

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 23—FMC Tomorrow

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Church Board—FH

Monday, October 24

- Jail Ministry: Gary Moore
- 7:15 PM Worship Commission—Room 225

Wednesday, October 26

- 5:30 PM Meal served by Casa Betania
- 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)

Saturday, October 29

- 9:00 AM Women’s Fellowship Brunch—FH

Sunday, October 30—FMC Tomorrow, Part 2

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Grocery Shower for Tim and Michelle Regier—FH
- 10:30 AM Worship Service

Upcoming Worship Services

- November 6—Remembrance Sunday
- November 13—Gratitude



**First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS**

October 23, 2016



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Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

Sunday, October 23, 2016

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Gathering

Prelude.....Nora Miller, pianist

The work of the people (announcements)

Call to worship.....Ryan Koehn, worship leader

Opening prayer

Songs of faith: *Like a river glorious*..... **CS 33
'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus..... *H 340

Greet one another; children come forward

Hearing God's Word

Children's focus Ken Frey

Special music: *His Peace Will Come* by Craig Curry

Song of faith: *What gift can we bring* H 385

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Special music: *The Perfect Wisdom of our God* arr. McDonald

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-7, 11-12

Sermon: *Through the FOG*Pastor Joel Schroeder

Responding to God's Word

Pastoral prayer Pastor Kay Schroeder

Sending

Sending song: *God sent his Son* H 345

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder; Choir accompanist: Melody Bontrager
Ushers: Alan Entz, Ryan Nye, Jan Groves, Allen Schmidt
Childcare: Michael or Pamela Garcia, Callie Knopp
Audio Tech: Ron Bachman Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner
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.

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

MCC Meat Canning—Newton area MCC Meat Canning is November 1-3. We will start at noon on November 1 and at 6:00 AM on November 2-3. If you never have been to help with this project please come help, and if you have been before come again. We are also in need of money to pay for the meat and canning process, so if you would like to donate money, please mark it for MCC Meat Canning. Any questions contact Alan Entz.

Refugee Interest Group—Do you have a desire to reach out and help refugees around the world? Do you have an idea for a way that our congregation can help our brothers and sisters in need? Please join us for a meeting of brainstorming ideas on **Tuesday, November 1, 7:00 PM in the Warkentin Room**. Contact Andrea Regier if you have questions.

Homeless Shelter—Our next week to serve the Harvey County Homeless Shelter is November 2-8. If you are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 316-284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

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!

SR. HIGH YOUTH

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THIS WEEK!

Sunday, October 23

→ 9:15 am—Sunday School

→ 10:30 am—Worship



Wed. (Oct. 26) 6:46 pm—Youth Group “On the road again!”

We'll gather in the Youth Rooms and then carpool to the home of

Don & Rachelle Horst for a hayrack ride, games, campfire and worship time!

Dress warm! Friends??? YES INDEED! Bring them all!

NEXT WEEK!

Wednesday (Nov. 2) - MISSION Night

We'll be serving at the MCC Meat Canner at the MCC Center in the fun foreign land of North Newton!



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.

Community Announcements

Circles of Hope—The public is invited to attend the following Tuesday meetings at Circles of Hope. On **October 25**, Thea Netfield will speak about restorative justice. On **November 1**, Dan Eell from the Newton Public Library will present about the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program, which offers free tax assistance to those who qualify. Aaron Mendoza from Consumer Credit Counseling Service Inc. will also give a presentation. Supper begins at 5:30 PM and the meeting begins at 6:30 PM. Please call Peace Connections at 284-0000 if you will be bringing children who require child care.

The Hesston College Theatre Department will present four public performances of the fable “Fools,” directed by Rachel Jantzi, in the Helmuth Studio Theatre in Keim Center on the Hesston College campus. Show times are at 7:00 PM on October 27, 28, and 29, and 2:00 PM on October 30. The play is rated G, running 90 minutes excluding intermission, and is suitable for the whole family. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and children. Tickets can be purchased through the Hesston College Bookstore in person, by phone at 620-327-8105 or online at books.hesston.edu. Purchasing tickets in advance is recommended. Tickets will also be available at the door 45 minutes prior to show time and are subject to availability.

Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats! There's one week left for a couple of really lucky last minute folks to register for these retreats on October 28-30 and November 4-6. Go online at campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290 to register. We can't wait to see all you scrappers and crafters!

Bethel College Philharmonia concert—Sunday, October 30, 7:00 PM in Memorial Hall.

Annual Chicken BBQ at Tabor Mennonite Church—Thursday, November 3, 5:00-7:00 PM. Special secret recipe BBQ plus the best baked beans, coleslaw, roll, and ice cream you have ever tasted. Donations go to Mission Partners

Smith-Derksen Family, Africa and Tabor Building Fund. Come for a great evening of food and fellowship.

St. Mary's Altar Society, St. Mary's Church, will be sponsoring their fundraising event on Sunday, November 6. The event is 9:00 AM-2:00 PM with lunch being served at 11:00 AM.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) welcomes donations of money for its disaster response in Haiti, where people are suffering the effects of Hurricane Matthew. Matthew's high winds and extensive flooding caused significant damage and increased already-heightened cholera concerns in the Artibonite Valley, where MCC's long-term reforestation program operates. To donate, visit mcc.org/hurricane-matthew; call 1-888-563-4676 or send a check to MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

Kauffman Museum at Bethel College seeks artifacts, letters, photos and documents that tell the story of conscientious objectors during World War I. To learn more, or if you have an item for donation or long-term loan, please contact museum director Annette LeZotte at alezotte@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612.

Newton Et Cetera Shop is seeking your clean hand-me-downs! We accept all kinds of clothing and shoes—even your old t-shirts and your "unmentionables." Don't let embarrassment get in the way of supporting Mennonite Central Committee and our local service organizations! Let us sort what gets recycled, what becomes a rug, and what ends up on our sales floor. The only things we turn away are smoky or moldy items. We keep your treasures from becoming trash, and upcycle your trash into treasures!

Third annual Ten Thousand Village Fair Trade International Gift Festival— Mark your calendars! Invite a friend! Prepare your Fair Trade Holiday Gift List! The event takes place Friday and Saturday, November 25-26; Friday and Saturday, December 2-3; and Friday and Saturday, December 9-10; 10:00 AM-6:00 PM at the Western District Conference office, 2500 North Main, North Newton.

Join MCC on a Learning Tour to Kenya February 27-March 11, 2017! Tour highlights include seeing a sand dam in action, learning more about sustainable food projects, meeting the kids at MCC—supported education programs and enjoying a one-day safari. Contact Anna Yoder at annayoder@mcc.org or 316-283-2720 for more information.

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 Ryan, Rachel, Sarah, and Isaac Koehn; Rick, Rhonda, Stephanie, and Steven Brown; and Frederic, Aurore, Axel, Baptiste, and Manon Ducroquet. 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—255; Visitors—16
- Sunday School—195

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$6,068 and \$100 for the Organ Fund. The offering for October 30 is for Western District Conference.

Receiving or has received care—Lewis Wiebe, Wesley Hospital

In Sympathy—Geneva Flickner (84), Dennis Flickner's mother, passed away on October 11, in Moundridge. We extend our condolences to Dennis and Diane.

During Church Family Night, children 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.

Last day to sign up—today, October 23! Gratitude 2, our fall women's brunch, is coming up on Saturday, October 29, 9:00-10:30 AM. Included will be food for the body and the soul. You will also have an opportunity to donate to Harvest of Love. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the foyer. Direct questions to: Amanda Rempel—carempel@sbcglobal.net or Carol Entz—lacaentz@gmail.com.

Grocery Shower—Join us in celebrating the marriage of Tim and Michelle (Peachey) Regier that took place on August 13. The Fellowship Commission will host a grocery shower on **Sunday, October 30** between Sunday School and the