

Psalms in the Key of Life: Trusting August 25, 2019

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Gathering

Gathering song: *O God, our help in ages past*..... *H 328

Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)

Opening words Judy Murphy, worship leader

Centering Jyl Ewy, pianist

Prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *The love of God*..... **CS 92
When we walk with the Lord..... H 544

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Keith Knopp

Song of faith: *'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus* H 340

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

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

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Psalm 121

Sermon: *Help and Hope* Anita Kehr

Responding

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *I am weak and I need thy strength* H 553

Pastoral prayer..... Sam Claassen, Caregiving and Membership Commission

Sending

Sending song: *God sent his Son* H 345

Sending words

Postlude

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

Chorister: Matthew Graber; Musicians: Jyl Ewy, pianist

Childcare: Bryan Kehr, Sheralyn Goering, Sarah Koehn

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

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

Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn

Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy and Melody Enns

Visuals: Carol Hiebert

Property Committee: John Good

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 25—Psalms in the Key of Life: Trusting

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:30 PM AIMM Meeting—FH

Wednesday, August 28

- 6:33 PM Youth Group

Friday, August 30

- 9:00 PM Youth Group Fall Retreat

Sunday, September 1—Psalms in the Key of Life: Expecting

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:00 PM Youth Group returns from Fall Retreat

Upcoming Worship Services

- September 8: Psalms in the Key of Life: Thanking
- September 14-15: Retreat/Celebration at Camp Menoscah



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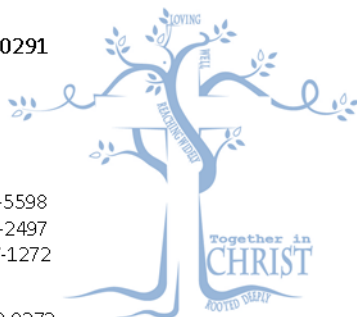
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First Mennonite Church

Newton, KS

August 25, 2019

SR. HIGH YOUTH



YOUTH FALL RETREAT—"Got PURPOSE?"

RETREAT



- ▶▶ Friday, August 30 (6:06 PM)—load vans at FMC / (9:09 pm)—Leave
- ▶▶ Messy Games" + purposeful times + late nights + good times
- ▶▶ Cost: \$75 per person / FRIENDS WELCOME (\$50 PER FRIEND)
- ▶▶ Sunday, Sept. 1 (6:06 pm)—return to FMC

Check out the "life ropes" from Sunday, August 11, "God's Story/Our Story," hanging on the temporary wall at the back of the sanctuary.

Dewayne and Betty Pauls would like to invite the church to join us for an **anniversary celebration** of 60 years of marriage. The event will be held on Sunday, September 8, 2:00-4:00 PM, at the Bethel College Student Center.

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

Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission, a partner of Mennonite Mission Network, will host an event **today**, 6:30 PM, **here at First Mennonite Church**. Come and enjoy pie and ice-cream, and hear reports on ministries in Africa. Stan Graber of Hope for Congo, Chuck Regier of Congo Transport-to-Market Bicycle Project; and Rod Hollinger-Janzen, Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission Executive Coordinator, will share news about various efforts to accompany churches in Africa, including the vision for training literacy teachers for each of the DR Congo's 1400 Mennonite congregations. An offering will be received in support of these ministries. RSVP at 574-612-6091 or rod@aimmintl.org—or just show up!

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.

The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel College will be organizing a series of free public events, September 8-22, on campus and in the Newton community, in connection with the 2019 Campaign Nonviolence Week of Action. Activities include film screenings, "swords into plowshares" demonstrations by Colorado Springs-based RawTools, and a lecture by Palwasha Kakar. See kipcor.org or call 284-5217 for more information.

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.

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.

You are invited to join MC USA staff in the Newton offices (718 N Main St, Newton) to hear from Mennonite Mission Network International Service Workers, Mark and Mary Hurst, on Wednesday, September 4, 2:00-3:00 PM. Mark and Mary will share about their work with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand, whom they have served with since 1990.

Everence will hold an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, September 7, 9:00-11:30 AM. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will take place at Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at 283-3800, 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Sunday, September 8—KIPCOR Film Series, *Lost Angels: Skid Row is My Home*, at 3:00 PM, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Talk-back follows with James Wilson, director of New Hope Shelter, Newton, and a member of the Wichita Police Department's Homeless Outreach Team.

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!

Come celebrate another great year at Camp Mennoscah! Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 22, for Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting! All are welcome to attend. Self-guided camp activities available beginning at 2:00 PM, with a BBQ chicken supper beginning at 5:30 PM. After supper, staff will share about the past year, and campers will reflect on their camp experiences. Also, enter your name to win one of several Camp Mennoscah prizes! Please register online at campmennoscah.org to let us know you're coming!

Get involved with something BIG—record breaking BIG! MCC is celebrating our 100th anniversary and attempting to collect 6500 comforters to deliver to people in need all around the world. Get involved by tying a comforter on January 18, 2020 (mark your calendars now!). **We are looking for people to host a comforter tying event in their community.** Contact Kate Mast at 283-2720 or katemast@mcc.org for details, supplies and resources. It's more than a warm blanket; it's a message of love and compassion.

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—174; Visitors—8; Sunday School—132

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$6,268. The offering for September 1 is for Mennonite Central Committee.

Congratulations to Nick and Laura Sharp on the birth of their daughter, Brielle Zaida, born Saturday, August 17. Brielle joins big brother Jesse at home.

A registration table is set up for the retreat/celebration at Camp Mennoscah, September 14-15, in the Court Area. Even though you may have registered for the May event you will need to register again for the present event. If you paid in May, you will not need to pay again. We will be in the Court Area between Sunday School and the worship service and again after the worship service. The committee has prepared an exciting weekend for the church. You will not want to miss it. Everyone is welcome!

The Koinonia class is organizing a schedule to bring meals for Nick and Laura (and Jesse) Sharp after the birth of their daughter, Brielle. We are hoping to contribute a meal twice a week for 6 weeks and could use your help. Contact Amanda Entz (amandaentz@gmail.com).

The Caregiving and Membership Commission, along with Anita Kehr, **asks you to fill out a survey** on relationships in our congregation. If you did not receive an email with the survey link included, please contact Tracy in the Church Office. If you prefer to fill out the survey on paper, please contact her about that, too. **Please complete the survey by Friday, September 13.** Thank you!

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.