

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 3—Remembrance Sunday

Daylight Saving Time Ends

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Youth Council

Wednesday, November 6—Church Family Night

- 5:30 PM Meal served by Living Stones Sunday School Class
Menu: Pizza, Salad, Cookies
- 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 7

- 7:00 PM Nurture Commission

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

Upcoming Worship Services

November 17— Benedictus

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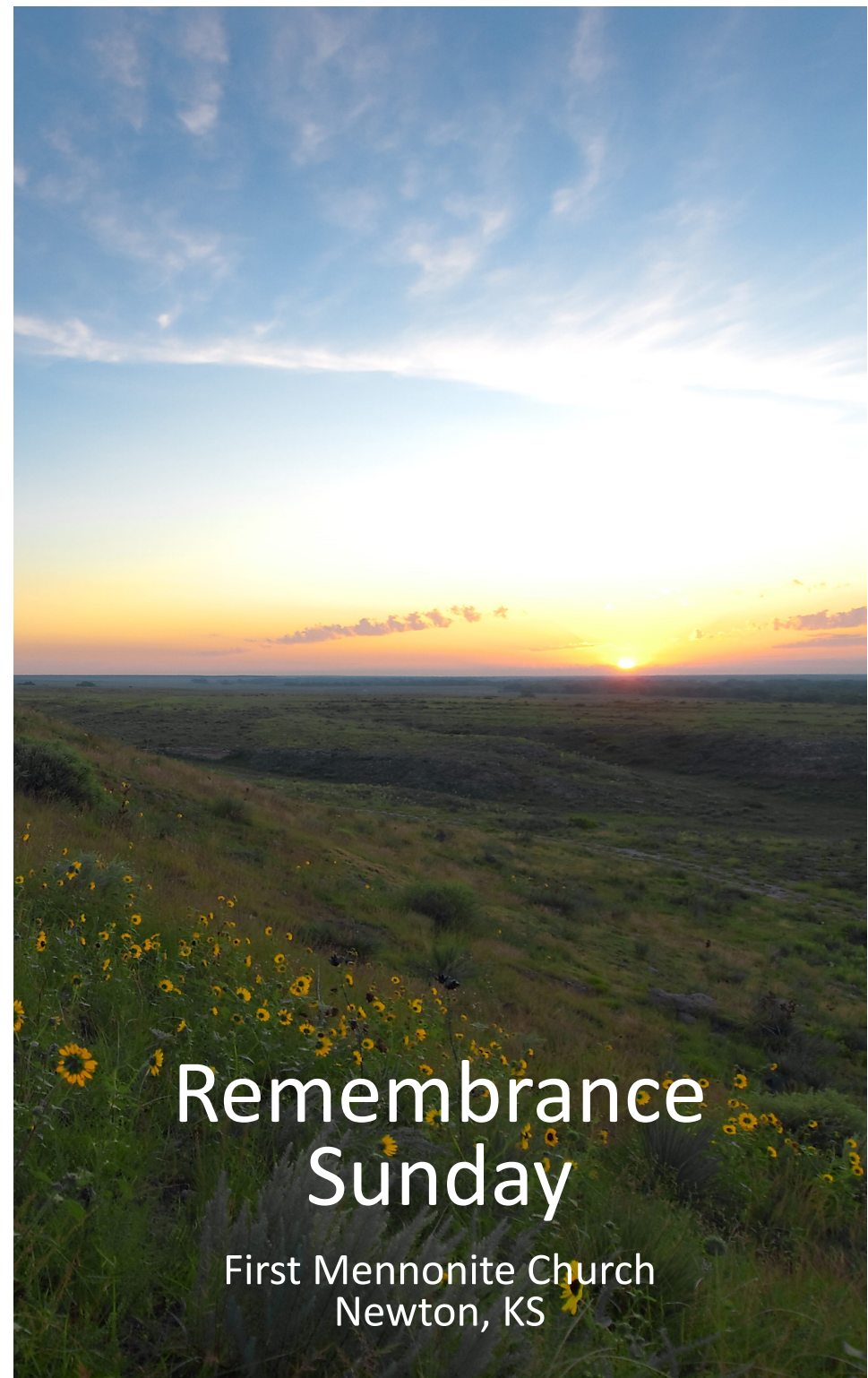
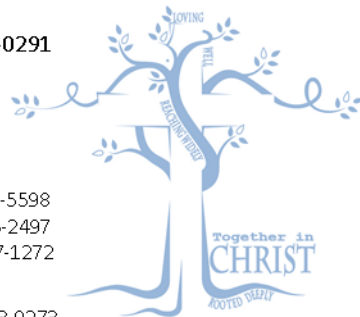
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SR. HIGH YOUTH



- TODAY (Sunday, 11/3) @ 12 noon = Youth Council extended version
- Wednesday (11/6) @ 6:46 pm = Youth Group
- Sunday (11/10) @ 12:30 pm = Fall Congregational Meeting
- Sunday (11/17) @ 4:04 pm = Bible Study

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.

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 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.

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.

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. 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.

Community Announcements

Bethel Sings, featuring the Women's Chorus, Men's Ensemble, Woven, Open Road, Concert Choir, and soloists, will be today, November 3, 4:00 PM, at Bethel College Mennonite Church.

Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group will meet Tuesday, November 5, 2:00 PM, in Menno Hall. Constance Gehring's program will focus on acupuncture as a way of helping those with Parkinson's.

You are invited to join MC USA staff in the Newton offices (718 N Main St, Newton KS) to hear from Mennonite Mission Network International Service Workers, Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton, on Friday November 8, 10:00 AM. They will share about the ministries in which they are involved in Ecuador. Peter and Delicia coordinate Ecuador Partnership roles with intercultural and indigenous churches, and ministries like the Quito's church refugee program and after-school support for children.

Hesston College's annual talent show will be Saturday, November 9, 8:00 PM, at Hesston Mennonite Church. Free and open to the public!

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.

Come out to Hesston College's Yost Center Friday, November 15 for an evening of basketball, games, fun, prizes and entertainment at 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-age 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.**

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.

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—167; Visitors—7; Sunday School—141

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$8,579. The offering for November 10 is for Local Mission.

Congratulations to Chloe Denno and Grant Gaeddert who were married Saturday, November 2. May God grant them many years together.

Welcome to Elias Reyes who is helping to provide music this morning. Elias regularly participates with the Casa Betania congregation but has recently joined the FMC choir and is graciously sharing his musical gifts with our congregation.

Several names were omitted on the ballot attached to the Annual Report. The names to add are: Moderator—Don Schmidt; Nurture Commission—Bethanie Wedel; Financial Stewardship Committee—Brian Kennell; Property Committee—Mason Unruh; and Gifts Discernment Committee—Delora Decker.

~Gift Discernment Committee

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). Please sign up for appointments **today in the Gathering Place** after Sunday School and after the worship service.

The Wednesday evening adult Bible study will complete our journey with Paul through Greece focusing on Athens this Wednesday (November 6) and Corinth the following Wednesday (November 13). All are welcome.

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