

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 31—Building Together: Interior Finishes

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

Monday, August 1

Jail Ministry: Gary and Ruby Moore, Arlen Wiens

Thursday, August 4

7:00 PM Nurture Commission

Sunday, August 7—Building Together: Last Things

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

Upcoming Worship Services

August 14—Building Together: Dedication

Questions to prepare the ground for constructing vision and mission:

Weeks 1-5: 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?

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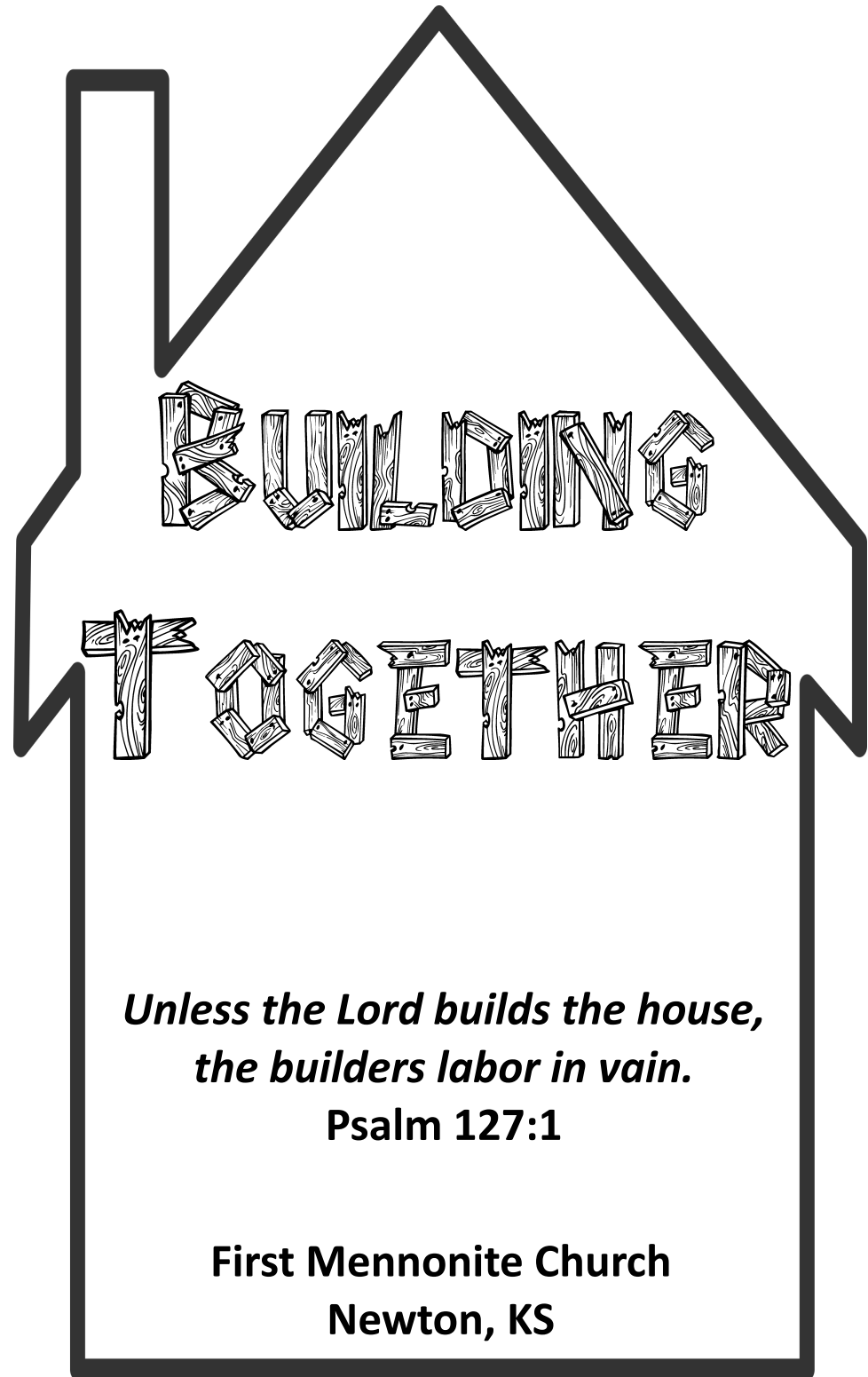
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Interior Finishings

Sunday, July 31, 2016

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Gathering

Gathering music.....Amanda Rempel, organist/pianist

Opening words—acknowledging grief

Song of faith: *Shepherd me, O God* *H 519

Prayer

Calling all workers for worshipRyan Koehn, worship leader

Greeting the Builder (opening prayer)

Song of praise to the One in charge:

My hope is built on nothing lessH 343

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

Hearing God's Word

On the job training (children's focus)Andrea Regier

Morning shift updates (announcements)

Kingdom celebration:

Commissioning Susannah Epp for Short Term Missions

Commissioning prayerH 796

Offering for labor and materials: Scholarship Fund

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Reading from the building manual (Scripture): Ephesians 2:17-19

Additional instructions and information (Sermon):

Interior Dwelling Pastor Kay Schroeder

Responding to God's word

Song to work by: *Lord of the home* H 490
(stanzas 2, 3, 5)

Kingdom Happening: Jennifer Kaufman

Communicating with the Main Contractor (Pastoral Prayer):

Pastor Joel Schroeder

Sending

Song of encouragement for building as we leave:

Sanctuary **CS 65

Final instructions (Blessing)

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Kay Schroeder; HAT: Stephanie Weaver, Kent Erb, Renee Hamm, Dave Wiebe
Musicians: Kenna Graber, flute
Ushers: Loren Entz, Ivan Goering, Clint Litsey, Allen Schmidt
Childcare: Michael or Pamela Garcia, Callie Knopp
Audio Tech: Ron Bachman Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy
Visuals: Cindy Unruh

free to check out one of these books, but make sure and sign your name and put the title of the book on the check-out paper that is located on the desk so we can keep track of their books. ~Library Committee

David and Elena Wiebe are looking for someone to stay in their house this fall while they are on mission in Nepal. Please contact David or Elena for more details.

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 plan is to 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**—Project Completion CELEBRATION (7:00 – 9:00 PM at Son Wray Ranch) Everyone is invited to celebrate the completion of the project and celebrate the volunteers who gave of their time, energies, money and themselves!

Thank you to all who contributed to the Caring Fund. Because of these contributions, we will again be able to give monthly support to agencies like the Homeless Shelter and Health Ministries, and continue to support individual families that seek support. Thank you for your generosity!

Our next week to serve at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter is August 10-16. Please contact Lee Penner at 316-284-2154 if you are able to help.

Please be aware that we have some folks with chemical sensitivities in our congregation. So, please be careful about your use of scented lotions, colognes, etc. Thank you.

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.

Please be hospitable to our neighbors and avoid parking within four feet of a driveway or alleyway on the street (which is also illegal and a towable offense). Remember that we have three other church parking lots besides the ones that surround the church building. There are two on SE 2nd Street (one to the east and one to the west) and then the parking lot on First and Pine. Thank you!

If you have a church key, please always remember to make sure you have locked the doors and the lights are turned off before you leave. Thank you!

Community Announcements

The MCC Material Resource Center in North Newton is in need of the following items: full size Fiscars scissors, sew-on snaps (20-25 per package), large bars of laundry soap, full-size bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright color), and men's briefs (sizes M, L, or XL). These items can be brought to 121 E. 30th St. in North Newton, KS purchased online via Amazon Smile or other retailers and shipped to MCC, or we welcome your monetary donations designated Kit Supplies. Thank you for your ongoing support of the worldwide work of Mennonite Central Committee! If you have questions, please call 283-2720 or visit mcc.org/kits for more information.

Grace Hill Mennonite Church is taking a bus to the KC Royals game on Saturday, August 6. The bus will leave at 2:00 PM from the Grace Hill Church parking lot and return after the game. Cost for the bus and ticket is \$90 per person. Please contact John Klaassen at 316-772-0626 or at kjohnklaassen@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us!

The annual Camp Mennoscah Camp Sing is August 7, 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!

Mennonite Women USA invites you to a special summer event.

Empowering Women: Money, Health, and Faith is a resourcing event that will take place on August 12-13, at Peace Mennonite Church in Aurora, Colorado. All women are welcome to attend the entire event. You can register at mwusa.org/ministries/prep.

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. Deadline for registration is August 22. Come for part or all of the retreat which begins Friday evening and ends Sunday after lunch.

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 Pat and Clint 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—194; Visitors—7
- Sunday School—164

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$8,954. The offering for August 7 is for the Mennonite Mission Network.

In Sympathy—Sheralynn Neff (26) passed away on Sunday, July 24. Please keep Dana, Kathleen, and Darnell in your thoughts and prayers.

Assistance to cover the Neff's unexpected expenses during this time will be offered through the Caring Fund. Your contributions to the fund are welcome.

Come help celebrate the 90th birthday of Louise Janzen at an open house on Saturday, August 6, 2:00-4:00 PM at 1207 N Anderson in Newton. No gifts please.

Sunday morning announcements—The Jimenez-Nuñez PHP updates each Sunday are taking the place of the announcement time. Please contact either Pastor Kay or the worship leader by 9:00 AM if you have an urgent, brief announcement to make on Sunday morning. Thank you!

In the Church Library there is a bookshelf dedicated to books on grief, most of them from the Western District Conference Library. Please feel