

Changing Seasons: Autumn

October 27, 2019

Gathering

Gathering song: *Cornerstone*

Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)

Opening words Pastor Joel Schroeder

Choral anthem: *Psalm 1* by M. Isaac Graul

Prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *This is Amazing Grace*
One Thing Remains

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Keith Knopp

Choral anthem: *The Perfect Wisdom of our God*

by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, arr. by Mary McDonald

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory: *Great are You, Lord*
(Please pass the welcome pads)

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

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: John 12:20-26; 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

Sermon: *Falling.....* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Take, O take me as I am*

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Choral sending: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* arr. by Mark Hayes

Sending words

Postlude

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, October 27—*Changing Seasons: Autumn*

7:45 AM Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
12:00 PM Safe Sanctuaries Training—FH
4:00 PM Youth Group Bible Study

Wednesday, October 30—Church Family Night

5:30 PM Meal served by Life Sharing Sunday School Class
Menu: Chili, Relishes, and Dessert
6:45 PM Children—ages 2 years to 5th grade—Gather in Room 123
6:45 PM Choir (Sanctuary)
6:45 PM Jr. High (Room 126)
6:45 PM Youth Group (Youth Rooms)
6:45 PM Prayer and Worship

Sunday, November 3—Remembrance Sunday

Daylight Saving Time Ends

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

Upcoming Worship Services

November 10: PURPOSE: Lived Out Loud
Congregational Meeting/Carry-in Lunch

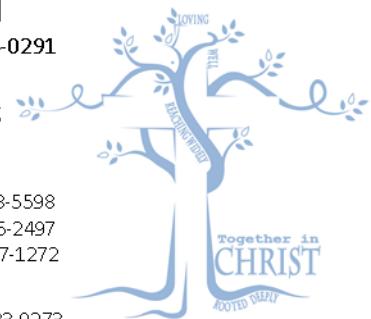
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SR. HIGH YOUTH



- **TODAY - Sunday (10/27) 4:04 PM-** Bible Study @ Joel's house (1019 Country Lane)
- **Wednesday (10/30) 6:46 PM** - Youth Group will be going to work at the MCC Meat Canner! Wear long pants and closed toed shoes.

Several years ago the church adopted a motion to renovate the Sunday school rooms on the main floor. We would like to start this project, but the money needs to be on hand before we begin. Would each of you prayerfully consider what you might do to help with this project? No gift is too small or too large. The Gathering Place and Nursery have been fully funded. We greatly appreciate your donations to complete the projects.

~The Capital Fund Committee: Janice Good, Acting Chair, Kent Erb, Dewayne Pauls, and Brian Walker.

In celebration of MCC's 100th anniversary, the K-5 Church Family Night group is learning about the mission and vision of MCC this fall. We plan to pack relief and infant kits on October 30 and November 6, respectively. If you would like to help us with our cause, we are in need of the following supplies: large bars of laundry and body soap, new bath towels, shampoo bottles, thin maxi pads, bandaids, toothbrushes, wide-tooth combs, nail clippers, infant gowns/sleepers, undershirts/onesies, receiving blankets, large heavy-duty safety pins, and a cap. There will be a box in the foyer for you to place your donations. You may also make a monetary donation. If you have any questions, please contact Marsha Schmidt, Bethanie Wedel, or Angela Black.

Newton Area MCC Meat Canning—The meat canning dates are October 29-31. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Place. Please consider giving some time to help and if you can't help, please consider giving money to pay for the cost of meat.

A support group for survivors of sexual abuse will meet under the guidance of a professional therapist on Tuesday, November 5. If you are a survivor, you are welcome. Please contact June Thomsen (316-239-8747) for further details.

Items needed for MCC kits! Central States still needs items to complete immigration detainee care kits, which provide clothing and hygiene products to people released from immigration detention centers. Items needed: New sweatpants and sweatshirts in S, M, L (men's and women's), adult sized

backpacks or small duffle bags, toothpaste—2.7-3.5 oz, and pre moistened bath wipes. Watch for a box in the Gathering Place to place items. Questions? Ask Miriam Goertzen-Regier, another member of the Outreach Commission, or learn more at mcc.org/stories/caring-strangers-through-new-kits-partnerships.

The Allies group, which supports people with various sexual identities and their families and friends, will be meeting today, 4:00 PM, at Bethel College, Will Academic Center, room 208. We will be watching a video. For more information, contact Wendy Funk Schrag at pwschrag@cox.net.

SAVE THE DATE: Decorating the church for Advent/Christmas/Epiphany on Saturday morning, November 30. Everyone invited! Mark your calendars!

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 West Zion Mennonite Church (Moundridge, KS) Concert Series continues with an event today, 7:00 PM. Featured performers include Ken Rodgers, Organ; Tropical Shores, a steel pan duo with Brad Shores & Erica Nance; The Brainflowers, an instrumental trio composed of Rebecca Schloneger, Violin; Seth Girton, Cello; and Kenna Gruber, Flute. Donna Stucky, Piano, will also perform. A free-will offering will be received; fellowship and refreshments will follow the concert.

Dementia Caregivers Support Group at Kidron Bethel Village: On the last Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM in Menno Hall Chapel, Kidron Bethel holds a support group meeting for persons who are caring for loved ones living with dementia. The group is open to participants from the wider Newton community and has affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association of Central and Western Kansas. Eric Massanari, KBV Chaplain, and Beth Penner, Associate Director of Independent Living, serve as group facilitators. Please contact Eric Massanari with any questions: 316-836-4829.

Bethel College instrumental ensembles concert—Friday, November 1, 7:30 PM in the Krehbiel Auditorium.

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. The retreats are filling up fast! Register now at campmennoscah.org!

The annual Swiss Mennonite and Historical Association banquet this year features Patricia Goering Smith, a graduate of Moundridge High School, who will talk about her book, *Revolution Revisited: Behind the Scenes in East Germany, 1989*. It tells the inspiring story of East Germany's non-violent revolution in 1989 and features a handful of mostly young activists in Leipzig, East Germany. The organization and actions of this small group of activists mobilized the movement for democratic reforms and ultimately brought down the East German state and the Berlin Wall and changed the world. The banquet will be held at the Pine Village Wellness Center in Moundridge on November 7, 6:00 PM. The cost of the meal is \$20 per plate payable at the door. RSVP by texting or calling Nancy Stucky, 620-532-5693, by November 2.

Volunteer with SWAP: Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) is a program of MCC Great Lakes, addressing multiple challenges of low-income families in Appalachia, including home repair and personal need. Groups of all ages are an essential component of SWAP's ministry and can now sign up for 2020. Please consider forming a group, large or small, to come and experience a week at one of the locations in West Virginia or Kentucky. For more information go to swap.mcc.org or call Angela Maggard at 606-633-5065.

SafeHope Holiday Gala—Friday, November 8, 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend this event at the Meridian Center, Newton. The suggested donation is \$40 per person. Please RSVP to SafeHope by October 30. (284-6922)

Everyone is invited to the Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College, November 22-23. A special invitation is extended to youth groups to attend an Urban Doxology Worship Experience, Friday, November 22, 7:00 PM, in Krehbiel Auditorium in the Luyken Fine Arts Center. The worship experience will feature the Urban Doxology worship band. For more information, see urbandoxology.com. The event is part of the biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium at the college, which this year is "Many Cultures, One Worship: A Foretaste of a Reconciled Heaven in a Broken World." Registration for the symposium is required, but not for the Friday evening event, where a freewill offering will be received for Harvest of Love and the Newton Community for Racial Justice. **If three or more people from the congregation register together, there is a discount. Talk to Anita Kehr if you're interested.**

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) has urgent need for volunteers in Florida, Texas, North Carolina and California. For more information about how to vacation with a purpose this winter, call 1-800-241-8111 or visit mds.mennonite.net.

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—182; Visitors—4; Sunday School—124

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$5,355. The offering for November 3 is for Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

Thank you for showering us with groceries and recipes! We have enjoyed trying new ideas and appreciate such a loving and supportive church family.

~Trevor and Ashlynn Duerksen

Pictorial Directory—First Mennonite is working on a new pictorial directory and your participation is needed! Pictures will be taken Friday, November 29, (2:00-9:00 PM), Saturday, November 30, (10:00 AM-5:00 PM) and Monday-Wednesday, December 2-4, (2:00-9:00 PM). Signup for appointments starting **today, October 27, in the Gathering Place** after Sunday School and after the worship service.

Casa Betania is delighted to invite representatives of sister churches Bethel College Mennonite Church, First Mennonite and Shalom to the installation service for Pastora Graciela Tijerina **today**. The service will be at 4:00 PM, in the sanctuary shared by First Mennonite Church and Casa Betania. Following the service, there will be a potluck reception in the Fellowship Hall. Participants are invited to bring cold foods to share (small sandwiches, breads, cheese, vegetables, fruits, cookies, etc.).

Our Fall Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, November 10, 12:30 PM, after our carry-in noon meal. Agenda items include an update on future church pastoral staffing, budget approval, action on board and committee nominations and open sharing. For the noon meal, please bring a covered dish or dessert to share and your table service. Drinks will be provided.

~Don Schmidt, Congregation Moderator