

Eastertide: Recognizing April 28, 2019

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Gathering

Gathering song: *You're beautiful*

Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)

Opening words Pastor Joel Schroeder

Centering Amanda Entz, organist/pianist

Prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *Happy Day*
Living Hope

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focusAndrea Enns Regier

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory: *Concerto in E flat Major* by Krommer
Josh Kennell, clarinet; Amanda Entz, piano
(Please pass the welcome pads)

Offering response: *Praise God from whom* (stanza A)..... *H 119

Missional moment: SEAK Program

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Acts 9:1-9; Acts 10:9-16

Sermon: *Conversions* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Jesus Messiah*

Pastoral prayer Pastor Kay Schroeder

Sending

Sending song: *Be thou my vision*..... H 545

Sending words

Postlude

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

Chorister: Carol Entz

Musicians: Worship band: Joey Menninga, Pastor Kay Schroeder, Seth Bontrager, Ted Krehbiel, Tim Regier, Jyl Ewy

Childcare: Chris Weaver, Sheralyn Goering, Sarah Koehn

Nurse: Shirley Dietzel, Kathleen Andres, Judy and Eric Murphy

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

Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn

Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering

Visuals: Carol Hiebert

Property Committee: Jordan Miller

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 28—Eastertide—Recognizing

- 7:45 AM Outreach, Missions and Peace Commission
- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Carry-in lunch and Congregational Meeting
- 4:04 PM Youth Group Bible Study

Wednesday, May 1

- 6:00 PM Youth Group Meal/Auction—FH

Thursday, May 2

- 7:00 PM Nurture Commission

Saturday, May 4—Sunday, May 5

- Jr. High Youth Group to Stutzman's Cabin

Sunday, May 5—Eastertide—Responding

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

Upcoming Worship Services

- May 12—Eastertide—Redeemed
- May 19—Eastertide—Rejoicing

Save the Date—May 25-26—Camp Mennoscah Weekend

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Our Unfolding Story:

- ⇒ *Responding to the Word*
- ⇒ *Renewing Hearts*
- ⇒ *Reflecting Hope*

Recognizing

Redeemed

Reflecting

Rejoicing

Renewed
Restored

Responding

First Mennonite Church

April 28, 2019

the month you adopt, you will visit individuals who can no longer attend church on or near their birthday. You can take them a birthday card, cookies, or just visit. Months have between one and four people to visit. Sunday School classes are encouraged to sign up for the larger months. The sign-up sheets will be in the Court Area **next week**.

A support group for survivors of sexual abuse utilizing the services of a professional therapist will meet on Tuesday, April 30. Whether your abuse was recent or long ago, you are welcome to attend. Please contact June Thomsen (316-239-8747) for information as to time and location.

This coming Wednesday, May 1, in the Fellowship Hall, the youth group will be hosting our bi-annual auction. Come for a free meal at 6:00 PM. Be sure and pick up your listing of auction items in your church mailbox or the Court Area. Check out the items to be auctioned, and join in the bidding for great items, all donated by people from First Mennonite Church. Babysitting provided throughout the evening. Proceeds will go for the summer trip to the Mennonite Youth Convention in Kansas City. (Bring auction items to the church office before Tuesday, April 30, or to the Fellowship Hall, no later than 4:00 PM, Wednesday, May 1)

Attention men—All men are invited to a potluck breakfast in Room 224 on Saturday, May 11, 8:30 AM for a time of sharing, eating, and devotional.

Safe Sanctuaries Training—Do you have a desire to volunteer with our youth ministries and haven't attended Safe Sanctuaries training? We will offer training for any First Mennonite attendees that have not been trained on Saturday, May 4, 9:30-11:30 AM. This training will be by reservation only, so please email or call Marsha Schmidt at rmkkschmidt@gmail.com or 316-288-6386 to reserve a spot.

Baptism Celebration—We celebrate with Emily Brandt, Derek Entz, Madelynn Hamm, Anna Harder, and Payton Hiebert who have all requested baptism at this time and will be baptized at Camp Mennoscah on May 26! They will be sharing their testimonies during worship on May 12 and 19.

SAVE THE DATE! FMC is planning another fun weekend at Camp Mennoscah on May 25-26. Please plan on joining us on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. More information will be coming soon!

SR. HIGH YOUTH April Focus = Witness PEACE



Sunday (4/28) @ 9:15 am—Sunday School
@ 4:04 pm—Bible Study

Tuesday (4/30) @ 7:02 PM—YOUTH AUCTION PREP (Supper provided)

Wednesday (5/1)—YOUTH AUCTION FUNDRAISER!!!

Sunday (5/5) @ 4:04 pm—Bible Study



» July 2-6—MENNONITE YOUTH CONVENTION

NT CRISPR Challenge 44.4 (Week 20)—**April 28** 1 Thessalonians 4:1-5:28; **April 29** 2 Thessalonians 1:1-3:18; **April 30** 1 Timothy 1:1-3:16; **May 1** 1 Timothy 4:1-5:25; **May 2** 1 Timothy 6:1-21; **May 3** 2 Timothy 1:1-2:26; **May 4** 2 Timothy 3:1-4:22. **May NT CRISPR Calendars** are available in the office.

VBS this summer will run jointly with Shalom Mennonite Church, Faith Mennonite Church, and New Creation Fellowship. **The dates for VBS are June 12-16**. The 16th is at Athletic Park with combined worship and a strong children's component, followed by a carry-in meal. Watch for announcements about ways that you can be involved.

Cards are available in the pews for you to share your thoughts, prayer requests, ask for a visit, or whatever you would like to communicate. Remember to sign them and put them in the offering plate.

Community Announcements

The next concert of the Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring blues musician Guy Davis, will be today, 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. Purchase tickets online or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

The Warkentin House Association Annual Meeting and Spring Fundraiser will be at the Warkentin House today, 3:00 PM. *September River*, featuring Doug and Jude Krehbiel, will perform during the fundraiser, which will follow a brief business meeting. Refreshments will be served. No reservations or tickets are required, and donations will be accepted. All are welcome.

Lee and Deb Penner will be participating in NAMI Walks on Saturday, May 4, 10:30 AM, at Hummer Sports Park in Topeka, Kansas. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) provides advocacy, education, support and public awareness to individuals and families affected by mental illness. Join us on the walk by registering online at namiwalks.org/kansas. Our team name is Mid Kansas Walkers 19, and Deb is the team co-captain. You may register the day of the walk starting at 9:00 AM. If you are unable to walk, please consider a donation to this vital organization. To donate you can go online and donate securely with your credit card or you can send a check with Lee and Deb, payable to NAMI Kansas. Deb will need to receive all checks by Thursday, May 2 so she can take them with her to Topeka for the walk. All proceeds go to NAMI Kansas as part of our NAMI Walk Fundraiser. Learn more about NAMI at nami.org. For questions call Deb Penner, 316-284-2154.

Love Crosses Borders: A Mennonite Men immersion experience with immigrants. Love is the greatest of all virtues. But what does love look like in times of cynicism and polarization? Borders are not only social constructs, they're also spiritual ones. Who's included? Who's excluded? How do we reconcile God's call to welcome the stranger with so much fear-filled rhetoric and policies? July 28-August 3, Mennonite Men will provide a week-long immersion experience with immigrants to engage these issues. To register or for more information, visit MennoniteMen.org or contact Steve Thomas at SteveT@Mennonites.org.

Mennonite Mission Network is looking to fill the following Service Adventure positions. Youth ages 17-20 can apply today at MennoniteMission.net/SERVE: **Art store assistant in Anchorage, AK:** Anchorage re:MADE is a resale store, helping people help themselves by repurposing donated and landfill-recued items. Come volunteer with others to sort, clean, repurpose, paint or repair items to be sold. **Easter Seals assistant in Johnstown, PA:** Easter Seals is a non-profit organization that works with hearing impaired persons. Volunteer responsibilities would include administrative office duties, customer service, event planning and development. **Mentorship program assistant in Albuquerque, NM:** First Nations Community Healthsource is a clinic that is committed to providing health services to American Indian families and other under-served populations residing in Albuquerque and surrounding areas. Volunteers will help to facilitate the mentorship program at First Nations.

Looking for a way to save some money while you attend MCUSA Convention in Kansas City this summer? Do you like working with children in an upbeat environment? The Children's Program for MCUSA Convention held in Kansas City, MO July 1-6, is looking for eager volunteers to spend part of their convention time volunteering with children 5th grade and under. We need people willing to work with elementary-aged children, toddlers and infants, or willing to lead interest stations. Both associate and part-time volunteers are still needed. If you are interested in any of these lovely opportunities, please email Renee Reimer at: ReneeEReimer@gmail.com with your interest

Summer Youth Camps at Camp Mennoscah still have openings! Gather your friends and tell them about the great things we do--campfire, river play, crafts, singing, nature, friendship bracelets, and more fun stuff! Camp is the sort of thing to share with everyone. Our summer theme is Peace Works: Empowering Peacemakers. Register online at campmennoscah.org!

Friends, moms, dads, neighbors, grandparents, and other random volunteers welcomed! Camp Mennoscah is looking for kitchen helpers for the week of June 23-29. No great skills are needed; following directions is all that is necessary (bring your sense of humor and flexibility). Contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. Parents receive a camper discount up to full camp fees! It's going to be an amazing summer with amazing volunteers!

Two nurses are needed for Summer Youth Camps! Camp Mennoscah is looking for a camp nurse for the weeks of June 9-15 and June 23-29. Nurses receive a stipend or a full camper discount. Contact us at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290 to become one of our much adored nurses!

Graduate Students in Healthcare Professions: Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) offers educational grants for Anabaptist students to learn and serve in cross-cultural mission/service settings in developing countries. Deadline for 2019-20 academic year is May 15, 2019. For details and application form, see mennohealth.org/student_term/, email: info@mennohealth.org, or call 1-888-406-3643.

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!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

•Worship—307; Sunday School—164; Visitors—51

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$5,356. The offering for May 5 is for Camp Mennoscah.

In Sympathy—Gene Jost (69) passed away on Tuesday, April 23, at Westview Manor in Peabody, Kansas. A memorial service will be announced at a later time. We extend our condolences to Gene's family.

SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—Our Spring Congregational meeting will be held today, following the carry-in dinner at 12 noon. The agenda will include reports from the Pastors, Church Board, Treasurer, and Audit Committee. Normal voting will occur. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

THANK YOU!! Our church donated many items and offered various services at the MCC Sale. Thank you to ALL who donated food. The Sunday coin bucket collection total was \$335.19. The 2019 MCC sale total was \$504,296. ~Ruby & Gary Moore

FMC's Story in Photos—What are the origins of First Mennonite in Newton? Within the 140-year existence of the congregation, what challenges have occurred? What highlights? Get familiar with FMC's story by viewing the photo exhibit which is now in the display cabinets. Start at the cabinet outside the Church Office, go to the two corner units and then finish at cabinet outside the Library.

A reminder: If you are hurting or carrying heaviness in your heart, mind, or soul, you are invited and welcome to call the church office to schedule a time with one of the pastors or Caregiving Commission members for listening and prayer.

New church codes—We are ready to hand out church door lock codes. Each family is assigned a code; if you would like to have a code to be able to get into the church, you need to come to the Church Office and Tracy will give you your code. Also, when you come in, if you have a church key we ask you bring it with you and show it to Tracy so she can verify it with her list of who has keys. ~Property Committee

The Caregiving and Membership Commission is once again sponsoring the much-appreciated Adopt-A-Month congregational caregiving program. We are asking Sunday School classes, families, or individuals to adopt a month for a period of one year. During