

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 7—Building Together: Last Things

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
1:30 PM PHP crew leaving for Wakefield

Monday, August 8

Jail Ministry: Gary Moore

Thursday, August 11

7:00 PM Church Board

Friday, August 12

6:00 AM Bus leaving for Nebraska-house dedication

Sunday, August 14—Building Together: Dedication

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

Questions to prepare the ground for constructing vision and mission:

Weeks 1-6: 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?



BUILDING

TOGETHER

*Unless the Lord builds the house,
the builders labor in vain.*

Psalm 127:1

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Last Things

Sunday, August 7, 2016

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Gathering

Gathering music.....Jyl Ewy, pianist

Gathering song: *Zephaniah 3:17*

Morning shift updates (announcements)

PHP update and blessing workers for the coming week

Calling all workers for worship*H 716
Brent Voran, worship leader

Greeting the Builder (opening prayer)

Songs of praise to the One in charge:

As I Went Down the River to Pray
In Lonely Mountain Ways

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

Hearing God's Word

On the job training (children's focus) Sheralyn Goering

Offering for labor and materials: Mennonite Mission Network

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Reading from the building manual (Scripture): Ephesians 2:21-22

Additional instructions and information (Sermon):

Purposeful Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's word

Song to work by: *Help us to help each other* H 362

Communicating with the Main Contractor (Pastoral Prayer)

Sending

Song of encouragement for building as we leave: *I Looked Up*

Final instructions (Blessing)

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Worship band: Ben's band: Ben Regier, Dwayne Abrahams, Tim Regier
Chorister: Daryl Unruh; HAT: Joan Entz, Nora Miller, Woody Miller, Bob Schmidt
Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, Donnie Kingsley, Allen Schmidt
Childcare: Phil or Linda Gaertner, Addie Regier
Audio Tech: Roy Goering Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner
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.

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. **EVERYONE** is encouraged to attend, to pray, and to fully participate in the process.

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

The annual Camp Mennoscah Camp Sing is today, 6:30 PM, at Grace Hill Mennonite Church in Whitewater. You're invited to bring your friends and join us for camp songs, hymns, and that camp favorite—popcorn and generic pop! Summer staff will be there to lead the festivities. Come join in the fun!

Mental Health Spiritual Retreat at Camp Mennoscah—September 4-5. All those who are affected by mental illness including family, friends, and community members are invited to come to Camp Mennoscah for a time of relaxation, worship, and fellowship. The theme this year is Courage in Community. Scholarships are available. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290.

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.

SR. HIGH YOUTH

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

» Sunday, August 7 (TODAY)

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

» Sunday, August 21

- ⇒ 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



**LET THE WORD OF CHRIST
DWELL IN YOU RICHLY**
C O L O S S I A N S 3 : 1 6

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—227; Visitors—11
- Sunday School—167

Offering: Last week's offering for the Scholarship Fund was \$1,563 and \$3,110 for Local Mission. The offering for August 14 is for Local Mission.

Pastors Joel and Kay will be on vacation August 6-10.

The Allies group, which supports people with various sexual identities and their families and friends, will be meeting today, 4:00 PM, at the home of Tim and Kathy Wiens: 912 S. Ridge Road. Please contact Tim if you have any questions.

How's your hearing? The Worship Commission is interested to know whether hearing assistance options would be utilized during Sunday morning worship services. If so, please contact Brent Voran.

Jimenez-Nuñez Partnership Home Project

- **Friday, August 12**—Home Dedication (Wakefield, NE)
Everyone is welcome! The bus will be leaving at 6:00 AM and travel to Wakefield for the dedication (in the afternoon) and return to Newton the same day.
A sign-up sheet is located in the Court Area.
- **Saturday, August 20**—Special event the evening of August 20. We will celebrate the completion of the Jimenez-Nuñez Partnership Home Project and recognize those who participated in the project. Everyone is invited to the program and to share homemade ice cream. The celebration will be held at Son Wray Ranch, located between Newton and Hesston. Details on location will be given later. Please reserve the date.