

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 4—Vocations—Romans 1:1-7

Youth Group on Fall Retreat
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service

Monday, September 5—Labor Day—Church Office closed

Jail Ministry: Gary and Ruby Moore, Arlen Wiens
1:00 PM Youth Group returns from retreat

Wednesday, September 7

7:00 PM Choir
7:00 PM Youth Group at Faith Mennonite Church

Thursday, September 8

7:00 PM Church Board

Friday, September 9

2:30 PM Christian Co-Workers social—FH

Sunday, September 11—Anabaptist Faith

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
12:00 PM Potluck-FH
5:30 PM Mission Celebration with faspa—FH

Upcoming Worship Services

September 18—Anabaptist Faith
September 25—Anabaptist Faith



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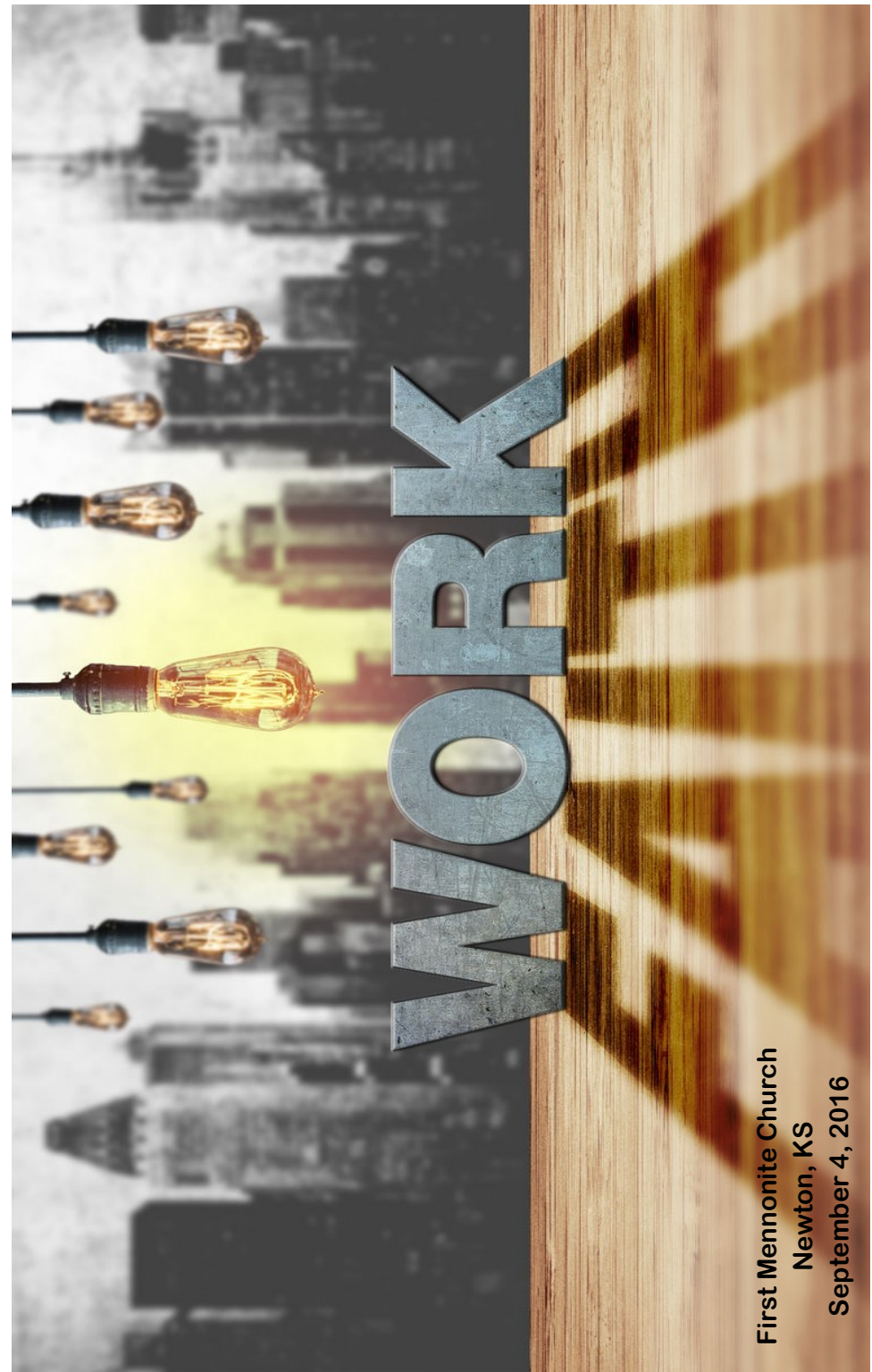
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First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
September 4, 2016

Vocations

Sunday, September 4, 2016

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Gathering

Prelude Nora Miller, pianist

Gathering song: *Farther Along*

The work of the people (announcements)

Call to worship Pastor Kay Schroeder

Opening prayer

Songs of faith: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*
If I Stand

Greet one another; children come forward

Hearing God's Word

Children's focus Andrea Regier

Song of faith: *O God, thou faithful God* *H 376

Offering: Mennonite Central Committee

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Prayer of Remembering

Scripture: Romans 1:1-7

Sermon: *Callings* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *How clear is our vocation, Lord* H 541

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *Do It All*

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Musicians: Ben's Band—Ben Regier, Dwayne Abrahams, Tim Regier and Austin Regier;
HAT: Janet Franz, Larry Entz, Woody Miller
Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, Donnie Kingsley, Allen Schmidt
Childcare: Phil or Linda Gaertner, Lia Groves
Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn Video/Lighting Tech: Tyler Shelly
Visuals: Pat Litsey

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 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. On the first Sunday of each month through October, we will pray 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 may personally experience from this situation.

The Christian Co-Workers Sunday School class is having a gathering in Fellowship Hall on Friday, September 9, 2:30 PM.

Join us on a walk to support Manon Ducroquet—The Tuberos Sclerosis Alliance is having a 2 mile walk in Kansas City on September 10. Join us or register today as an angel walker if you can't come! Make sure you join Manon's Team at giving.tsalliance.org/site/TR/Step_16/StepForward/1544843255?pg=team&fr_id=1340&team_id=5480. Thank you for your prayers and support.
~The Ducroquet Family

The Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission invites you to a Mission Celebration night on September 11, 5:30 PM for faspa and a chance to hear from those in our congregation who have served time in short-term missions. Please see an invite placed in your mailbox for more information. Would you please help us pass on this invitation to family members or friends from FMC who may not otherwise hear about this celebration? There will be extra copies on the shelf by the office.

SR. HIGH YOUTH *Expressing love of God in worship
Experiencing love in community
Extending God's love to the world*

"Where are all the youth?" —————>

- ▶▶ Short answer: On Fall Retreat to grow together as a new group in order to *ADVANCE* their faith and their witness as the Body of Christ this year!
- ▶▶ The Fall Retreat theme is The *POWER* of CHOICE!
- ▶▶ A *newer* version of the 2016 FMC Youth Group will return on Monday, Sept. 5 at 1:03 pm.



THIS WEEK!

- ▶▶ **Wednesday, Sept. 7—YOUTH GROUP 7 pm** @ Faith Mennonite Church. Youth from several churches around Newton are gathering for an evening of games and food. Plan to meet at Faith Mennonite and join the fun!
- ▶▶ **Sunday, Sept. 11—S.A.L.T.** will have conversation over lunch (potluck) to plan activities in September.

FIRST Potluck is September 11—The FIRST monthly potluck will be next Sunday, September 11 after the worship service. **EVERYONE** is invited, especially college students and visitors. FMC attenders are asked to bring extra food to share with guests. Additional help setting up and cleaning is needed.

The Allies group, which supports people with various sexual identities and their families and friends, will be meeting Sunday, September 11, 4:00 PM in the southeast corner basement classroom. Please contact Tim or Kathy Wiens if you have any questions.

Guys Grubfast—Saturday, September 17, 8:00 AM. Men, boys, guys, males of all ages are welcome to gather at the home of Cal Frye, 5404 SE 60th Street, Newton. Bring your favorite breakfast item to share and enjoy the opportunity to fellowship with the “the guys.”

A Membership Exploration Class is being planned for this fall. If you are interested in exploring becoming a member at First Mennonite Church, please contact Anita Kehr (pastor). The schedule for the class will be set by the participants.

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

Urgent Need—Come to the MCC Kit Bag Assembly Party on Friday, September 9, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM at MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th); lunch will be provided. Cutting, ironing and sewing stations will be set up to help meet the need. **Call 316-283-2720 to RSVP.** Please indicate if you can bring a sewing machine or serger that day. Donations of medium weight cotton fabric at least one yard in length and neutral thread are needed. Please no heavy denim or double knit. Bring your friends and come join in the fun!

Villa Partners invites you to the annual Villa Days celebration at Schowalter Villa on Friday, September 9 and Saturday, September 10. Highlights of the event include a bake sale, Friday night dinner, homemade ice cream and entertainment at Water's Edge, and breakfast and a live auction Saturday at Dyck Arboretum. Many vintage items, beautiful quilts and gift certificates will be available for bid. For a detailed schedule and more information, visit svilla.org or call 620-327-3497.

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.

Retirement income seminar—Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Creating your retirement income strategy*, at 7:00 PM on the following Mondays: September 12 and 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 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

Sunday, September 18, 3:00 PM—KIPCOR Film Series opens the 2016-17 year with *On the Bride's Side*, which crosses genres to examine what faces those trying to escape Syria and Lebanon for Europe, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. There will be a talk-back following with Jennifer Doran-Pena, executive director of International Rescue Committee in Wichita.

Everyone is Invited! Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting is September 18, 5:30 PM in the Dining Hall. There will be a couple of videos from the summer plus information about the kitchen/dining hall renovations. The meeting is part of our Work & Play Camp, so make a full day of it! Join us for worship in the morning, lunch, and then enjoy an afternoon of free time before the annual meeting. No cost. Donations accepted for meals and, of course, the kitchen/dining hall renovations. Please register if attending for the full day. Call us at 620-297-3290 or email office@campmennoscah.org.

Bethel College is currently hosting "Building Bridges" in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center. The works by Iraqi and Palestinian refugee artists are for sale by silent auction, with proceeds going to support the artists. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, and Sunday, 2:00-4:00 PM. "Building Bridges" is an effort by New York City-based Common Humanity and local groups. Common Humanity director Mel Lehman will speak at Bethel on Wednesday, September 21, during Life Enrichment, and Friday, September 23, 11:00 AM in Krehbiel Auditorium which is the last day to place bids, and the date of the exhibit's closing reception.

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—259; Visitors—17
- Sunday School— 147

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$5,323, Organ Fund was \$70, and Window Fund was \$25. The offering for September 11 is for Local Mission.

HIP HIP HOORAY!!! Thank you to the following people who volunteered at Camp Mennoscah this summer: Stephanie Brown, Chloe Denno, Penny Dorado, Isaac Entz, Susannah Epp, Linda Gaertner, Ashlynn Hamm, Kate Joliff, April Kabagambe, Addie Regier, and Austin Regier.

The EXAMINING YESTERDAY section of FMC's Vision & Mission process has begun! EVERYONE is encouraged to submit at least three significant events, persons, or times that have shaped the personality of FMC in the past. Forms are in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign your name and post the event forms on the timeline at the appropriate spot.



"La, la, la, la, la – sing, sing a song . . ." with all your FMC friends this Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary choir loft. Fun and joyful choir rehearsals will continue each Wednesday as we prepare to offer worshipful songs to God!

The Kansas MDS is calling for volunteers to do some fencing and chainsaw work at Medicine Lodge on Saturday, September 10. One group of volunteers will leave at 6:00 AM from First Mennonite Church in Newton and another group will leave at 6:00 AM from Bethel Mennonite Church in Inman. Volunteers are asked to report availability and for more information by calling the Kansas Unit Coordinator Gordon Unruh at 620-747-0835.