

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 2—Anabaptist Faith: Community of Believers

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:06 PM Youth Group Bible Study—Ethan Entz's house

Monday, October 3

Jail Ministry: Gary and Ruby Moore, Arlen Wiens

Wednesday, October 5

- 5:30 PM Meal served by New Life Fellowship
Menu: Brats, Sides, Dessert
- 6:45 PM Children—ages 2 years to 6th grade—Gather in Room 123
- 6:45 PM Adult Study: Gospel of Mark—Room 222-224
- 6:45 PM Choir (Sanctuary)
- 6:45 PM Jr. High (Room 126)
- 6:45 PM Youth Group (Youth Rooms)
- 8:15 PM Worship Band

Thursday, October 6

7:00 PM Nurture Commission—Warkentin Room

Sunday, October 9—Learning from Yesterday

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Seconds @FIRST Potluck—FH
- 12:30 PM Table Conversations: Anticipating Tomorrow
- 7:00 PM Book of JEBB concert—Sanctuary

Upcoming Worship Services

October 16—Today at FMC
October 23—FMC Tomorrow



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Newton, KS

October 2, 2016

Anabaptist Faith:
Community of Believers
World-wide Communion Sunday

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Gathering

Prelude Amanda Entz, organist/pianist

Gathering song: *All Who Are Thirsty*

The work of the people (announcements)

Call to worship Pastor Kay Schroeder

Opening prayer

Songs of faith: *Holy Spirit, Come With Power*
House of Peace

Greet one another

Prayer of remembering

Praising God

Offering: Mennonite Central Committee

Offertory
(Please pass the welcome pads)

Song of faith: *All praise to our redeeming Lord* *H 21

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 12:46-50, Galatians 3:23-29

Meditation: *Coming to the Family Table* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *In Christ there is no East or West* H 306

Service of Communion

Invitation and prayer of confession Pastor Joel Schroeder

Words of institution

Partaking in circles

Prayer of thanksgiving and pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *I Love to Tell the Story*

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Musicians: Ben's band; Chorister: Kay Schroeder; HAT: Larry and Carol Entz;
Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, Donnie Kingsley, Allen Schmidt
Childcare: Phil or Linda Gaertner, Camryn Entz
Audio Tech: Larry Becker Video/Lighting Tech: Tyler Shelly
Visuals: Janet Franz

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.

were given through pledges, memorial gifts, and offerings. All gifts are important and God gives us His generous blessings. On behalf of the Stewardship and Capital Fund Development Committees we want to thank you for your participation.

The flowers and candles on the organ this morning represent our continued lament for all those affected by abuse and trauma in our world and for the situation concerning the arrest and incarceration of Michael Combs. Each of the six candles represents a different area for prayer. For the last six months we have prayed in specific ways for the victim; for the victim's family; for Michael; for Cindy and their extended family; for all victims and survivors of abuse; and for healing within our own church for the sadness, grief, and loss that we personally experience from this situation. Today is the final Sunday of these times of set-aside prayer. However, we recognize this journey as being on-going and our prayers for healing will continue.

First Mennonite Vision & Mission Process—Beginning today, we shift our focus to TOMORROW. What are your hopes and dreams for FMC? Where is God leading us in the future? Who is God calling FMC to be? **EVERYONE** is asked to complete a yellow "TOMORROW" form and add it to the time line in the Fellowship Hall by Thursday, October 13. **EVERYONE** is also invited to a special discernment time next Sunday, October 9, following the Seconds @FIRST Potluck meal.

Flu Shot Clinic—Heath Kerr, Pharmacist from Dillons, will once again be administering flu shots this Wednesday, October 5, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM during the Church Family Night meal. The cost of the shot is \$40 or free for Medicare patients. Medicare cards will need to be seen at the time of service. Please bring cash.

Seconds @ FIRST Potluck—Next Sunday, October 9—We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall with family, friends, visitors, and college-age young adults. Everyone is welcome to attend and encouraged to bring additional food to share with guests.

We will be collecting items for a care package to send to Susannah Epp who is doing Service Adventure in Jackson, MS. We invite the congregation to bring encouraging letters, cards, and small gifts. We will collect the items in the Court Area. October 16 will be the last day to bring items for the box.

Book of JEBB will be having a concert here at First Mennonite Church on Sunday, October 9, 7:00 PM, in the Sanctuary. Come hear bluegrass, gospel and folk music played with taste and skill by Bethany Amstutz Schrag, **Ben Regier**, Eric Schrag and **Tim Regier**. An offering will be taken for The Musical Instrument Fund.

Annual Reports—The annual congregational meeting has been set for Sunday, November 13. An email/ letter has been sent out to those who need to write an

annual report for this meeting. **Please make sure your report is turned into the Church Office by Wednesday, October 12.** If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office.

Save the date—Our second mini-celebration will be Saturday morning, October 22! We will be celebrating our long history of service projects by meeting for breakfast at 8:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. We will then travel to Wichita for a morning of working together by helping others through the Kansas Food Bank and will conclude our celebration by noon. This is an activity for **ALL AGES**--from six to 106!! Please join us!

Church Family Night will once again be sponsoring a shoebox packing party for Operation Christmas Child. The children will be packing shoeboxes for children all around the world. Please start saving shoeboxes and other donations for the boxes. The collection boxes are in the Court Area.

Gratitude 2, our all-church women's brunch, will take place in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 29, 9:00-10:30 AM. Invite your friend, mother, daughter, sister. . . and come! Our morning will include food, fellowship and inspiration. **If you would like to prepare a table for eight with your own dinnerware please contact Carol Entz: lacaentz@gmail.com or 283-0525.** We hope to have an interesting variety of table settings.

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*

Tonight! Sunday (Oct. 2) 6:06 pm
Bible Study @ Ethan's
(Entz) house!

FREE ADMISSION! All inclusive—supper, time of worship, Bible Study and small group prayer! BRING your Bible and a friend or two or more! See ya tonight!!

This Week! Wed. (Oct. 5) 6:46ish pm
YOUTH GROUP @ FMC!

After the pleasantries, we'll do some brainstorming about our October youth group gatherings. Ya! It will be good! (As is God!)

Next Week! NEXT Sunday—October 9
» Seconds@FIRST Potluck—noon
» FMC Vision & Mission—12:30 pm

This is a opportunity for you to share your hopes and dreams for FMC!



Community Announcements

Kidron Bethel Village is holding an Independent Living Open House today, October 2, 1:00-3:00 PM. Homes that will be open are 2902A and 2904B on Ivy Drive. Call 620-327-3475 for more information.

Joshua Davis, the author of the Hesston College and area community read, *Spare Parts*, will share with the community in a 7:30 PM presentation, Tuesday, October 4, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. He will also speak at Hesston Public Library at 1:00 PM, Wednesday, October 5. The presentations are free and open to the public. *Spare Parts* is the true story of four undocumented teenagers from Mexico living in Phoenix who were inspired by their high school science teachers to be greater than their adversity and be successful in building an underwater robot to compete against corporate-sponsored collegiate teams.

Sunday-afternoon-at-the-museum program with quilt historian Marla Jackson will be on Sunday, October 9, 3:00 PM, Kauffman Museum. The program will be *From Slavery to a Free State: The Story of Maria Rogers Martin*.

Retirement income seminar—Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Creating your retirement income strategy*, at 7:00 PM on Monday, October 10. Everence Financial Advisor Robert Wall will speak about having enough for retirement, making your savings last, and coping with the financial markets. There will also be time for your questions. The seminars will take place at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Darlene Buller at (620) 327-4043, (877) 467-7294; darlene.buller@everence.com.

Fun times! Again, as we so often and always do in the Fall, the dam at Camp Mennoscah will be removed on Sunday, October 16, beginning at approximately 2:00 PM. People are welcome to participate or to watch. Dress appropriately and bring spare clothes if you would like to change after helping or are not sure whether you'd like to be in or out of the river. Whatever the weather, we will proceed unless it is determined to be unsafe. Contact us at 620-297-3290 if you have questions.

SAVE THE DATE: IBA BENEFIT DINNER—The annual Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) benefit dinner will take place Friday, October 14, 6:30 PM here at First Mennonite Church. A smothered pork burrito dinner will be prepared and served by Chef Carlos Lujano. A short program will follow, featuring a testimony from IBA student Miguel Alatorre and a dance performance by the children of Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania. Dinner is by donation. For any questions contact Violeta Ajquejay at: VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org or call 316-281-4342.

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 Casson Schmidt, Monte and Christa Hiebert and family, and Jerry and Carol Hiebert. The display case in the Court Area will have memorabilia of First Mennonite Church. 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—235; Visitors—6
- Sunday School—199; CFN (9/28)—135

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$5,203, Organ Fund was \$1,425, and the Window Fund was \$460. The offering for October 9 is for Local Mission.

Receiving or has received care—Donovan Bachman—St. Francis (now at Schowalter Villa)

In Sympathy—Wilmetta Dietzel (95), Ron Dietzel's mother, passed away on September 24. Her memorial service was held at Hesston College Mennonite Church on Thursday, September 29. We extend our condolences to Ron, Shirley, and their family.

We would like to express our deep appreciation for the thoughts, prayers, cards, flowers, and gifts of kindness over the past weeks. We also want to say thank you to Pastor Kay and Pastor Anita for their visits, prayers, words of comfort, and the planning/coordination of Edna's memorial service. Tracy, thank you for your time and patience as well. A special thank you to the Living Stones Sunday School class for the preparation/serving of the luncheon that followed the service. Mom loved the church and its people, her Sunday School class and its members. She often wished she could attend just one more time. ~The Edna Enz family

Jim Schrag has extended his Church Board Chair leave of absence through the end of this year. Brian Kennell will continue as interim Board Chair during this time.

We have met and exceeded our goal of \$40,000 for the organ fund. The completion of this goal has been made possible through large and small gifts which