

Hospitality: Reaching Outward, Drawing Inward

June 24, 2018

Focus statement: Hospitality is a relationship of giving and receiving. As God welcomes each of us, we step out in risk and trust to give and receive welcome in the world.

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Gathering

Gathering song: *Happy Day*

Welcome and Announcements Ken Regier, worship leader
(Please pass the welcome pads)

PreludeJyl Ewy, pianist

Call to worship and prayer (based on Romans 15:7)

Leader: Welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God.

Left: Welcome, all, whoever you are!

Right: Welcome here, however you've come!

**Left: Welcome, with all your questions, your mistakes,
and your great celebrations.**

Right: Welcome, with all your wondering, your sadness, and your great joy.

Leader: Christ has welcomed us.

All: Glory to God.

Praising

Songs of faith: *This is Amazing Grace*
Came to my rescue

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus.....Ken Frey

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory: *Oceans*

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Genesis 18:1-15; Luke 14:7-14

Sermon: *Y'all Come!*.....Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Here in this place* *H 6

Pastoral prayerPastor Kay Schroeder

Sending

Benediction:

Leader: Send us, Lord!

**People: Into places we know,
where your love may startle and challenge.**

Leader: Send us, Lord!

**People: Into places we don't know,
where your love may comfort and invite.**

Leader: Send us, Lord!

All: We will go.

Postlude

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

Bulletin cover: "Spiritual disciplines are nothing more and nothing less than ways to create a room where Christ can invite us to feast with him at the table of abundance." – Henri Nouwen

Chorister: Daryl Unruh

Worship band: Joey Menninga, vocals and guitar; Amanda Entz, bass; Seth Bontrager, drums

Childcare: Chris Weaver, Melody Enns, Sarah Koehn

Ushers: Alan Entz, Ryan Nye, Jan Groves, Wenda Black

Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn

Video/Lighting Tech: Tyler Shelly

Visuals: Mary Lou Schmidt, Carol Hiebert

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 24—Hospitality: Reaching Outward, Drawing Inward—Genesis 18:1-15;

Luke 14:7-14

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

Monday, June 25

6:30 PM Prayer Meeting—Room 224
7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

Thursday, June 28

7:00 PM Ladies Exercise

Sunday, July 1—Scripture Study: Digging Deeply—Psalm 19:7-11; John 5:39-40

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
4:33 PM Youth Group Mission Trip Meeting

Upcoming Worship Services

July 8—*Spiritual Companions: Walking Together*—Ruth 1:15-18; John 15:12-17;
2 Timothy 1:5-14

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

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH PRACTICING FAITH



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Hospitality

Faith Practices—Prayer

Gratitude—Scripture

Spiritual Companions

Fasting—Celebration

worship services visually? There is an opening on the visual artists team to help enhance worship during the months of February, June, and October. Please contact Pastor Kay if you are interested!

PROPERTY COMMITTEE is introducing a new facility use and work order program to aid in enhanced communication about needs throughout our facility. If you have regular or special events that are held at the church we would like them to be on the church calendar. Please pick up and return the reservation forms to the church office. If you are aware of a maintenance, setup or cleaning need, please pick up a form from the foyer, fill it out, and return to the church office. Thank you for helping us by communicating in this way!

PROPERTY COMMITTEE needs your help to maintain our facility. Can you help with: painting a few sanctuary walls or repairing various window hardware, glass, and glazing? If so, please contact Jordan Miller at 217-4570 or at jordanmiller795@gmail.com.

Ladies Exercise is on Monday and Thursday at 7:00 PM, for about an hour, at the north end of the Fellowship Hall. This is low impact exercise, using DVD's. Please bring an exercise mat and use the gravel parking lot entrance. Contact Melody Enns at mel@jeff-mel.com, or 288-1041 with questions.

Community Announcements

The Allies Group, which supports people with various sexual identities and their families and friends, will be meeting at the Kidron Cottage on the Bethel College campus (across from Mojo's) today, 6:00 PM. Please plan on a picnic potluck (bring sandwiches or some sort of main dish and a side or dessert). Those who want to can play disc golf, walk the trails at Bethel or just visit at the cottage. Drinks and paper goods (plates, napkins, etc) will be provided.

BCAPA presents the Kansas Steel Pan (steel drum) Workshop concert, today, 2:30 PM, in Memorial Hall on the Bethel College campus.

Dementia Caregivers Support Group at Kidron Bethel Village: On the last Thursday of each month at 3:00 PM, in Menno Hall Chapel, Kidron Bethel will hold a support group meeting for persons who are caring for loved ones living with dementia. This is an ongoing group which will meet on the last Thursday of every month. The group will be open to participants from the wider Newton community and will have affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association of Central and Western Kansas. Eric Massanari, KBV Chaplain, and Beth Penner, Associate Director of Independent Living, will serve as group facilitators. Please contact Eric Massanari with any questions: 316-836-4829.

Everence will continue its popular retirement workshop series this summer, starting with *Your Medicare options* on Monday, July 2, 6:30 PM. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will be held at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at michelle.ramer@everence.com; 283-3800; or (877) 467-7294

Centering Prayer continues to meet most Mondays, noon-1:00 PM, in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. Try it once, come occasionally or join us regularly—all are welcome, with no previous experience with Centering Prayer required. For information, contact Nathan Koontz at 2nathankoontz@gmail.com or Melanie Zuercher at mzuercher@bethelks.edu.

Kidron Bethel Village invites you and your family to the annual Fireworks Extravaganza at 7:00 PM, on July 4. Enjoy live music, games, food and fireworks. There will be a quilt drawing at 9:00 PM.

How Then Shall We Live? is a week-long immersion in the wild to bring out the deep wisdom, fierce joy and sacred strength of men. Come wade into the wilds of New Mexico! Highlights include homemade meals in an adobe hacienda, visiting Taos Pueblo, plunging into the waters and canyons of the Rio Grande Gorge, wilderness solos, songs and campfires, morning meditations and biblical analysis in wild places—all designed to open radically new possibilities for men seeking a wilder way of fierce love for God, humanity and our precious earth. Guided by Todd Wynward for adventurous men 18+ in Taos, New Mexico, September 8-15, 2018. For registration information on this Mennonite Men experience, visit www.mennonitemen.org.

Family Weekend at Camp Mennoscah is June 30-July 1! It's a weekend focused on giving you the most time to spend with your family and friends. Our time together is loosely scheduled and you can choose what to do--worship, river play, swimming, crafts, or even just talking with each other! Register online at campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290!

Supplies are running low in the MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton and we could use your help! The current material resources needs are: shampoo for relief kits (1-2 bottles, totaling more than 20 oz), toothbrushes for relief and hygiene kits (in originally packaging), small metal pencil sharpeners (one or two holes) for school kits, dark-colored hand or bath towels for hygiene and relief kits. Visit mcc.org/mrc/kits for full kit information and from

there click through to our Amazon Wish List for easier shopping and shipping. Just bring or ship kit items to MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th St., North Newton. Contact katemast@mcc.org or call with questions at 283-2720.

Girls ages 13–18 and women of all ages, please join Mennonite Women USA and Dove's Nest July 26-27, 2018, in Omaha for “Empowering Women: Claiming Healthy Personal Boundaries,” an intergenerational gathering to provide practical resources and support on healthy boundary management. Find out more at dovesnest.net/Claiming-Healthy-Personal-Boundaries or call 402-577-0866.

Save the date! September 27–29, 2018: Rooted and Grounded: A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. Imagine and embody alternative ways of relating to the land that cultivate *shalom* among human beings, the rest of creation and God. This three-day event will weave together worship, theology, biblical study and praxis. Keynote speakers: Valerie Bridgeman, Ph.D., and Karenna Gore. For more information contact: ambs.edu/rootedandgrounded.

Join the upcoming MCC Haiti Learning Tour from September 22 to 27. Learn from Haitian farmers, artisans, community organizers and human rights advocates about how they—with your support—are building a brighter future for their communities. Contact Jordan Penner at jordanpenner@mcc.org or 316-727-6837 for more information.

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 Kent and Lynette Erb and family (Court Area display case); Vernon and Velma Frey (Library display case) and Faith Celebration Weekend pictures (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

•Worship—188 Visitors—13 Sunday School—137

Offering: Last week’s offering for Local Mission was \$6,691. The offering for July 1 is for Mennonite Mission Network.

The Living Stones Sunday School Class will have speakers during the Sunday School hour for the summer. Everyone is welcome to come and listen. Today the speaker is Austin Regier. Next Sunday, July 1, the speaker will be Jeremy Ewy.

Volunteer opportunity: Drivers needed to take folks who no longer drive to various appointments. If you enjoy visiting with others, have a car and can drive, this opportunity is for you! Interested? Please contact Pastor Kay at kays@firstmennonitewton.org.

All are invited to a time of prayer for the vitality of our congregation on Mondays at 6:30-7:00 PM in room 224, led this week by Pastor Kay Schroeder. Please enter the church using the south doors.

The Western District Conference Annual Assembly is July 27-28 at Eden and Tabor churches with Bryan Moyer Suderman as the resource. If you are willing to serve as a delegate for FMC (that session is Saturday morning) please contact Ryan Koehn or Anita Kehr. Thank you!

Visual artist volunteer opportunity: Do you enjoy worshipping God through what you see? Would you be interested in using your creative gifts to enhance