

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 21—Baptism Testimonies

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

Monday, August 22

- Jail Ministry: Gary Moore
- 7:00 PM Worship Commission

Wednesday, August 24

- 7:00 PM Worship Band

Saturday, August 27

- 6:00 PM Baptisms at Camp Mennoscah

Sunday, August 28—Celebration of Baptism, Membership, and Communion

- 8:00 AM Baptism at East Lake
- 9:15 AM Sunday School—Gary and Carla Hestand presentation-FH
- 10:00 AM Grocery Shower for Brody and Haleigh Machmer—FH
- 10:30 AM Worship Service



Preparing for BAPTISM

First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
August 21, 2016



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Preparing for Baptism

Sunday, August 21, 2016

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Gathering

Gathering music..... Donna Stucky, organist /pianist

Gathering song: *Here I am to worship*

The work of the people (announcements)

Call to worship.....David Wiebe, worship leader

Opening prayer

Songs of faith: *I will come to you in the silence*..... **CS 95
Just a closer walk CS 94

Greet one another; children come forward

Hearing God's Word

Children's focus Cindy Combs

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Song of faith: *I believe in you, Lord Jesus* *H 440

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40

Meditation: *Journeys* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's word

Responding to God's call

Song of faith: *Come thou fount* (stanza 1)H 521

Baptism testimony: Callie Knopp

Song of faith: *Come thou fount* (stanza 2)H 521

Baptism testimony: Kaitlyn Black

Song of faith: *Come thou fount* (stanza 3)H 521

Baptism testimony: Emma Krehbiel

Song of faith: *Come thou fount* (stanza 1)H 521

Pastoral prayer Pastor Joel Schroeder

Sending

Sending song: *Guide my feet*H 546

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Carol Entz; HAT: Kay Schroeder, Carol Gerbrand, Ryan Koehn, Daryl Unruh
Ushers: Gus Dorado, Ray Franz, Mike Garcia, Allen Schmidt
Childcare: Greg or Laura Myers
Audio Tech: Larry Becker Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy
Visuals: Carol Hiebert

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.

the worship service **(10:00-10:30) in the Fellowship Hall**. The congregation is invited to come 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 faspa will be provided prior to the time of sharing.

Dillons Rewards Update: Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the Dillons Rewards fundraiser. We had 30 households who shopped at Dillons April 1-June 30 (Quarter 2 of 2016) and through their involvement with Dillons Rewards contributed **\$462.39** total donations to FMC. If you have not signed up for the Dillons Rewards program and would like to, please let me know and I'll send you information on how to be involved. Thank you for your participation. ~Nora Miller, Fellowship Commission Chair

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.

SR. HIGH YOUTH

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

▶▶ Sunday, August 21 (TODAY)

- ⇒ 9:15 am—2016 Freshmen join Senior High Sunday School
- ⇒ 10:30 am—Worship
- ⇒ Noonish— Vision & Mission Carry-in Meal
- ⇒ 1:30 pm—Student Action Leadership Team (SALT)

▶▶ Baptism Celebration!

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

▶▶ September 3-5

- ⇒ Fall Youth Retreat



It's Time to Do Some Growing!

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, where there is also a "fall course schedule" link. Enrollment deadline is **August 30**.

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 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 to buy tickets and for more information.

Courage in Community--Camp Mennoscah's Mental Health Spiritual Retreat, September 4-5, will focus on having courage in and as a community. The retreat will include a hayrack ride, music and worship, swimming, crafts, and free time. All those affected by mental illness, including family, friends, and community members, are welcome to join us for a weekend of relaxing and fellowship. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290.

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. You can register on-line at the website.

Would you (or someone you know) be interested in a position that combines your professional skills and your faith values? If so, Everence Financial has an immediate opening for a Client Services Representative in Hesston. This position requires strong customer service skills along with superb attention to detail. For more information or to apply, visit everence.com/kansas.

MCC Central States is hiring a Workroom Supervisor in North Newton. The workroom supervisor oversees the processing of material aid donations and coordinates the collecting, assembling and distribution of relief kits, which requires the supervision of many volunteers. The position requires a person with energy, ideas, good organizational skills and people skills. To see a full job description and to apply, mcc.org/serve-cs-mrc, call 316.283.2720 or email heidihuber@mcc.org.

Welcome Andrew Wright as MCC Central States Director of Programs! Andrew will be responsible for the direction and oversight of all MCC Central States Programs. He will connect with constituent churches and groups, as well as like-minded organizations to provide information about MCC. This is a new position for MCC Central States and we look forward to Andrew exploring ways to further develop relationships between program staff and partnerships within the Central States region to reflect the commitment to diverse constituent groups. He will work from the Minneapolis, MN area.

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 Louise Janzen, Ted and Alisa Krehbiel, and Mike and Pamela Garcia. 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—229; Visitors—11
- Sunday School— 201

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$7,900 and \$1,080 for the Organ Fund. The offering for August 28 is for Local Mission.

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement during my recent surgeries for a rare form of skin cancer, and as I continue to cope with Parkinson's disease. ~Jim Schrag

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.

In preparation for Kaitlyn's upcoming baptism at Camp Mennoscah, Kaitlyn Black would like the opportunity to thank the many people that have been part of her faith journey. Stop by and see Kaitlyn on Saturday, August 27, 2:30-3:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall here at church. Light refreshments will be available as well.

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