

# Don't Limit God

## August 4, 2019

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### Gathering

**Gathering song:** *I sing the mighty power of God* ..... \*H 46

**The work of the people (announcements)**

**Opening words** ..... Pastor Anita Kehr, worship leader

**Centering** ..... Donna Stucky, organist/pianist

**Prayer**

### Praising

**Songs of faith:** *Sing praise to God who reigns* ..... H 59  
*Spirit Breakout*

**Greet one another; children come forward**

**Children's focus** ..... Jenna Ratzlaff

**Song of faith:** *Awesome God* ..... \*\*CS 79

**Offering:** Mennonite Mission Network

**Offertory**

(Please pass the welcome pads)

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

## Hearing God's Word

**Scripture:** Daniel 3:16-28 ..... Pastor Joel and Pastor Kay Schroeder

**Sermon:** *Don't Limit God* ..... Bruce Rosario, Ministry Inquiry Student

**Responding** ..... Lincoln Moyo, pianist

### Responding to God's Word

**Blessing for Bruce**

**Pastoral prayer**

### Sending

**Sending song:** *God of grace and God of glory* ..... H 366

**Sending words**

**Postlude**

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

Chorister: Paul Schrag

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Nurse: Shirley Dietzel, Kathleen Andres

Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, John Good, Janice Good

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Visuals: Carol Hiebert    Property Committee: Rod Schmidt

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**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 4—Don't Limit God

- 7:45 AM Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission
- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Potluck lunch—FH

## Monday, August 5

- 3:45 PM Worship Commission—Warkentin Room

## Thursday, August 8

- 7:00 PM Church Board

**Sunday, August 11—9:00 AM**—Morning of worship, sharing and activity as one group (no separate Sunday School classes). We will begin with a light breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

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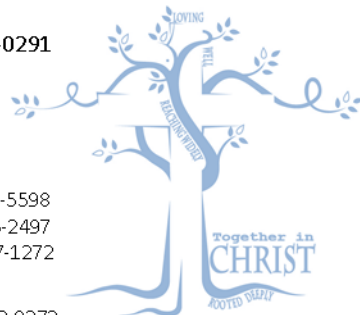
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First Mennonite Church

Newton, KS

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**Video person needed** for Sunday morning worship services. If you are interested in being on the Video Team, please contact Eric Murphy. There is a rotating schedule and it takes about two hours of prep work when it's your Sunday.

**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.

**Your help is needed!** Painting the house for Linda Shelly's neighbor, Maria, begins this Saturday, August 10, and also August 17 and 24. We'll begin at 8:00 AM and finish at noon. Please bring a paint brush and a paint scraper if you have one. A stepladder or small extension ladder would be helpful as well. Thank you for considering this opportunity to love our church neighbor!

**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 on **Sunday, August 18** 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

**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!

## Community Announcements

**The Parkinson's Support Group** will meet in Menno Hall at Kidron Bethel in North Newton on Tuesday, August 6, 2:00 PM. Chaplain Eric Massanari will introduce a meditation on gratitude and living with Parkinson's (copies will be available). All are welcome.

**SafeHope**, which provides support and shelter for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in our region, is looking for people to serve meals for a weekly support group meeting. The food is already prepared; volunteers would serve and clean up—about a two-hour commitment as infrequently as once a quarter. A background check and confidentiality agreement is required. If you're interested in learning more, contact Chris Allen, community engagement coordinator, at 785-424-3551.

**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](http://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. 30<sup>th</sup>, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117. Questions? Please contact MCC at 283-2720.

**Mennonite Mission Network** is searching for a Marketing and Communication Assistant. If you love organization and are naturally gifted at customer service, we'd love to hear from you! And if you aren't but you know someone who is please encourage them to contact us. This position is for .75 FTE. Send your resumé to [StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net).

**The 2019 issue of Mennonite Life**, Bethel College's annual online journal, is now live at [ml.bethelks.edu](http://ml.bethelks.edu), with articles and reviews by Brad Born, Sarah Balzer, Rachel Waltner Goossen, Mark Jantzen, Donald Kraybill, Alec Loganbill, Jacob Miller, Weldon Schloneger, Keith Sprunger and Melanie Zuercher.

**Everence will hold retirement planning workshops** at its Hutchinson and North Newton locations in August. Specifics will include when to begin taking Social Security benefits, risks that can impact your savings, and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. The North Newton workshop will be presented on Thursday, August 8, 6:30 PM, at the Everence office, 3179 N. Main St. The Hutchinson workshop will be held on Thursday, August 15, 6:30 PM, at

the Everence office, 524 E. 30<sup>th</sup> Ave. Those interested in attending can register by contacting Michelle Ramer at 283-3800; 877-467-7294 or [michelle.ramer@everence.com](mailto:michelle.ramer@everence.com).

**RSVP now for MCC Lunch & Learn** on August 15—Come to MCC for lunch and to hear from participants who recently went on the MCC South Texas Borderlands Learning Tour. They will share about their experiences and reflections on the trip. Lunch is served at noon and the presentation will start shortly after. A suggested donation of \$10 is welcome to help cover the cost of lunch. Please plan to join us for lunch; all are welcome. RSVP by Monday, August 12, to [patsydirksen@mcc.org](mailto:patsydirksen@mcc.org) or 283-2720, MCC Central States, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St., North Newton, KS 67117.

**Sing for Camp Mennoscah!** We're having our annual Camp Sing celebration of a stunning summer of youth camps on August 11 at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church in Inman, KS. We'll start with a story time, 5:45-6:05 PM, followed by joyous singing at 6:30 PM. After joyfully worshipping in camp songs and hymns, we will share in popcorn, pop and conversation. All are invited, whatever your age or skill!

**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/](http://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 (II 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](http://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](http://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/bag). Please contact Kate Mast at [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) or 283-2720 with any questions.

**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—198; Sunday School—146 Visitors—12

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$6,871. The offering for August 11 is for Local Mission.

**Congratulations to Ashlynn Hamm and Trevor Duerksen** who were married on Saturday, August 3. May God grant them many years together.

**Receiving or has received care**—Randy Doty, NMC.

**Many thanks and much gratitude** to our church family and friends for all the kindness and support we have been given over the last few months during Ethel's illness. We appreciate the prayers, cards, food, messages, and all the love shown to our family! We appreciate everything! Blessings to each of you!

~Rod, Bethanie and Derek Wedel

**Please join us for a carry-in meal** after the worship service today in the Fellowship Hall. This is Bruce Rosario's final worship service at FMC as a Ministry Inquiry Program participant. We want to thank Bruce and celebrate his ministry journey with us. Everyone is welcome!

**Next Sunday, August 11, we will be having a morning of worship and sharing and activity**, all together as one group, so there will be no separate Sunday School classes (adults or children) on that morning. We will begin at 9:00 AM with a light breakfast in the Fellowship Hall and go from there. Plan to come, and invite others to join you!

**ATTENTION YOUTH—FMC Youth "Senior Farewell"** will be on Monday, August 5, 6:30 PM at Carol's house! Come spend time with the now-graduated members of the FMC Youth Group before they move on to wherever God is calling them next! Supper provided.