

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 28—*Body and Soul: Our Bodies, God's Image*

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 4:00 PM Youth Group Bible Study

Wednesday, October 31—**Church Family Night**

- 5:30 PM Meal served by Life Sharing Sunday School
Menu: Crockpot Soups, Bread, Carrots, Celery, Cookies
- 6:45 PM Children-ages 2 years to 6th grade—Gather in Room 123
- 6:45 PM Adult Bible Study—Room 222-224
2018 Theme—FMC's 12 Foundational Scriptures
- 6:45 PM Choir (Sanctuary)
- 6:45 PM Jr. High (Room 126)
- 6:45 PM Youth Group (Youth Rooms)

Saturday, November 3

- 9:00 AM Love Newton: OVM Community Service Morning

Sunday, November 4—*Body and Soul: Created for Intimacy*

*Daylight Savings Time Ends

Upcoming Worship Services

- November 11—*Body and Soul: Holy Desires*
- November 18—Thanksgiving

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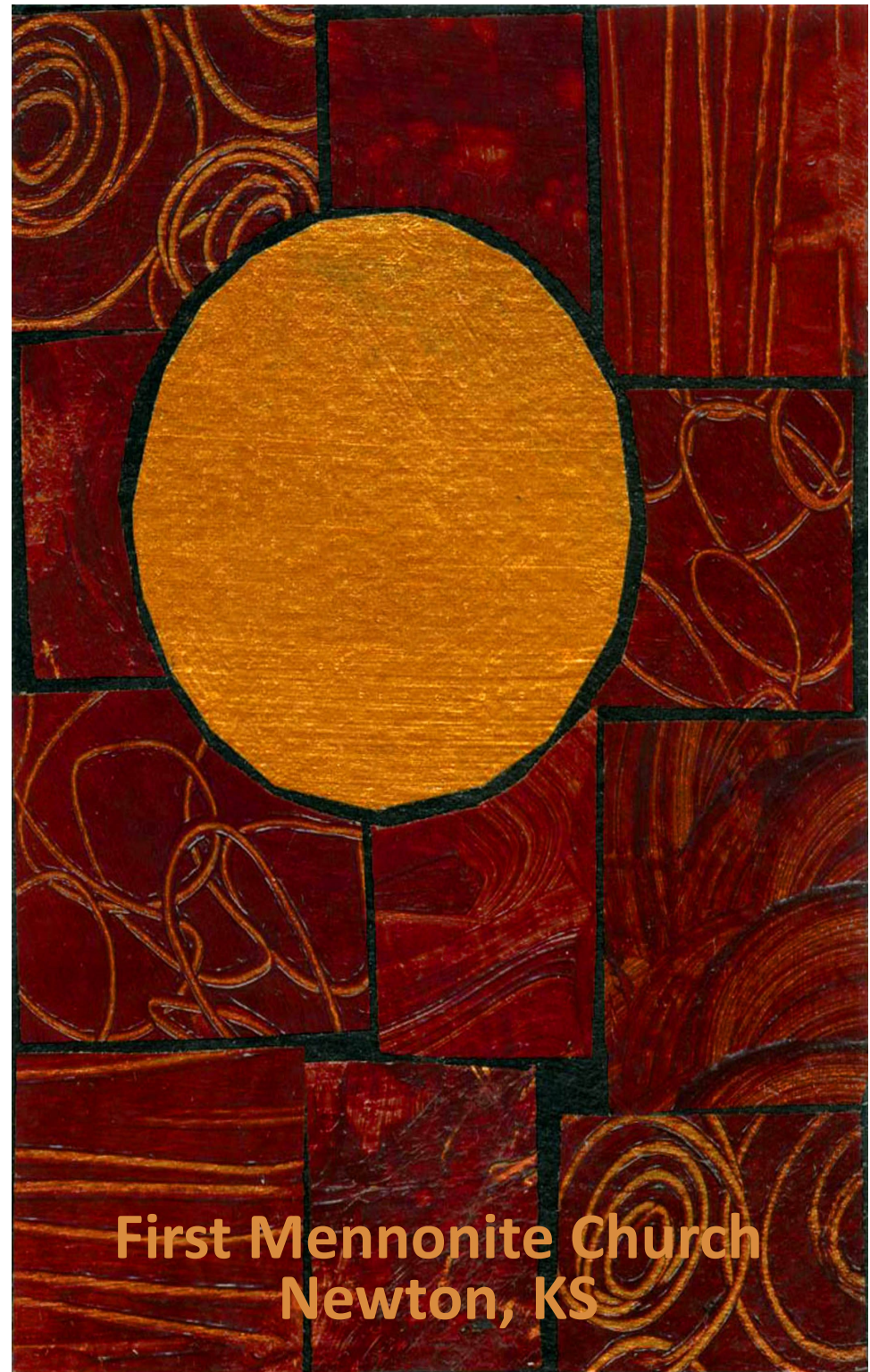
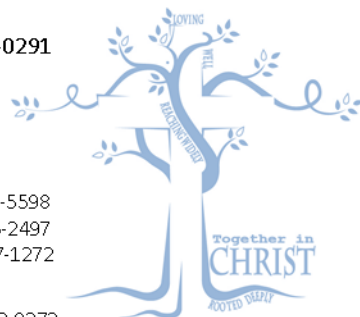
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Hi "C" focus 4 November = "C"OMMITMENT

TODAY Sunday, Oct. 28 @ 4:00-7:00 p.m.—BIBLE STUDY (Wheat planting).
Meet @ Dwight and Janet's house. EVERYONE encouraged to help Dwight!



Wed., Oct. 31 @ 6:45-8:00 p.m.—YOUTH GROUP "Trunk or Treat"

Tuesday, Nov. 6 @ 4:00 p.m.—TURKEY DINNER PREP

Wed., Nov. 7 @ 4:00 p.m.—TURKEY DINNER (meal served 5:30-7:00 pm)

For your awareness, Pastors Joel and Kay will be out of the office through Monday, November 5.

Remember to bring your donations for the children to pack shoeboxes! Our packing party is coming up fast on November 14! Donations of hygiene items, school supplies, and toys are appreciated. Money donations are also great; just label it for shoeboxes and drop it in the offering plate or the shoebox labeled "donations" in the Court Area. (Remember no liquids, breakable glass items, food or toothpaste)

As furniture begins to arrive for the newly renovated foyer there are opportunities for two new areas of ministry: **Coffee cart**—would you be willing to provide this service of welcoming and fellowship for Sunday mornings? **Wall hung TV monitors**—would you be willing to create scrolling displays for Sunday mornings? If either of these areas interest you and you are willing to commit your time to our congregation please contact a member of Property Committee so we can select and purchase the equipment needed.

Outreach Commission would like to invite you to *Love Newton: OVM Community Service* morning! Join us on Saturday, November 3, 9:00-11:00 AM as we help the Offender Victim Ministries do some fall cleaning. OVM helps our community so much by developing programs to reconcile and transform relationships of those impacted by conflict, crime and incarceration. This is our chance to give back, serve our community, and fellowship together! This is our last community service opportunity in 2018! Contact Andrea Regier if you're interested.

A support group for survivors of sexual abuse will meet on Tuesday, November 6. If you are a survivor of sexual abuse and would like to attend please contact June Thomsen, member of Caregiving Commission, at 316-239-8747 for more information.

Mark your calendars for the Youth Group Annual Turkey Dinner—

Wednesday, November 7, 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to join the fun and fellowship! Donations will be accepted to go towards MENNOCON19 (Mennonite Convention in Kansas City; July 2-6).

Congregational Carry-in Dinner—There will be a carry-in dinner following the worship service on Sunday, November 11, prior to the Fall Congregational Meeting. Please bring food to share with others and tableware. Drinks will be provided. Please join us in this fellowship time.

The Fall Congregational Business meeting is called for Sunday, November 11. The meeting will follow a carry-in potluck dinner and will begin at approximately 12:30 PM. Reports from Pastors, Church Board, Treasurer, Stewardship Committee and Capital Fund Committee will be given. Action items will include voting for the ballot of those nominated for vacancies for lay leadership opportunities and approval of the 2019 budget. We encourage everyone to attend this is your opportunity to participate in church wide decisions.

MCC Meat Canning—Newton Area MCC meat canning is November 14-17. Please put these dates on your calendar.

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

Save the date: "Conversation along the Way—Sharing our Stories from the Journey of These Years" is a congregational gathering being planned for Wednesday, November 28, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Watch for more information in coming weeks.

Community Announcements

The second concert of the 2018-19 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring The Suitcase Junket, will be on Sunday, October 28, 4:00 PM, at the Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and good food in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount. Purchase tickets online or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

Everence will hold an informative workshop on Monday, November 5, 6:30 PM. *Social Security and retirement income planning* will cover when to begin taking Social Security, risks that can impact your savings, and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. The workshops are presented by Everence staff and held at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

We want you on our Summer Staff! Camp Mennoscah will soon be recruiting at Mennonite colleges for staff for the 2019 summer. We'll be at the Kansas colleges on November 12-15 (Hesston, Tabor, Bethel, and McPherson). A pizza meal for Kansas area folks interested in being summer staff will be in Newton on November 14 (details soon). The summer staff application will be available online at campmennoscah.org on November 7.

St. Mary's Altar Society, St. Mary's Church, will be sponsoring their annual Festive Fall Fair on Sunday, November 11. The event is 9:00 AM-2:00 PM with dinner being served from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM.

Ever wanted to be a Camp Mennoscah host? Now's your chance! We're looking for people to help host weekends. This could mean helping with dishes, starting the campfire, making popcorn, or any number of other delightful things we do when groups are at camp. Contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290. We'd love to help you attain your dream of hosting!

We can fill your empty hours! Camp Mennoscah would be happy to share projects with you, if the recent rain is keeping you from work you would otherwise be doing. Give us a call at 620-297-3290 or email olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org! No hour will be lost and no project forgotten!

Christmas Gathering for all Camp Mennoscah volunteers! Put it on your calendar, wonderful counselors and program directors and cooks and nurses and staffers! We're gathering on December 15, 2:30 PM for conversation, cookies, games and great fun. Families invited to join.

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 Tim and Michelle Regier (Court Area display case); Brian and Barb Walker and family (Library display case); Rob and Joan Thieszen and family (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

•Worship—250 Visitors—27 Sunday School—180

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Missions was \$7,505. The offering for November 4 is for Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary .

In keeping with our desire to be prepared in the case of an emergency in which we would need to evacuate the building (fire, bomb threat, gas leak, etc.), we will be conducting an evacuation drill today (Sunday, October 28) immediately following the worship service. Instructions will be given as part of this drill. Thank you for participating.

Receiving or has received care—Anna Marie Harder, Diversicare of Sedgwick.

The cover for last week's bulletin was a beautiful photograph by Ken Bachman. Thank you!

A special thanks to John and Janice Good for spearheading the service project to the Kansas Food Bank. We had a delicious breakfast prepared by Janice Good and rolls by Judy Schrag before we left for Wichita. It truly was an inter-generational event with ages ranging from four to eighty-one years old. This event left the 55 persons who served with many intangible benefits. We were able to work with persons we do not normally work with as well as packaging food for the less fortunate. Also, a very special thanks to Brian Walker, CEO of the Food Bank, for explaining the ways in which people are helped through their organization. It is exciting to be part of a church that values these experiences.