

PURPOSE Realized

November 10, 2019

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Gathering

Gathering song: *Rain down*

Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)

Choral introit: *Open my ears, open my eyes* by James E. Clemens

Prayer Pastor Anita Kehr

Praising

Songs of faith: *You're worthy of my praise*
10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Jenna Ratzlaff

Choral anthem: *How can I keep from singing* by Craig Courtney

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory: *Proclaim the Glory of the Lord* by Liles and Borop
(Please pass the welcome pads)

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

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33 Sara Rickard, reader

Sermon: *Defining Moments* Pastor Joel Schroeder

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Build my life*

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Choral sending song: *Lift Your Light* by Mary McDonald

Sending words

Postlude: *Proclaim the Glory of the Lord* arr. Verhaalen

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder; Musicians: Jyl Ewy, pianist; Amanda Rempel, organist;
Joan Entz, Dan Miller, Hope Ewy, vocalists; Ted Krehbiel, drums; Joey Menninga, bass;
Ben Regier, guitar.
Nurse: Shirley Dietzel, Kathleen Andres, Michelle Regier
Childcare: Laura or Greg Myers, Jenna Ratzlaff, Brooklynn Black
Ushers: Bob Schmidt, Brian Walker, Heath Kerr, Donnie Kingsley
Audio Tech: Ryan Goertzen-Regier Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy
Visuals: Cindy Unruh Property Committee: Casson 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, November 10—PURPOSE: *Realized*—Matthew 14:22-33

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Fall Congregational Meeting/Potluck

Monday, November 11

- 4:00 PM Worship Commission

Tuesday, November 12

- 7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission

Wednesday, November 13—Church Family Night

No Church Family Night Meal

- 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 Bible Study

Thursday, November 14

- 7:00 PM Church Board

Sunday, November 17—*Benedictus*

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 1:30 PM Messiah Practice—Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM Youth Group Bible Study

Upcoming Worship Services

- November 24—Celebration and Farewell for Joel Schroeder and Kay Schroeder.
Potluck to follow.

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got purpose?
What On Earth Am I Here For?

SIMMON
PETER

A flawed yet faithful follower of Jesus

First Mennonite Church
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SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday, Nov. 10 @ noon - Congregational Meeting
- Wednesday, Nov. 13 @ 6:46 pm - Youth Group
- Sunday, Nov. 17 @ 4:04 pm - Bible Study (Host?)
- Tuesday, Nov. 19 - Turkey Dinner Fundraiser PREP
- Wednesday, Nov. 20 - TURKEY DINNER FUNDRAISER

Pastor Joel and Pastor Kay's last Sunday with us will be November 24. Everyone is invited to attend the church service at 10:30 AM, followed by a potluck (especially main and side dishes) and a time of sharing and celebration. We would appreciate your help by inviting your family and friends to join us, especially those who are former youth group members or youth sponsors and those who are former choir singers or have received pastoral caregiving from Pastor Kay. We hope you can join us as we remember and celebrate Pastor Joel and Pastor Kay's years of ministry with us.

Mark your calendars for the Youth Group Annual Turkey Dinner—Wednesday, November 20, 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to join the fun and fellowship! Donations will be accepted to go towards the summer mission trip.

The Mennonite—It is time for us to renew our subscriptions for *The Mennonite*. If you would like to renew your subscription the group rate is \$37. **Subscriptions are due November 24.** Please return the form that was in your church mailbox to the office and make checks payable to First Mennonite Church with *The Mennonite* on the memo line.

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.

Harvest of Love—Throughout November and December, the Salvation Army invites you to join in our annual food and fund drive to support people in need in our county. Items always needed are canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce, hamburger helper, tuna helper, cereal (of any kind), peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, and soups. A box is available in the Court Area, starting **today**, to collect nonperishable items. If you wish to make a monetary donation you may write

a check to "Harvest of Love" and place it in the offering. Every donation is a gift that makes a difference in our neighbors' lives!

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 duffel bags, toothpaste—2.7-3.5 oz, and pre-moistened bath wipes. Look for the box for the items in the Gathering Place through December 1. Questions? Ask Miriam Goertzen-Regier, another member of the Outreach Commission, or learn more at mcc.org/stories/caring-strangers-through-new-kits-partnerships.

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

Community Announcements

RSVP now for the next MCC Lunch & Learn! Please join us on Thursday, November 14, noon-1:00 PM, at Mennonite Central Committee in North Newton as we enjoy lunch and hear from Rosie Epp about her recent trip to Ukraine. Epp traveled with the boards from MCC U.S. and MCC Canada to see where MCC's work began nearly 100 years ago and to visit the work currently happening in Ukraine. Please RSVP by November 11 by calling 283-2720 or email patsydirksen@mcc.org. Suggested donation for lunch is \$10 and please let us know if you have a food allergy. Find out more at mcc.org/lunchandlearn.

Come out to Hesston College's Yost Center Friday, November 15 for an evening of basketball, games, fun, prizes and entertainment at the Alumni/Community Basketball Night. The women's game will be at 6:00 PM, and the men's game at 8:00 PM. Free admission for all! High school youth are invited to a devotional time led by men's basketball coach Dustin Galyon in the Yost Center Team Room during halftime of the women's game.

Hesston College Music presents its annual masterworks concert on Saturday, November 16, at Hesston Mennonite Church, featuring Hesston College choirs, community members, and orchestra in "Song of Wisdom" from *Old Turtle* and narrated by faculty emeritus Jim Yoder. Family program is from 4:15 to 5:00 PM with full program at 7:00 PM. Admission is free. A free-will offering will be collected to help offset program costs.

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.**

Christmas for Volunteers! Camp Mennoscah is hosting a gathering for all who have volunteered this year, last year, or many years ago on December 14 at 2:30 PM. We'll have cookies and snacky items, hot drinks, games, and whatever reasonable activity you can think of—it's a time to enjoy camp and other camp folks.

The Mennonite Mission Network Board is seeking an Executive Director to lead Mission Network's ministry into the next chapter of growth. Mission Network, an agency of Mennonite Church USA, is commissioned to lead, mobilize and equip the church to participate in holistic witness to Jesus Christ in a broken world. The agency envisions all parts of the church being fully engaged in mission—across the street, all through the marketplaces and around the world. Find the complete position description at MennoniteMission.net/about/employment. To apply send resume and position application to EDSearch4MMN@gmail.com with "Executive Director Inquiry" in the subject line. All inquiries will be held in confidence.

Looking for a way to connect with people and engage with Mennonite Central Committee's supporters? We're hiring an Alumni Engagement Coordinator! The person in this salaried position will coordinate the alumni experience and support colleagues in strategic engagement of alumni. Application close date is November 18. For more information and to apply, please visit: serve.mcc.org.

Looking for that next great adventure? MCC SALT positions now available! Take chances. Make mistakes. Get messy. Be challenged. Learn some things. Teach some things. Spend a year living somewhere that you never dreamed you'd go... Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. Through SALT, Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S. serve internationally in a wide variety of positions in fields like education, agriculture, health care, information technology, peace and more! Start now at salt.mcc.org, to find answers to frequently asked questions, assignment options and to apply. Application close date 02/15/20.

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 316.283.2720 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—201; Visitors—10; Sunday School—151

Offering: Last week's offering for AMBS was \$699 and Local Mission was \$14,015. The offering for November 17 is for Local Mission.

Pastoral Transition: As we gather and listen to Pastor Joel this morning, please be aware that this will be his final "regular" sermon at First Mennonite Church. Pastor Joel's, as well as Pastor Kay's, final Sunday at FMC will be November 24.

In Sympathy—Lon Walker (83), Brian Walker's father, passed away on October 31. We extend our condolences to Brian, Barb, Andrew, and Grant.

In Sympathy—Velora Peters (93) passed away on November 1. Her memorial service will be here at FMC on Friday, November 22, 11:00 AM, with a light lunch following. We extend our condolences to Velora's family.

Our Fall Congregational Meeting is today, 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

It's time to take the "life ropes" down! If you made a life rope during our August 11 "God's Story/Our Story" service, it's time to pick it up from the Fellowship Hall. Please look for yours, and then take it with you. Thank you!

There will be no Church Family Night Meal this Wednesday, November 13. All other activities will continue as planned at 6:45 PM.

MESSIAH CHOIR REHEARSAL—Sunday, November 17, 1:30-3:00 PM, is the first choir rehearsal for singing Handel's *Messiah*. Everyone ages 14 and older are invited and encouraged to participate! Books may be checked out or purchased for \$15. Questions? Contact Matthew Graber.