

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, May 1—Lament and Praise (Series on prayer begins)

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

### Monday, May 2

Jail Ministry: Gary and Ruby Moore, Arlen Wiens

### Wednesday, May 4

- 7:00 PM Youth Group
- 7:30 PM Worship band

### Thursday, May 5

- 7:00 PM Nurture Commission

### Sunday, May 8—Praying with open hands

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

### Upcoming Worship Services

- May 15—Prayer and the Holy Spirit (Pentecost)
- May 22—Prayers of petition and intercession (anointing)



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# Lament and Praise

## Sunday, May 1, 2016

**Song of faith:** *By the waters of Babylon* ..... \*H 148

**Sermon:** *Honesty and Hard Work* ..... Pastor Anita Kehr

**Lament** ..... Kathy Wiens

**Scripture:** Psalm 138:1-5 (NIV)

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## Gathering

**Prelude** ..... Amanda Rempel, organist/pianist  
*Look, you saints* arr. David N. Johnson

**Gathering song:** *In Lonely Mountain Ways*

**The work of the people (announcements)**

**Call to worship** ..... June Thomsen, worship leader

**Opening prayer**

**Songs of faith:** *Create in Me a Clean Heart*  
*Take My Whole Heart*

**Greet one another; children come forward**

## Hearing God's Word

**Children's focus** ..... Marsha Schmidt

**Offering:** Camp Mennoscah

**Offertory:** *All things bright and beautiful* arr. Dale Wood  
(Please pass the welcome pads)

**Scripture:** Psalm 137:1-8 (NRSV) ..... Kaitlyn Black, reader

## Responding to God's Word

**Song of faith:** *Psalm 121*

**Pastoral prayer** ..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

## Sending

**Sending song:** *On the wings of an eagle*

**Blessing**

**Postlude:** *Toccata* Eberlin

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\*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book

\*\*CS denotes Companion Songbook

Musicians: Ben Regier, Dwayne Abrahams, Ken Regier, Tim Regier, Austin Regier, Carol Entz

Chorister: Daryl Unruh; Vocalists: Amy Regier, Kathleen Neff, Bryan Kehr, Ken Regier

Childcare: Greg or Laura Myers, Lia Groves

Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, Donnie Kingsley, Allen Schmidt

Audio Tech: Roy Goering Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering

Visuals: Pat Litsey

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### Our Mission is to glorify God:

- Through expressing our love to God in worship.
- Through experiencing Christian love in community.
- Through extending God's love to the world.

all First Mennonite and Casa Betania campers. The sign-up sheets for scholarships will go up on the bulletin board in the court area soon.

**The Caregiving and Membership Commission** is once again sponsoring the much-appreciated adopt-a-month congregational caregiving program. We are asking Sunday School classes, families, or individuals to adopt a month for a period of one year. During the month you adopt, you will visit individuals on or near their birthday who can no longer attend church. You can take them a birthday card, cookies, or just visit. Months have included between one and four people to visit. Sunday School classes are encouraged to sign up for the larger months. The sign-up sheets will be in the Court Area on **Sunday, May 8, and Sunday, May 15.**

**Our next week to serve at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter** is May 11-17. Please contact Lee Penner at 316-284-2154 if you are able to help.

**MECHANICAL & PLUMBING TRADES NEEDED!** If you work in the mechanical or plumbing trades or are well skilled in that field we need your help this summer to complete the Nuñez Partnership Home Project in Wakefield, NE. At some point during the week of **May 8,** we need to install the below-grade plumbing before the basement floor is poured. Then the week of **July 3,** we need to install the mechanical and plumbing rough-in. And finally, the week of **August 7,** we need to set fixtures and final trim. There will also be sewer and water service to install at some point. No local license is required and inspections will conform to the 2012 IRC including the mechanical and

## COLLEGE-AGE YOUNG ADULTS

HEY! College-age Young Adults! Join us Sunday @ 9:15 a.m. in Room 110 for conversation, coffee, cinnamon rolls, and a chance to connect/re-connect!

## SR. HIGH YOUTH

"Get ←.....→ CONNECTED"

Expressing love of God in worship  
Experiencing love in community  
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- ▶▶ **Sunday, May 1 (TODAY)**
  - ⇒ 9:15 am—Sunday School
- ▶▶ **Wednesday, May 4**
  - ⇒ 7:02 pm—Youth & PARENTS = Summer Mission Trip Details / Plans / Evaluations
- ▶▶ **Weeks of June 19, 26, and July 5**
  - ⇒ Summer Mission Trip prep gatherings (x3)



plumbing code. If you would be willing to help with any portion of this please contact Jordan Miller very soon. Please call 316-212-3255 or email [jordan@millerconstruction.org](mailto:jordan@millerconstruction.org).

**Cards are available in the pews** for you to share your thoughts, prayer requests, ask for a visit, or whatever you would like to communicate. Remember to sign them and put them in the offering plate.

**Prayer is one of God's gifts to us.** If you would like to pray in a set-aside room for that purpose, the prayer room is available whenever the church is open in Room #113. The weekly prayer and praise notes can remind you of some of the situations needing intercession.

### Community Announcements

**KIPCOR Film Series wraps up with *The Waiting Room***—Today, May 1, 3:00 PM, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Talk-back session will follow with Dr. Ted Cook, medical director of the emergency department at Newton Medical Center.

**The final concert of the 2015-16 Prairie Window Concert Series,** featuring Walnut Valley Festival favorites The Steel Wheels, will be today, May 1, 4:00 PM at the Wichita Orpheum Theatre. Tickets cost \$29, plus tax. Convenience fees apply if reserving by phone or online. Reserve tickets online at [wichitaorpheum.com/events](http://wichitaorpheum.com/events) or in person at the INTRUST Bank Arena Box office. The concert is hosted by the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston.

**The Allies Group,** which supports people with various sexual identities and their families and friends, will be meeting Sunday, May 8, 4:00 PM, in the southeast corner basement Sunday School room. For more information contact Tim Wiens (MD).

**The Dyck Arboretum of the Plains** will host a "pop-up concert" featuring "chamber-grass" sister band, *SHEL* on Thursday, May 5, 7:00 PM. The concert will take place in the Prairie Pavilion at the Arboretum overlooking the lake. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Join us for an evening of great music in a prairie garden setting. Tickets are \$20 adults/\$10 kids, may be purchased at the door. Call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

**Student-directed one-act plays**—Thursday, May 5 and Friday, May 6, 7:00 PM, at Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College; rated PG-13 for language and some adult subject matter.

**Masterworks concert—Sunday, May 8, 3:00 PM**, featuring *Te Deum* by Bruckner and *Choral Fantasy* by Beethoven, along with presentation of the second Goering Music Award. The concert will be at Memorial Hall at Bethel College; tickets at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, or at the door.

**Thank you for your generous response** to our recent request for kits supplies. We still have a number of school and infant kits to complete. We welcome your time to come and fellowship and assemble the kits along with donated items to complete them. As of now, we need gowns/sleepers (flannel or similar warm, soft material) size 3-9 months for the Infant Care Kits and colored pencils (pack of 12) for the School Kits. A friendly reminder: we do not need toothpaste for any of the relief kits. Please come on your own or bring a group. You can let us know of your attendance by calling 283-2720.

**SWAP needs summer staff!** Summer will be here before we know it, and Mennonite Central Committee's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) program is seeking summer staff for three-month assignments in Kentucky and West Virginia. Job site coordinators utilize volunteer labor to accomplish quality home remodels/repairs, while meals coordinators plan balanced, nutritional meals for volunteers. Summer staff are a critical component of SWAP's successful ministry, as they help facilitate the weekly SWAP service groups working on housing repair for low-income persons. Summer staff vary in age from 19 to 70+, and they receive meals, lodging and a weekly stipend for their service. For more information go to [swap.mcc.org](http://swap.mcc.org) or call Angela at 606-633-5065.

**Know a young person who enjoys sports, theater, writing or coding?** Goshen College is offering day-time summer camps for pre-K through high school ages! Learn more and sign up at [goshen.edu/summercamp](http://goshen.edu/summercamp).

**Just a few more openings!** Camp Mennoscah has just a few more openings for kitchen helpers for our summer youth camps. We'd love to have a couple more helpers for July 17-23 and July 24-29. No great skill needed, just the ability to follow directions and a love for camp. Parents receive a camper discount. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.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 at the back of the Sanctuary. Childcare is available for children ages 2-4 during 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!

**“Meet the Congregation”** displays now feature LaWanda Wiens, Connie Weber, and Scott and Cindy Erb. Take a look at the display cases by the Library and Court Area and learn about each family.

#### **First Mennonite Church by the numbers**

##### **Attendance:**

- Worship—244; Visitors—9
- Sunday School—216

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$8,079. The offering for May 8 is for Local Mission.

**In Sympathy—**Elsie Epp (87) passed away on Saturday, April 23. Her memorial service will be here at First Mennonite on Monday, May 2. We extend our condolences to Willard, Stan, Esther, and the rest of Elsie's family.

**Congratulations** to Sean Claassen and Michelle Kaufman who were married on Saturday, April 30. May God grant them many years.

**Spring Congregational meeting action:** Affirming the call to Pastor Anita for a four-year term beginning September 13, 2016, a 98% approval vote was given at our meeting on Sunday, April 24. There were eighty-nine “yes” votes and two “no” votes for a total of 91 cast. ~Janice Good, Moderator

**With gratitude I accept** the call to another term to serve as pastor with you here at First Mennonite Church. I look forward with hope to the ways that God will continue to move us and to move among us. ~Pastor Anita

**It's time to sign up for Camp Mennoscah!** To receive your early registration discount of \$10 please have your registration arrive at camp before May 1. When you fill out your registration, there is a line that asks if you have a scholarship. You do! Our church will again be providing \$100 scholarships for