

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 12—Eastertide—Redeemed

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

Wednesday, May 15-21

Homeless Shelter Week

Sunday, May 19—Eastertide—Rejoicing

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

Upcoming Worship Services

May 25-26—Camp Mennoscah Weekend—*Renewed and Restored*

June 2—*Eastertide—Reflecting*

June 9—*Pentecost—Reviving*

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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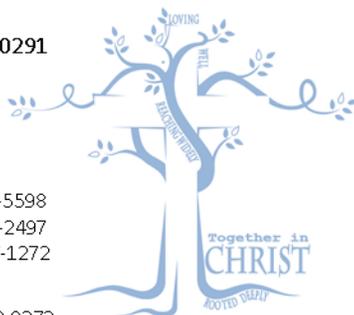
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Our Unfolding Story:

⇒ *Responding to the Word*

⇒ *Renewing Hearts*

⇒ *Reflecting Hope*

Responding

Recognizing

Redeemed

Reflecting

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First Mennonite Church

May 12, 2019

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 is in your church mailbox. **You may sign up in the Court Area and payment is due at the time of registration.**

Starting today, the display cases by the Library and Church Office will continue to have displays from the same committee of people. The cases are now filled with Camp Mennoscah memories and stories. The corner display cases will have displays from Ron Dietzel, Historical Committee. Please take some time to look at each of the displays. ~The Pauls, Deckers, and Goods

Camp Mennoscah Scholarships—Over the last several years, First Mennonite has offered scholarships of \$100 per student for children in both our congregation and in Casa Betania. This experience has been a vital part of the faith formation of those who attend. Last year, we supported about 40 students. The Nurture Commission would be grateful for any help you can give toward supporting our children in this way. Please talk to any member of the commission for more information.

VBS Sign-Up: Vacation Bible School takes place June 12-15 at Shalom Mennonite. Helpers are needed; willingness but not much preparation is required since leaders for each area are already in place. Please sign up to help in the gathering area!

Men's Bible Study. All interested men are invited to join a 5-week study of the book of Colossians (which contains one of the twelve foundational scriptures for our church). We will plan to begin May 22 or 23, depending on the preference of those participating. Please contact Sam at 620-951-4455 for more information.

New church codes—We are handing 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

SEAK 2.0 Summer Outreach Opportunity: Please sign up in the Court Area if you're interested! We are eating lunch and providing activities for children in our neighborhood in the yard behind New Creation Fellowship Church on Wednesdays and Fridays between June 10-July 26. Come visit with us in the Court Area for more info!

Homeless Shelter—Our next week to serve the Harvey County Homeless Shelter is May 15-21. If you are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 316-284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

NT CRISPR Challenge 44.4 (Week 22)—**May 12** Hebrews 10:1-39; **May 13** Hebrews 11:1-40; **May 14** Hebrews 12:1-13:25; **May 15** James 1:1-27; **May 16** James 2:1-3:18; **May 17** James 4:1-5:20; **May 18** 1 Peter 1:1-2:25. **May NT CRISPR Calendars** are available in the office.

Community Announcements

Woven and Open Road joint concert is today at 7:00 PM, in Memorial Hall at Bethel College.

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-rescued 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.

Reception for the annual Senior Art Exhibit at Bethel College—Friday, May 17, 7:00-9:00 PM, featuring the work of Chuy Alba, Sarah Booth, Joshua Clay, Katrina Heinrichs, Jordan Hill, Austin Prouty, **Rebecca Schrag** and Lauren Woodward in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts *Center* (exhibit is open through this week, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM weekdays, with special extended hours Friday-Sunday, May 17-19.)

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!

Mennonite Mission Network, an international faith-based mission agency, is seeking a full-time interim (1 year) program director for Mennonite Voluntary Service. This position requires a collaborative leader who will work closely with young adults, hosting congregations and MVS staff in financial and unit administration. A bachelor's degree and prior inter-cultural experience in service is preferred. Fluency in Spanish language is a plus. View the position description at MennoniteMission.net. Send cover letter and resumé to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net.

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. 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 620-297-3290 or at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org to become one of our much adored nurses!

I was a stranger and you took me in. Matthew 25:35. The International Guest House in Washington DC (under the auspices of Allegheny Mennonite Conference) seeks to put these words into action through its mission of Christian hospitality. Volunteers are needed for short stints of four to six weeks this summer and beginning in January to help the hosts in cleaning, cooking, gardening, and interacting with guests who may come from all parts of the world. Room and board provided with two days off each week. The house is located near bus routes, bike paths, and there are ample parking spaces. For inquiries or an application, please call (202-726-5808) or email sfretzgoering@yahoo.com.

Save the Date—June 26 for our annual Volunteer Appreciation event at Mennonite Central Committee in North Newton from 5:00-7:00 PM. We will celebrate all the work our volunteers do by enjoying an indoor summer picnic together!

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—181; Sunday School—149; Visitors—3

Offering: Last week's offering for Camp Mennoscah was \$1,102 and Local Mission was \$4,640. The offering for May 19 is for Local Mission.

In Sympathy—Allen Schmidt (78) passed away on May 2. His memorial service was held on Saturday, May 11 at Schowalter Villa. We extend our condolences to Allen's family and friends.

Gene Jost's memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 18, 1:00 PM, at Westview Manor in Peabody.

Pastor Anita will be attending a conference in Minneapolis this week.

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 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 **today**.

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 today and May 19.

Prayer Places: If you're interested in scheduling an extended prayer time in either the "upper room" balcony prayer room or in the Warkentin Room, please coordinate with the church office. We hope you will!