

Psalms in the Key of Life

Remembering

August 18, 2019

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Gathering

Gathering song: *Come, thou Almighty King* H 41

The work of the people (announcements)

Opening words Pastor Joel Schroeder, worship leader

Centering Amanda Rempel, organist

Prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *Blessing and Honor*
Hear our praises

Greet one another; children come forward

Children’s focus Bryan Kehr

Song of faith: *O worship the King*

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory: *Build My Life*

(Please pass the welcome pads)

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

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture: Psalm 29 (NIV)

Sermon: *Affirming What We Know*..... Anita Kehr

Responding

Responding to God’s Word

Song of faith: *God of our life* H 486

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *You shall go out with joy*..... H 427

Sending words

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Daryl Unruh; Musicians: Joan Entz, Ted Krehbiel, Joey Menninga, Ben Regier, Kay Schroeder
Childcare: Stephanie Weaver, Lynette Erb, Evelyn Gaertner
Nurse: Shirley Dietzel, Kathleen Andres, Christa or Monte Hiebert
Ushers: Gus Dorado, Dave Goering, Mike Garcia, Andrea Regier
Audio Tech: Tim Regier Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering
Visuals: Carol Hiebert Property Committee: Casson Schmidt

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, August 18—Psalms in the Key of Life: Remembering

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Grocery Shower—FH
- 10:30 AM Worship Service

Monday, August 19

- 7:00 PM Property Committee

Tuesday, August 20

- 7:00 PM Caregiving Commission

Wednesday, August 21

- 6:33 PM Youth Group Kick-off, East Lake

Sunday, August 25—Psalms in the Key of Life: Trusting

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

Upcoming Worship Services

- September 1: Psalms in the Key of Life: Expecting
- September 8: Psalms in the Key of Life: Thanking

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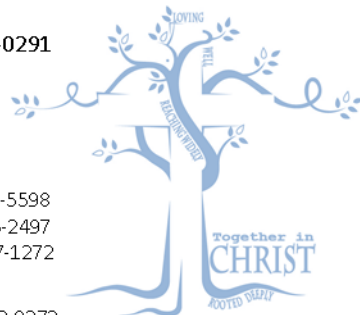
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First Mennonite Church

Newton, KS

August 18, 2019

SR. HIGH YOUTH



Wednesday, August 21—6:33 pm

▶▶ Youth Group LAUNCH @ East Lake—Boats, burgers, and beginnings!

Friday, August 30 (9:02 PM) — Sunday, September 1 (6:06 PM)

▶▶ Sr. High Youth FALL RETREAT @ Westminster Woods (Fall River)

▶▶ "Messy Games" + purposeful times + late nights + good times

▶▶ Cost: \$75 per person / FRIENDS WELCOME (\$50 PER FRIEND)

RETREAT



Your help is needed! We hope to finish painting the house for Linda Shelly's neighbor, Maria, this Saturday, August 24. We'll begin at 8:00 AM and finish at noon. Please bring a paint brush and come participate in this opportunity to love our church neighbor!

On September 14 and 15 FMC will have a retreat celebration at Camp Mennoscah. You will find registration forms in your mailbox. For those who registered and paid for the May celebration you will need to register again, but do not need to pay if you paid in May. We will be in the court area between Sunday school and worship to take your registrations. Everyone is welcome!

What? Yes, it's true! Choir season is almost here! **You** are invited to join the choir for this fall. Rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 11, 7:00 PM and continue each Wednesday. The choir sings in the Sunday morning worship service about twice a month. Questions? Contact Pastor Kay at kays@firstmennonitenewton.org or 316-217-1272. All are invited!

We would like to make available to those who are interested old videos of the church celebration on February 10 and 11, 1990, and the New Directions Reunion on July 12 and 13, 1991. The original tapes were recorded on VHS tapes by Larry Becker, and now Larry has converted these tapes to DVD disks to play on a DVD player and digital flash drives that can be played on your computer or some smart TV's. A number of the pictures in the showcases were snapshots taken from the old tapes. The almost-30-year-old tapes have deteriorated some, and so the quality is not up to the standards we may be used to. You may check these out from Tracy in the church office. **Many thanks to Larry Becker for his help on this project.**

The FMC Jail Ministry account is in need of replenishing. There has been a higher than usual demand for new Bibles in the jails. If you are able and willing, please consider giving to this very important fund! Checks can be made out to FMC with "Jail Ministry" written in the memo line. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE: The worshipful presentation of Handel's Messiah will be Sunday evening, December 15. Mark your calendars to either participate or attend!

Community Announcements

Today is the opening reception for Kauffman Museum's award-winning "K is for Kansas: An Exhibit Exploring Kansas from A to Z," 1:30-4:30 PM. This is a come-and-go event, with introductory remarks at 2:00 PM and 3:30 PM, refreshments and "Kansas lawn games" inside the museum. "K is for Kansas" is at the museum through February 2, 2020. For more information go to kauffman.bethelks.edu or the Kauffman Museum Facebook page.

Mennonite Central Committee is now collecting Immigration detainee care kits. When people who have been placed in immigration detention centers are released, they often have nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Kits containing clothing and hygiene products can help to rebuild their dignity as they are taken to bus stations and airports to reconnect with their families in the U.S. Please visit mcc.org/immigrationkit for all the details of what goes into the kit and how the kits will be distributed. It is one small way we can share Christ's love with our neighbors. All kit supplies should be sent to MCC Central States 121 E. 30th, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117. Questions? Please contact MCC at 283-2720.

Get away from BUSY and relax! Come join us at the 2019 Women & Girls Retreat September 6-8 at Camp Mennoscah. YOU choose what you want to do: Bible study, singing, art, yoga, mental health and spirituality, swimming, refugee reflections, games, or free time! Friday night we will decorate cookies! The schedule and registration forms are available at mennowdc.org/women-girls-retreat/ or on the magnetic boards in the Court Area. Tammy Duvenal Unruh, debate/forensics coach from Newton, will speak on the topic of being Fearless (2 Timothy 1:7). This retreat is open to all women and girls grade 3 and older. Register by August 26.

The Mental Health Spiritual Retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be September 1-2. The theme for the retreat is Living Peacefully! Come support each other and enjoy fellowship, music, and worship. This retreat is for individuals affected by mental illness, including family and friends. Register online at campmennoscah.org.

Are you looking for a summer sewing project? Mennonite Central Committee is running low on school kit bags! You can review the guidelines and instructions at mcc.org/get-involved/kits/bag. Please contact Kate Mast at katemast@mcc.org or 283-2720 with any questions.

Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton KS, will celebrate the dedication of their new Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 25. Worship begins at 10:00 AM followed by a catered meal in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join the celebration! Additionally, Tabor invites everyone to join us at our church park in the evening for our annual MennoGrass event. Supper is provided and will be served beginning at 5:30 PM. Music by Hopeful Blues and the Flannelbacks will begin around 6:00 PM. If possible, bring table service and lawn chairs. We hope to see you there!

Immigration Justice and You: WDC Immigration Task Force invites 1-2 people from every congregation to share in an immigration networking event Thursday, August 29, 7:00-8:30 PM at 2517 N Main St, North Newton (WDC offices). Share what your congregation is doing toward immigration justice. What do you wish you were doing? What kind of resources does your congregation want and need on this topic? If you are at a distance, contact Nancy Funk to receive a link to join via Zoom.

Work & Play Day! September 14 is the next Work & Play Day at Camp Mennoscah. Join us for service, a simple lunch, and some free time in the afternoon (your choice). Please register online at campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290! We love our volunteers!

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 in Room 225. 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—184; Visitors—13

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$6,252. The offering for August 25 is for Local Mission.

Grocery Shower—Join us in celebrating the marriages of Abby and Evan Koch and Sophia and Shaedon Wedel that took place this summer. The Fellowship Commission will host a grocery shower **today**, between Sunday School and the worship service (**10:00-10:30 AM**) in the Fellowship Hall. The congregation is invited to come greet the couples, enjoy some punch and cookies, and offer a grocery gift. If you are unable to attend but would like to offer a gift, you may bring your gift to the church office. ~The Fellowship Commission

SABBATICAL APPROVAL: At the August Church Board meeting, the Board approved a five-week sabbatical beginning September 16 and going through October 19 for Pastor Anita. This request follows FMC Personnel Policy guidelines and her duties will be covered internally while she is gone. Please contact Janice Good, Church Board chair, if you have any questions.

Check out the “life ropes” from last Sunday's “God's Story/Our Story” morning hanging on the temporary wall at the back of the sanctuary.

Scholarship Fund update. The July offering gave a nice boost to the fund balance. On behalf of the students and their parents, the Scholarship Committee says, *Thank you.* A group of our young adults continues to pursue higher education at a Mennonite Christian school. For the 2019 Fall semester, a total of \$3,000 was paid out to two schools for six scholarships. The young adults are blessed by a congregation that believes in and supports them. The students and their parents plus the Scholarship Committee appreciate the past and current generosity of the congregation.