

Psalms in the Key of Life: Expecting September 1, 2019

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Gathering

Gathering song: *We Come*

Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)

Opening wordsPastor Kay Schroeder

Centering music

Prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *In Lonely Mountain Ways*
Psalm 40

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focusJenna Ratzlaff

Song of faith: *From the depths of sin* *H 136

Offering: Mennonite Central Committee

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

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

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Psalm 130:5-8

Sermon: Pastor Anita Kehr
Seeing the Goodness of the Lord in the Land of the Living

Responding

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *There's a wideness in God's mercy*..... H 145

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *The Lorica*

Sending words

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder; Musicians: Nora Miller, pianist; Bluegrass band: Ben Regier,
Ken Regier, Tim Regier
Childcare: Pamela Garcia, Barb Claassen, Camryn Entz
Nurse: Shirley Dietzel, Kathleen Andres
Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, John Good, Janice Good
Audio Tech: Ryan Goertzen-Regier Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner
Visuals: Connie Claassen Property Committee: Rod 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, September 1—Psalms in the Key of Life: Expecting

- 8:00 AM Outreach, Missions and Peace Commission
- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:00 PM Youth Group Return from Fall Retreat

Monday, September 2—Labor Day

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, September 4

- 6:33 PM Youth Group

Thursday, September 5

- 7:00 PM Nurture Commission

Sunday, September 8—Psalms in the Key of Life: Thanking

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

Upcoming Worship Services

- September 14-15: Retreat/Celebration at Camp Mennoscah
- September 22: Got PURPOSE?
- September 29: God PURPOSE!

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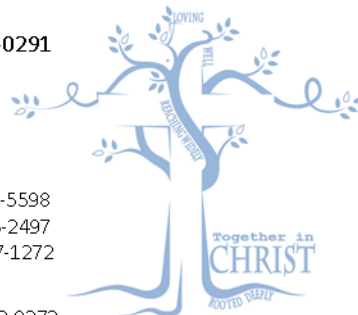
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First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
September 1, 2019

SR. HIGH YOUTH



YOUTH FALL RETREAT—"God PURPOSE!"

▶ Sunday, Sept. 1 (6:06 pm)—return to FMC

YOUTH GROUP RE-GROUP—Wednesday, Sept. 4 (7:04 pm) in Youth Room @ FMC

▶ Let the fun continue as we purposely grow into who God wants us to be!

A men's Bible study will be starting again on September 5, 7:30 PM at 507 Autumn Glen Court. We will be studying the book of Micah—which includes one of our 12 Foundational Scriptures. If you have any questions, please contact Sam Claassen at 620-951-4455. All are welcome.

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!

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

The Harvey County Compassionate Friends invite all parents, grandparents and siblings who have lost a child to a grief workshop on September 21, 9:30 AM-3:00PM, at Shalom Mennonite Church, 800 E. First Street, Newton. There is no charge to attend this event. Lunch will be provided, and a free-will offering will be taken. **Please RSVP by today** to Cheryl at 316-249-3779 or email cmccart56@gmail.com.

Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group will meet Tuesday, September 3, 2:00 PM, in Menno Hall. Marwa Buser, PharmD, BCPS, will give an overview of Parkinson's Disease, including medications. All are welcome.

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.

New Storage Building Dedication, September 4, 10:00 AM—It's not everyday that MCC gets a new building! Please plan to join us as we give thanks for the generous gifts that made the building possible and to bless the ongoing work that takes place at MCC by dedicated volunteers. A warehouse can seem boring at first glance, but it is actually an essential part of making MCC's work happen around the world. Donuts and coffee will be served at the dedication service. Questions? Please call 283-2720.

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.

Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk—Saturday, September 7. Meet at **7:00 AM**, in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton. Experienced birders will lead a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is partly on an unpaved (wood chip) trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep.

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.

Bob Schmidt is needing one tractor driver for Monday, September 9, 4:00-7:00 PM, to pull trailers from the parking lots to the State Fair grounds in Hutchinson. If interested, contact Bob at 283-3916 or 772-3595. Thank you!

Work & Play Day! Saturday, September 14, 8:30 AM-2:30 PM, 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 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!

The Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bike Ride will be September 21, starting at the MCC office, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. The event is to raise funds for an MCC water development project in Nigeria, with rides of 35, 45, or 65 miles and a shorter family ride. Brochures are available at the MCC website: mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride where you can register. To contribute to this MCC project, make check payable to MCC with "Flatlander Bike Ride" on the memo line and send to MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS, 67117.

Comforter Mini Blitz—September 27 and 28 at MCC in North Newton! If you can tie a knot, you can tie a comforter! Come and join in the fun at this relaxed, come-and-go event. Bring your friends and family! Before you know it, you'll have helped to spread warmth and love around the world to people in situations far out of their control. Hours for the event are Friday, September 27 9:00 AM-5:00 PM and Saturday, September 28 8:00 AM-4:00 PM. Find out more at mcc.org/comforter-blitz. Questions, contact katemast@mcc.org, 283-2720.

Thank you for celebrating with us! The Camp Mennoscah Camp Sing at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church was a blast with approximately 175 people singing their hearts out. You raised over \$1,000 for a new digital piano and sound system—a great way to keep singing and worshipping! Be ready for next year!

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—204; Visitors—11; Sunday School—144

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$5,705. The offering for September 8 is for Local Mission.

Receiving or has received care—Mary Enz, NMC.

Thank you to Pastor Anita, Bruce and Pastor Joel for their visits while Randy was in the hospital recently. Thank you for continued prayers as we go through this journey into the unknown. God bless you all as well.

~Randy, Lynnette and Tyler Doty

Bulletins are sent by email every Thursday morning to anyone in our congregation who wants one. Other announcements sometimes go out to that same list. If you're not on that list and would like to be, please contact Tracy Kerr in the church office.

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. If you need a ride to Camp Mennoscah, please call the church office and let us know. Everyone is welcome!

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. Here is the link to the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FMCrelationship>. If you prefer to fill out the survey on paper, please contact Tracy about that, too. **Please complete the survey by Friday, September 13.** Thank you!