

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 15—Prayer and the Holy Spirit (Pentecost)

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

Monday, May 16

Jail Ministry: Jerry Regier
7:00 PM Worship Commission
7:00 PM Property Committee

Tuesday, May 17

9:30 AM Women's Fellowship at MCC

Wednesday, May 18

7:00 PM Worship Band

Sunday, May 22—Prayers of petition and intercession (anointing)

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



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Prayer and the Holy Spirit-Pentecost

Sunday, May 15, 2016

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Gathering

PreludeDonna Stucky, organist/pianist

Gathering song: *Holy Spirit, come with power* *H 26

The work of the people (announcements)

Call to worship.....H 669
Miriam Regier, worship leader

Opening prayer

Songs of faith: *Like the murmur of the dove's song*H 29
Joys are flowing like a riverH 301

Greet one another; children come forward

Hearing God's Word

Children's focusAndrea Regier

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Song of faith: *Through our fragmentary prayers*H 347

Scripture: Romans 8:5-9, 26-31

Sermon: *May the Force be with you*Pastor Joel Schroeder

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *O Master, let me walk with thee*H 357

Pastoral prayer Pastor Anita Kehr

Sending

Sending song: *Move in our midst*H 418

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book

**CS denotes Companion Songbook

Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder; Vocalists: Alice Huxman, Renee Hamm,

Forrest Miller, Kent Erb

Childcare: Phil or Linda Gaertner, Addie Regier

Ushers: Gus Dorado, Ray Franz, Mike Garcia, Allen Schmidt

Audio Tech: Larry Becker Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner

Visuals: Pat Litsey

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.

Women's Fellowship/Mission Work Day is Tuesday, May 17, 9:00 AM-12:00 noon. We will meet at MCC in North Newton and work there until noon. Ella Regier will have devotions and the offering will be for MCC. We plan to have lunch at China Inn, 411 N Main, Newton, at noon.

Pastor Joel will be out of the office May 19-30, 2016.

Men's Grubfast—Saturday, May 21, 8:00 AM. Males of all ages are welcome to attend. Plan to bring your favorite breakfast item to share with the group. The location will be announced soon.

Mennonite Disaster Service—CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS. Your help is needed to respond to the clean-up and rebuilding efforts following the spring wildfires in the Medicine Lodge area. There are several miles of fence to clean up, some brush removal, many corner posts to remove and replace, and installing new fencing. Volunteers are needed for Saturday, May 21. We are looking for approximately 50 volunteers. Lunch and transportation will be arranged. Please contact Jordan Miller at 316-212-3255 or jordan@millerconstruction.org for more information.

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.

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
Extending God's love to the world

**COMING
EVENTS**

- ▶▶ Sunday, May 15 (TODAY)
⇒ 9:15 am—Sunday School
- ▶▶ June 8-10
⇒ Nuñez PHP Parking Lot Build
- ▶▶ June 23, 30, and July
⇒ Summer Mission Trip prep
- ▶▶ July 10-16
⇒ Summer Mission Trip (Wakefield, NE)
- ▶▶ July 17
⇒ Youth Sunday

*If anyone
is in
Christ
he is a
new creation
2 Cor 5:17*



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

Open Road will have a concert today, 7:00 PM, in Memorial Hall at Bethel College.

Kids Summer Food Program needs your help! The Summer Food program serves nearly 10,000 meals for breakfast, lunch, and dinner to children throughout Newton and Harvey County. If you would like to help make sure these meals are served in a clean and friendly environment, please come to the training on Monday, May 16, 5:30-6:00 PM, at Peace Connections, 601 N Main Street, Suite 303 (above Prairie Harvest). You can volunteer once a week or a month, for any of the meal times. For more information call 284-0000 or email info@peaceconnections.org.

Thank you for your generous response to our recent request for kit 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.

Reception for annual Senior Art Show—Friday, May 20, 7:00-9:00 PM. It will be held outside the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Senior art majors are Sondra Buller, Xi Cheng, Erin Doerksen and Claire McStravick.

Prairie View invites the public to A Beautiful View on June 2, 6:00-8:00 PM at the Prairie View main campus in Newton. This art exhibition will feature pieces by over 30 area artists whose lives have been touched by mental illness, whether through personal struggle or because they care for someone who lives with a mental health disorder. Participants will listen to live jazz and other original music while enjoying heavy hors d'oeuvres, browsing art, including pieces for sale, and bidding on silent and live auction items. The live auction will begin at 7:15 PM. All proceeds benefit Prairie View's programs. Tickets for *A Beautiful View* are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. To purchase tickets in advance, call 316-284-6443.

Hesston College Preschool is currently enrolling for preschool starting this Fall. There are openings in the Monday-Wednesday-Friday Pre-K program designed for 4-year-old children entering Kindergarten the following school year. The preschool program provides: child and teacher directed activities through experiential hands-on learning, emphasis on social, math and literacy skills, as well as other skills needed for school success. Contact Larisa Lawrence at larisa.lawrence@hesston.edu or 620-327-8161 for enrollment information.

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 meal 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 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.

Camp Mennoscah loves having new friends visit! Everyone is invited to bring a friend with them this summer—it's a great way to share fun and faith! Returning campers and their first-time friends get a free camp t-shirt. Fearless Faith: Courage in Community is our theme for the summer. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org.

Summer Story Time begins Tuesday, June 14, with Marjie Warkentine, Storyteller. Ages 3-8 are invited to join this animal adventure. Summer Story Time will be 10:00-10:45 AM in the children's library at the Western District Offices. Register now at <http://goo.gl/forms/TGmHI5odLO> or you can email/call crilib@mennowdc.org, 316-283-6300 (Space is limited).



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 LaVerna Schierling, Ryan and Angela Nye and family, and Kathleen Andres. Take a look at the display cases by the Library and Court Area and learn more about each family.

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—216; Visitors—10
- Sunday School—178

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$8,245. The offering for May 22 is for Local Mission.

The flowers on the organ are in memory of Rhonda Krehbiel.

Update on Manon Ducroquet's health—The doctors are offering brain surgery. The plan is that one tuber will be removed on June 7, in St Louis. It may not make Manon seizure free but should be a good improvement on the number of seizures.

Congratulations 2016 Graduates! Newton High School—Shawn Bontrager, Cristian Diaz, Susannah Epp, Hunter Kerr, Mitchell Murphy, and Morgan Murphy. **Bethel College**—Haleigh Kerr, Jenson Kingsley, Christian Krehbiel, Michelle Peachey, Tim Regier, Erin Regier, and Abby Schrag. **Bluffton University**—Bethanie Wedel. If you know of additional graduates please share their name(s) with the church office so we can all celebrate their accomplishments!

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 **today, May 15**.