

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 9—Learning from Yesterday

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

Monday, October 10

Jail Ministry: Gary Moore

Wednesday, October 12

- 5:30 PM Meal served by In the Word/Koinonia
Menu: Pizza, Raw Veggies and Dip, Applesauce, Cookies
- 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)

Thursday, October 13

7:00 PM Church Board

Friday, October 14

6:30 PM IBA Benefit Dinner—FH

Sunday, October 16—Today at FMC

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

Upcoming Worship Services

October 23—FMC Tomorrow



**First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS**

October 9, 2016



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Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

Sunday, October 9, 2016

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Gathering

Gathering musicJyl Ewy, pianist

Choral introit: *Out of the deep have I called unto Thee* by Robert H. Young
(Words from Psalm 130 and 139)

The work of the people (announcements)

Call to worshipPenny Dorado, worship leader

Opening prayer

Songs of faith: *God of the Bible*..... **CS 91
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic *H 112

Greet one another; children come forward

Hearing God's Word

Children's focus..... Stefanie Knopp

Kingdom celebration..... Kent Erb and Brian Walker

Song of faith: *We would extol thee*.....H 74

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Choral anthem: *Lift Your Light* by Mary McDonald

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Sermon: *Learning from Yesterday: Sharing Faith*.....Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Teach me, O Lord*..... H 487

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *Pass it on*

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook

Chorister: Kay Schroeder

Ushers: Bob Schmidt, Brian Walker, Heath Kerr, Allen Schmidt

Childcare: Chris or Stephanie Weaver, Justen Schroeder

Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn

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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.

be in the future. This is an important opportunity to share hopes and dreams as well as to listen to the hopes and dreams of others.

We are 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.

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.

The Allies group, which supports people with various sexual identities and their families and friends, will be meeting Sunday, October 16, 4:00 PM at Tim and Kathy Wiens' home (912 S. Ridge Rd). Please contact Tim or Kathy if you have any questions.

Guys Grubfast—Saturday, October 15, 8:00 AM. We will meet at Athletic Park (5th and Park Street) at the NE corner of the park. Please bring breakfast food to share and your own table service. Guys of all ages are welcome to attend.

SERVICE PROJECT SATURDAY is coming! Saturday, October 22, 8:00 AM, breakfast in Fellowship Hall followed by working at the Kansas Food Bank in Wichita until noon. This is our second celebration event, and we welcome **ALL AGES** to participate! Sign-up sheets are in the church foyer on the standing bulletin board on the east end. PLEASE COME 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.

Women, time to sign up! Our fall **Women's Brunch, Gratitude 2**, is Saturday, October 29, 9:00-10:30 AM. Sign up sheets are located in adult Sunday school classrooms. Another sign up sheet is now located on the movable bulletin board in the foyer. Please also list the guest(s) you will bring. Questions? Contact Amanda Rempel for Women's Fellowship.

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

TODAY!

Sunday, October 9

- ▶▶ 9:15 am—Sunday School
- ▶▶ 12 noon—Seconds@FIRST Potluck
- ▶▶ 12:30 pm—FMC Vision & Mission

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



THIS WEEK!

Wed. (Oct. 12) 6:46 pm (prompt) gather at FMC but...

The plan is to get lost in the CORN MAZE near Buhler. We will return around 9:00 pm. Dress appropriate. INVITE YOUR FRIENDS and COME READY FOR A GREAT EVENING!!

NEXT WEEK!

Sunday (Oct. 16) 6:06 pm—Bible Study
Wednesday (Oct. 19) - SURPRISE Night



Community Announcements

Sunday-afternoon-at-the-museum program with quilt historian Marla Jackson will be today, 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.

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.

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.

The Wichita Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is presenting a concert at Eden Mennonite Church (Moundridge, KS) on Sunday, October 16, 4:00 PM. A reception will follow.

The Harvey County Homeless Shelter will be having a meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 7:00 PM, in the Sunflower Room at the Newton Recreation Center. Come learn about the exciting changes in their future.

MEDA invites you for the Kansas Chapter Business Tours—BMG in Hesston and Kansas Electric in Newton on Thursday, October 20, 5:00 PM. Dinner will follow the tour at Kansas Electric with a panel discussion about how each of these businesses came into being and how they have grown and flourished recently. Cost is \$15 per person and RSVP by October 13 to Carla Wedman at 620-896-7381.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) welcomes donations of money for its disaster response in Haiti, where people are suffering the effects of Hurricane Matthew this past week. 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.

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.

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.

The second concert of the 2016-17 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring two-time Grammy winner, Tim O'Brien, will be Friday, October 21, 7:00 PM, at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and good food in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$25 adults/\$15 kids, plus tax. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount. Purchase tickets online or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

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 and Kacie McGee, Monte and Christa Hiebert and family, and Jerry and Carol Hiebert. The display case in the Court Area has 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—202; Visitors—5
- Sunday School—182

Offering: Last week's offering for MCC was \$2,268 and \$4,255 for Local Mission. The Window Fund was \$10,050. The offering for October 16 is for Local Mission.

In Sympathy—Donovan Bachman (86) passed away on Monday, October 3. His funeral services were here at First Mennonite Church on Wednesday, October 5. We extend our condolences to Helen, Ron, Ken, and their families.

Book of JEBB will be having a concert here at First Mennonite Church **TODAY, 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.

Only three months to go and we are behind by \$27,044.90 for the year. We have made awesome progress with funding the organ and the stained glass windows. Can we make the same progress with our local missions? Please prayerfully consider what you can do. ~ Financial Stewardship Committee

October Seconds @ FIRST Potluck - TODAY. Everyone is encouraged to gather around the tables following the worship service for conversation. A special invitation is extended to YOUNG ADULTS and COLLEGE STUDENTS to join the conversation and eat some great food!

Vision & Mission Discernment Process —Following the Seconds@FIRST Potluck today at noon, everyone is encouraged to participate in a time of sharing and dreaming about where God is calling and who God is shaping First Mennonite to