

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, August 14—Building Together: Dedication

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

### Monday, August 15

Jail Ministry: Jerry Regier  
7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission  
7:00 PM Property Committee

### Saturday, August 20

7:00 PM PHP Celebration—Son Wray Ranch

### Sunday, August 21—Baptism Testimonies

9:15 AM Sunday School—Gary and Carla Histan presentation-FH  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
12:00 Noon Vision and Mission Potluck—FH

### Upcoming Worship Services

August 21—Baptism Testimonies  
August 28—Celebration of Baptism, Membership, and Communion



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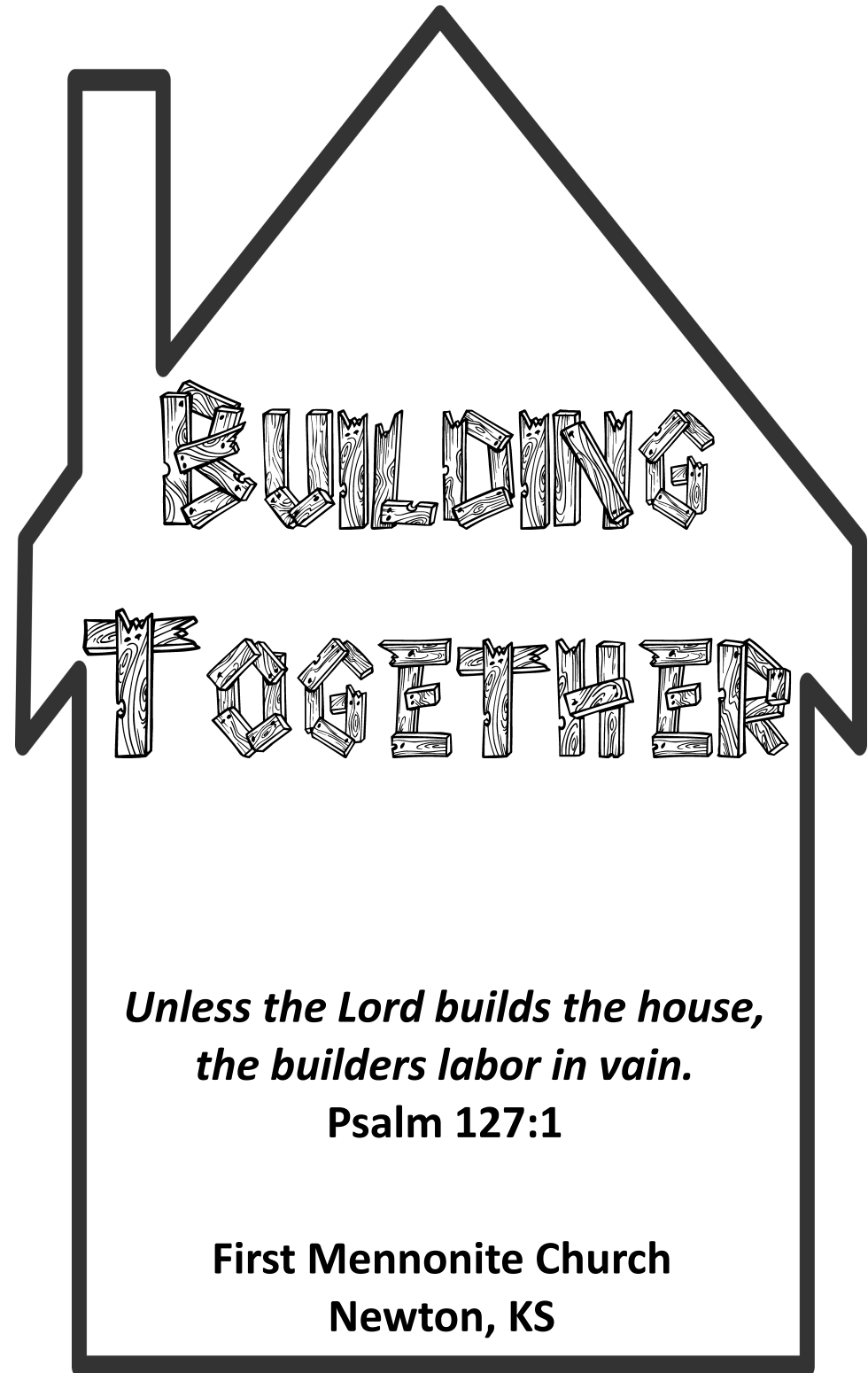
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# Dedication

## Sunday, August 14, 2016

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### Gathering

**Gathering music**.....Amanda Entz, organist /pianist

**Gathering song:** *Now thank we all our God* ..... \*H 86

**Morning shift updates (announcements)**..... Pastor Kay Schroeder

**Sharing from the house dedication service**..... Carol Entz

**Litany of Thanksgiving**..... Jordan Miller, leader

**Calling all workers for worship** ..... John Good

**Greeting the Builder (opening prayer)**

**Songs of praise to the One in charge:**

*My soul is filled with joy*

*Praise, I will praise you, Lord* ..... H 76

**Greet co-workers: workers in training (children) come forward**

### Hearing God's Word

**On the job training (children's focus)**..... Marissa Murphy

**Offering for labor and materials:** Local Mission

**Offertory**

(Please pass the welcome pads)

**Reading from the building manual (Scripture):** 1 Peter 2:4-10; Psalm 127:1a  
Jim Enz and Rod Wedel, readers

**Additional instructions and information (Sermon):**

*It is Finished* ..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

### Responding to God's word

**Song to work by:** *Lord of light, your name outshining*.....H 410

**Back to school recognition**.....Pastor Anita Kehr

**Communicating with the Main Contractor (Pastoral Prayer)**

### Sending

**Song of encouragement for building as we leave:**

*Praise God from whom* ..... H 118

**Final instructions (Blessing)**..... Kevin Hamm

### Postlude

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\*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book    \*\*CS denotes Companion Songbook  
NPHP Task Force: Rod Wedel, Jordan Miller, Jim Enz, John Good, Carol Entz, Joel Schroeder, Kevin Hamm, Addie Regier  
Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder; HAT: Brent Voran, tenor; Larry Entz, bass;  
Carol Entz, soprano; Wendy Schrag, alto  
Ushers: Bob Schmidt, Brian Walker, Heath Kerr, Allen Schmidt  
Childcare: Chris or Stephanie Weaver, Schyler Entz  
Audio Tech: Graham Unruh      Video/Lighting Tech: Tyler Shelly  
Visuals: Carol Hiebert

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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.

**Our FIRST celebration**—On Saturday, August 20, please join us to celebrate the house that was built at Wakefield NE. The celebration will be held at Son Wray Ranch (5420 NW 24th Street), 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Please join us for a short program at 7:30 PM, as well as homemade ice cream, cake, and fellowship with our partnering churches! Directions to Son Wray Ranch: Go west on 12th Street to Ridge Road. Turn right on Ridge Road and go one mile to 24th Street. Turn right on 24th street for a quarter of a mile. Son Wray is on the left side of the road. If you need a ride, please call the Church Office by Thursday, August 18.

**Vision & Mission kick-off! On Sunday, August 21**, we as a congregation will be embarking on a three-month journey to discern vision and mission for First Mennonite Church. This journey begins with a carry-in meal after the worship service. Please bring food to share with others and tableware. Drinks will be provided. **EVERYONE** is encouraged to attend, to pray, and to fully participate in the process.

**Baptism Celebration—August 27 and 28.** We, as the Body of Christ, celebrate the baptisms of Kaitlyn Black, Callie Knopp, and Emma Krehbiel! Kaitlyn and Callie will be baptized at Camp Mennoscah on Saturday, August 27, 6:00 PM. Emma will be baptized at East Lake on Sunday, August 28, 8:00 AM. The celebration will continue in the worship service on Sunday, August 28. **EVERYONE** is welcome to attend these events.

**Grocery Shower**—Join us in celebrating the marriage of Haleigh (Kerr) and Brody Machmer that took place on July 2. The Fellowship Commission will host a grocery shower on **Sunday, August 28** between Sunday School and the worship service (**10:00-10:30**) in the Fellowship Hall. The congregation is invited to come

## SR. HIGH YOUTH

*Expressing love of God in worship  
Experiencing love in community  
Extending God's love to the world*

### » Sunday, August 14 (TODAY)

- ⇒ 9:15 am—Sunday School
- ⇒ 10:30 am—Worship

### » Sunday, August 21 (Next Sunday)

- ⇒ 2016 Freshmen join Senior High Sunday School
- ⇒ 1:30 pm—Student Action Leadership Team (SALT)

### » Baptism Celebration!

- ⇒ Saturday, August 27 @ 6:00 pm—Kaitlyn and Callie at Camp Mennoscah
- ⇒ Sunday, August 28 @ 8:00 am—Emma at East Lake

### » September 3-5

- ⇒ Fall Youth Retreat



greet the couple, enjoy some punch and cookies and offer a grocery gift. If you are unable to attend but would like to offer a gift, you may bring your gift to the church office.

~The Fellowship Commission

**As we focus on who we have been and who we are** and who we are to become as a church, the Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission invites you to a **Mission Celebration evening**. If you have ever been a short-term mission volunteer, you are invited to come share how your experience has changed your life. The congregation, friends and family are also invited to come hear about the effects of mission in the lives of our members. The celebration event will take place September 11, 5:30 PM. A faspas will be provided prior to the time of sharing.

**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

**Bethel College is offering many of its classes for community audit.** You pay \$50 per credit hour (compared to the normal audit rate of \$85 per hour) OR, if your age is 62 and older, a flat rate of \$30. For more information, go to [www.bethelks.edu/audit](http://www.bethelks.edu/audit), where there is also a "fall course schedule" link. Enrollment deadline is **August 30**.

**The board of the Camp Mennoscah Association** is excited to announce the selection of Michael Unruh as its new Executive Director. He will begin in this position on September 6.

**The annual Women's/Girls' Retreat** planned by Western District Conference and South Central Conference will be at Camp Mennoscah on September 9-11. Katherine Goerzen, pastor at Tabor Mennonite Church, will be the featured speaker on Blessed, Beautiful, and Beloved. New this year are giant coloring sheets (bring your crayons, colored pencils, or markers) and catered meals. Music will be provided by Cousins Four. Activities are available for girls age 3rd grade through high school. Registration forms are on the shelf outside the church office. Come for part or all of the retreat which begins Friday evening and ends Sunday after lunch. Deadline for registration is August 22.

**Laughter is Sacred Space is on tour and coming to Buhler, KS** during Suicide Prevention Awareness Month on Sunday, September 4, 7:00 PM at Buhler High School, 611 N Main St, Buhler. \$2 admission and open to the public. Sponsored by Buhler Mennonite Church and NAMI Reno County. Call 620-543-2733 or

email: [bmcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:bmcpastor@gmail.com) for more information. In this gritty and dramatic talk, Ted Swartz walks you through his relationship with friend and business partner, Lee Eshleman, who took his own life in 2007. Ted explores the paradox of working with a comedic partner struggling with bipolar disorder, as well as the challenge of writing and performing stories about God while experiencing the absence of God after Lee's death.

**Orchestra on the Oregon Trail Event:** Alumni and friends of Hesston College are invited to participate in this event with the Topeka Symphony Orchestra and Hesston College choirs at Alcove Spring Historic Park in Marshall County, KS near Marysville on Sunday, September 4. OOOT is an afternoon experience with music and activities for all ages, with the concert following at 7:00 PM. The orchestra and vocal guests span the musical spectrum of bluegrass, country western, Americana and more. A buffet dinner will also be served for an additional charge. Tickets are \$60 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under and should be purchased as soon as possible. Go to [www.OOOT.org](http://www.OOOT.org) to buy tickets and for more information.

**The annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride** will be held on Saturday, September 17, originating at the MCC offices, 121 East 30th Street, North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Mozambique. Informational brochures are available through the church office or on the MCC website, [mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride](http://mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride). You can register on-line at the website.

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#### Questions to prepare the ground for constructing vision and mission:

**Weeks 1-7: June 26**—Who have been the “apostles and prophets” at FMC who have kept our focus on Jesus? **July 3**—What are the “dividing walls” at FMC that need to be taken down in order to make space for what God wants to do among us? **July 10**—What is the infrastructure that we need in order to live as a new humanity, putting to death the hostility that is our temptation? **July 17**—What are the ways in which FMC can form and nurture a deeper faith among people of all ages? **July 24**—What are the practices that help us yield to the work of the Builder? In what ways might our “spiritual house” reflect the particular gifts of First Mennonite? **July 31**—In what ways do we live out the truth that we belong to the household of God? **August 7**—What are the ways that our life together shows (or could show) that God dwells among us?

**August 14**—When have we seen God's mercy? Where do we see it now? In our words and in our deeds, how do we proclaim God's mighty acts? In our words and in our deeds, how do we live into our identity as God's own people?

**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 Elvera Suderman, Betty Roth, and Clint and Pat Litsey. 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—193; Visitors—12
- Sunday School— 153

**Offering:** Last week's offering for the Mennonite Mission Network was \$1,929 and \$5,680 for Local Mission. The offering for August 21 is for Local Mission.

**Congratulations** to Tim Regier and Michelle Peachey who were married Saturday, August 13. May God grant them many years together.

**Congratulations** to Alyssa and Kyle Kroeker on the birth of their daughter Blakely Kay, who was born on July 29. Grandparents are Steve and Wynette Voth.

**Receiving or has received care**—Kathryn Penner, NMC

**Summer is over, school is about to begin** and we were just a little behind for the month of July. We overspent by only \$212.36, bringing our year-to-date total to \$15,962.20. If we can increase our monthly giving by \$3,200 we will take care of this shortfall. Please join us in prayerfully considering what you and your family can do to help.  
~ Financial Stewardship Committee

**Please turn in any announcements for next week's bulletin by noon on Wednesday, August 17.**

**The Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission invites everyone** to a Sunday School presentation by Gary and Carla Histan next Sunday, August 21, in the Fellowship Hall. Please try to come early (9:00 AM, if possible), to see all of their displays and to hear about their exciting 2-year mission trip in China. We will be starting promptly by 9:15.