3rd grade and up) at Camp Mennoscah September 8-10. Our theme is "Together: Rooted and Reaching" with Barb Krehbiel Gehring as our featured speaker. Retreat schedules and registration forms are available in the church office or available to print at: mennowdc.org/calendar/. We will celebrate 100 years of Mennonite Women organizations through stories and a hymn sing Friday evening. There will be no separate girls programming this year, so girls should register for Saturday morning and afternoon activities and seminars. Hope to see you all at Camp Mennoscah!

Save the date: Saturday, November 18—4th biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College, "Seasons of the Soul: Enacting the Mystery of Faith," with special guest presenter and resource person Ted Swartz. Symposium registration includes Swartz's performance of "Slightly Left of Normal" on Friday, November 17, in Krehbiel Auditorium (admission charge for non-symposium registrants). For a complete schedule and online registration, see bethelks.edu/worshiparts.

There's a new hymnal in the works! As the task force sponsored by MennoMedia plans for the new collection, they want to hear from you. Go to MennoMedia.org/Resonate and click on the "Heart Song Survey" link in the individual input section, or go directly to the survey at: surveymonkey.com/r/MWSC_Heart_Song. What are the songs that draw you farther along in your journey of faith?

Towels & Cloth Diapers Needed! The MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton is currently running very low on towels for MCC relief kits and hygiene kits. Dark colored bath towels, dark colored hand towels and cloth diapers for infant care kits (flat fold preferred) are needed at this time. Donations can be brought to 121 E. 30th in North Newton, or you can purchase items from Amazon Smile or elsewhere online and have them shipped directly to MCC. Please contact Kate Mast with questions, katemast@mcc.org, 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 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 Betty and Dewayne Pauls (Court Area display case); Donnie and Lori Kingsley and family (Library display case); Willis and Anna Marie Harder (Court Area display case); Joan Boese (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—257 Visitors—19
- Sunday School—205

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$6,685. The offering for August 6 is for Mennonite Mission Network.

In Sympathy—Alma Ewert (89) passed away on Tuesday, July 25. Her funeral service will be Tuesday morning, August 1, here at First Mennonite Church with burial preceding service at Greenwood Cemetery. Visitation will be at Peterson's Funeral Home Monday, July 31, 5:00-9:00 PM, with family present 6:00-8:00 PM. We extend our condolences to Alma's family.

Kenneth Voth (88) passed away on July 19. His funeral service was Friday, July 28 at Bethel College Mennonite Church. Kenneth attended FMC in previous years. We extend our sympathies to his family.

The offering project for all children's Sunday School classes are school kits for MCC. School kit items are going on sale soon, so this would be a good time to purchase the items. The items are very specific; we must include the following: spiral notebooks, colored pencils (12) regular pencils, erasers and a ruler. We also could use school kit bags. Instructions for the kits and the bags are in the Court Area by the school kit display.