

PURPOSE Rectified

September 29, 2019

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Gathering

Gathering songs: *Holy Spirit*
Holy, holy, holy..... *H 120

Welcome..... Ryan Koehn, worship leader

Opening prayer:

One: We have come to worship you, O God;

Many: gather us in.

One: Some of us come full of happiness;

Many: gather us in.

One: Some of us come a little sore from what life brings;

Many: gather us in.

One: Some of us come indifferent or confused;

Many: gather us in.

One: We honor you –

who forms us,

who calls us each by name,

who has a purpose for our lives.

You are our God, known yet unknown,

present here yet everywhere

now and forever.

You have made us distinctly unique

and yet part of your people world-wide.

All: Gather us in

to your fierce love, your tender care,

your abundant grace.

One: We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Praising

Choral anthem: *This is the Day of Rejoicing* by Joseph M. Martin

Songs of faith: *Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah* H 50
Lord, I lift your name on high

Greet on another; children come forward

Children's focus..... Erin Graber

The work of the people (announcements)

Pastoral prayer..... Pastor Kay Schroeder

Offering: Western District Conference

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

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

Choral anthem: *Lay up your treasures in heaven* by Pepper Choplin

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: John 21:3-7, 9, 15-17

Sermon: *PURPOSE Rectified* Pastor Joel Schroeder

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Build my life*

Sending

Sending words

Choral sending: *Psalms 91* by Aleane Carter

Postlude

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

Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder; Choir; Jyl Ewy, piano; Daryl Unruh, guitar; Graham Unruh, bass; Ted Krehbiel, drums .

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

Ushers: Loren Entz, Ivan Goering, Clint Litsey

Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn and Joey Menninga Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner

Visuals: Connie Claassen Property Committee: Casson Schmidt

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 29—PURPOSE Rectified

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 4:04 PM Youth Group Bible Study

Wednesday, October 2—Church Family Night

- Homeless Shelter Week Begins
- 5:30 PM Meal served by New Life Fellowship Sunday School Class
Menu: South of the Border Taco Salad, Fruit, Bar Cookies
- 6:45 PM Children—ages 2 years to 5th grade—Gather in Room 123
- 6:45 PM Adult Bible Study
- 6:45 PM Choir (Sanctuary)
- 6:45 PM Jr. High (Room 126)
- 6:45 PM Youth Group (Youth Rooms)

Thursday, October 3

- 7:00 PM Nurture Commission
- 7:00 PM Stewardship Commission

Sunday, October 6—World Communion Sunday

- 7:45 AM Outreach, Mission and Peace Commission
- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service

Upcoming Worship Services

- October 13: Worship with our Lives
- October 20: Guest preacher: Kathy Goering Reid

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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A photograph of a person wearing a striped long-sleeved shirt, holding a large fishing net. The background is a bright, outdoor setting.

got purpose?
What On Earth Am I Here For?

SIMON PETER

A flawed yet faithful follower of Jesus

First Mennonite Church
September 29, 2019

Part 2 of 3

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- **Bible Study**—TODAY (9/29) at 4:04 pm in Youth Room! Worship - Bible Study - Fasca - Fellowship.
- **Youth Group** (Joel leading) - Wed. (10/2) at 6:46 pm. "Purposeful Living"
- **Youth Council** - Sunday (10/6) at noon o'clock. Leadership training and planning for youth group in October!

Volunteers are needed for Eureka, KS—Saturday, October 5th. Plan to meet here at First Mennonite Church at 6:00 AM, in the East gravel parking lot. We will plan to be back in Newton between 5:00 and 6:00 PM. We will be completing several roofs that were damaged in the 2018 tornado there. Transportation, tools, water and lunch will be provided. Please text, email or call Jordan Miller with any questions!

For the next few weeks we will be featuring the celebrations of 1992 and 1993 that we had at FMC. The Office Showcase is featuring the 1992 celebration of the Hobbies and Craft Fair sponsored by LIFE and the Library Showcase is featuring the 1993 celebration of Praise Events. We will continue to feature past celebrations that we have had at FMC. Hopefully, these pictures will bring back memories of exciting times from the past.

Homeless Shelter—Our next week to serve New Hope Homeless Shelter is October 2-8. If you are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 316-284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

Grocery Shower—Join us in celebrating the marriages of Ashlynn and Trevor Duerksen and Austin and Elizabeth Regier that took place this summer. The Fellowship Commission will host a grocery shower on **Sunday, October 6**, 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 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

Community Announcements

Scribble it on your calendar! Use a crayon or marker, but get that October 5 Work and Play Day at Camp Mennoscah on your calendar. These days of productivity and fun start at 8:30 AM. We will have a simple lunch, finish last details, and then the rest of the day is yours for camp fun and relaxation! Call us to let us know you are coming--620-297-3290!

Removing the dam (temporarily)! Camp Mennoscah annually removes the boards of the dam in the fall. We will remove the dam on October 6, 2:00 PM, with the chance of some preparations happening beforehand. All are welcome to join in or to watch!

Pies Needed! Help support Bethel College Women's Association by donating pies for BCWA's Pie-By-The-Slice booth at Fall Festival 2019. Bring your pies to Seminar A in Schultz Student Center from 3:30 to 6:30 PM, on Friday, October 11, or 8:00-11:00 AM, on Saturday, October 12 (no custard pies please). All proceeds go to Bethel College.

Fall Festival at Bethel College—October 10-13 with most events Saturday, October 12. For more information go to bethelks.edu/fallfest/ or Fall Fest 2019 on Facebook.

Monsters at Bethel College's Fall Festival! Camp Mennoscah is offering Monster (Cookies), water, and an assortment of souvenirs for sale at Bethel College's Fall Fest on October 12. Don't miss out on some monstrous goodies and \$5 old-style tees!

Kauffman Museum's monthly bird walk will be on October 12, to coincide with Bethel College's Fall Festival.

Bethel College Theater presents *A Shayna Maidel* by Barbara Lebow on Friday, October 11, 7:30 PM, Saturday, October 12, 3:30 PM, and Sunday, October 13, 2:00 PM, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Tickets at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00 PM, or a minimum of one hour before show time in the LFAC ticket office, subject to availability.

SAVE THE DATE—IBA BENEFIT DINNER: The annual Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) benefit dinner will take place Friday, October 18, 6:00 PM, here at **First Mennonite Church**. A smothered pork burrito dinner will be prepared and served by Chef Carlos Lujano. (Chicken and Meatless burritos available by request.) A short program with some words and greetings from Marco Güete, Director. Dinner is by donation. This is a great opportunity for a Sunday School class, small group or individuals to come to support IBA that equips Hispanic leaders in Mennonite Church USA for ministry. IBA is a program of Mennonite Education Agency's Hispanic Ministries for Leadership Development and Pastoral Education. For any inquires contact Violeta Ajquejay Suastegui at: VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org or call 316-281-4342.

Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats! Camp Mennoscah offers two fall retreats for croppers and crafters, November 1-3 and November 15-17. These retreats are for any skill level, grades 3 through adult. Register now at campmennoscah.org! The retreats are filling up fast!

Join MCC for a South Texas Borderlands learning tour, November 3-8. This learning tour will be packed with opportunities for learning about immigration. From talking with MCC partners who work in legal representation, to those that do water drops, to providing shelter to those recently released. You will also connect with people who have lived the immigrant experience, visit Mennonite churches on the border, hear perspectives from south of the border, and visit a detention center. The cost for the trip is \$700, plus airfare. Please contact anahinojosa@mcc.org or jordanpenner@mcc.org for more information.

Looking for a way to serve as the hands and feet of God? Mennonite Central Committee has vacancies that could be just right for you! **MCC Representative(s) for Northeast Asia:** This position maintains relationships with MCC partners in Democratic People's Republic of Korea and South Korea and represents MCC to churches, agencies, community groups and their leaders, and the government. **MCC Representative(s) for Ukraine:** This position provides leadership and programmatic direction to the Ukraine program. MCC Ukraine currently works in the areas of Material Resources, Education, Health, Sustainable Livelihoods, and Peace. For more information about these opportunities and more, visit serve.mcc.org!

All singers are invited to sing in the annual Hesston College Masterworks performance on Saturday, November 16. This year's performance will be *Song of Wisdom*. Rehearsals begin October 7. For more information, go to hesston.edu/masterworks or contact Russell Adrian at russell.adrian@hesston.edu or 620-327-8143.

Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats at Camp Mennoscah happening soon! The Fall Retreats are November 1-3 and November 15-17. Register online at campmennoscah.org.

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—180; Visitors—13; Sunday School—121

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$12,795. The offering for October 6 is for Mennonite Central Committee.

In Sympathy— Willard Epp (92), passed away on September 18. His memorial service was held on Saturday, September 28. We extend our condolences to Stan, Esther and the rest of the family.

FOR YOUR AWARENESS: The church office will be staffed on a very limited basis Wednesday (October 2) through Friday (October 4). Please call and leave a message or email the church office if something is needed and arrangements will be made. Sorry for any inconvenience, and thank you for your understanding. As always, contact Pastor Joel (316-215-2497) or Pastor Kay (316-217-1272) for pastoral care needs.

Thank you to Property Committee and the group of young men from Bethel College for the new mulch on the playground!

Nursery renovation update—There have been questions about the progress of the renovation. We are waiting for special order air condition/heating units to arrive. In the next few weeks we will need church help painting walls and doing our part for completion. ~John Good, Church Project Representative

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT SAFETY MONITORS NEEDED—The Safety Team and Safe Sanctuaries Committee are needing volunteers to serve as Safety Monitors during Church Family Nights. Safety Monitors will help ensure safety for all who gather at FMC. There will be two shifts (6:00-7:00 PM and 7:00-8:00 PM) each Wednesday evening for the basement and for the main floor. For more information or to volunteer, contact Pat Denno.