

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

## Sunday, November 13—Gratitude

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Congregational Meeting/Potluck—FH

## Monday, November 14

Jail Ministry: Gary Moore

## Tuesday, November 15

7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission

## Wednesday, November 16

- 5:30 PM Meal served by New Disciples Sunday School Class  
Menu: Sloppy Joes, Applesauce, Chips, and Bar 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)

## Saturday, November 19

8:00 AM Men's Grubfast—Clarence Rempel's House

## Sunday, November 20—Gratitude

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:06 PM Youth Group Bible Study

## Upcoming Worship Services

- November 27—First Sunday of Advent—The Holy Way: Walking in the way of God's heart—God's Peace
- December 4—Second Sunday of Advent—The Holy Way: Walking in the way of God's heart—God's Harmony





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# Gratitude

## Sunday, November 13, 2016

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### Gathering

**Prelude** .....Amanda Rempel, organist/pianist  
*Now thank we all our God* Bach/Means  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow* Bourgeois/Alice Jordan

**The work of the people (announcements)**

**Choral introit:** *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* by Monsell and Willan

**Call to worship**.....Jim Huxman, worship leader

**Opening prayer**

**Songs of faith:** *For the beauty of the earth* ..... \*H 89  
*Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah*.....H 50

**Greet one another; children come forward**

### Hearing God's Word

**Children's focus** ..... Sheralyn Goering

**Song of faith:** *Give thanks with a grateful heart* ..... \*\*CS 26

(Children, ages 2-4, are welcome to participate in children's time in room 223.)

**Offering:** Local Mission  
**Offertory:** *'Tis the Gift* Powell

**Choral anthem:** *Sing Out, My Soul* by Lutrell and Hayes

**Scripture:** Philippians 4:4-9

**Sermon:** *In Everything*..... Pastor Anita Kehr

### Responding to God's Word

**Song of faith:** *Rejoice, the Lord is King*..... H 288

**Pastoral prayer** ..... Pastor Kay Schroeder

### Sending

**Choral sending song:** *How Can I Keep from Singing* by Craig Courtney

**Blessing**

**Postlude:** *Allegro Maestoso* Handel

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\*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book \*\*CS denotes Companion Songbook  
Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder  
Ushers: Bob Schmidt, Brian Walker, Heath Kerr, Allen Schmidt  
Childcare: Chris or Stephanie Weaver, Camryn Entz  
Audio Tech: Ron Bachman Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering  
Visuals: Cindy Unruh

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### 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.

**Harvest of Love**—Throughout November and December, the Salvation Army invites you to join in our annual food and fund drive to support people in need in our county. Items always needed are macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce, hamburger helper, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, and soups. A box is available in the Court Area to collect nonperishable items. If you wish to make a monetary donation you may write a check to "Harvest of Love" and place it in the offering.

**The Allies group**, which supports people with various sexual identities and their family and friends, will be meeting after the Congregational Meeting (at approximately 3:00 PM) **today** at the home of Tim and Kathy Wiens, 912 S. Ridge Rd. Please contact Tim or Kathy if you have any questions.

**This is the last Sunday until we pack shoeboxes!** Bring your donations to the collection box in the Court Area and the Fellowship Hall. We are looking for donations of hygiene items, school supplies, and toys, all of which should fit in a shoebox. Donations for shipping or to purchase items are also accepted. (Mark your donation *shoeboxes* and place in the offering or in the red and green shoebox marked donations in the Court Area.) Let's make those boxes overflow!

**There will be a six-week Sunday School class** open to all called *Radical Hospitality: Responding to the Issue of Immigration* on December 4, 11, 18 and January 8, 15, and 22. For more information on the curriculum see: [mennoniteusa.org/resource/radical-hospitality-core-curriculum/](http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/radical-hospitality-core-curriculum/). This multimedia class will be held in Fellowship Hall, is open to all, and will have conversation facilitated by members of the FMC Refugee group.

**Guy's Grubfast**—Saturday, November 19, 8:00 AM. Males of all ages are welcome to gather at the home of Clarence Rempel for fun, food, and fellowship. Bring your favorite breakfast item to share!

## SR. HIGH YOUTH

Expressing love of God in worship  
Experiencing love in community  
Extending God's love to the world

THIS WEEK!

**Sunday, November 13**

- » 9:15 am—Sunday School
- » 10:30 am—Worship
- » 12:00 pm—Seconds @ FIRST Potluck
- » 12:30 pm—Spring Congregational Meeting



» Wednesday, Nov. 16 (6:46 pm) - We'll be collecting food for

the Harvest of Love Campaign in the neighborhood. Bring a donation of non-perishable food items to help build the food stash!

NEXT WEEK!

**Sunday, November 20** — Bible Study at the Schroeder's  
**Wed., Nov, 23**—No Youth Group. Happy Thanksgiving!

**Family Life Ministry's Mission** is "to create a healthy environment where families and individuals can be nurtured and draw closer to God." We are looking for a group of people who are passionate about showing God's love to families, people who can give a little or a lot of their time supporting families within and outside of the walls of this church. We need families willing to serve families, grandmas and grandpas with their wisdom, and those with youth and energy. This ministry is for everyone. If God is calling you to serve or you would like more information, please contact Family Life Ministry at [fmcfamilylifeministry@gmail.com](mailto:fmcfamilylifeministry@gmail.com) or Christa Hiebert. Strong Families make a Strong Church.

**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

**Matthew Graber's senior piano recital** will be today, 3:00 PM in the Administration Building chapel at Bethel College.

**Join fellow Goshen College alumni and prospective students today** for ice cream and coffee at Water's Edge in Hesston, 3:00-5:00 PM. Drop in anytime. There will be a special admissions presentation by GC Admissions Counselor, Caleb Longenecker, at 3:30 PM. Family and friends are welcome too! RSVP on Facebook or at [goshen.edu/admissions/hesston-meetup](http://goshen.edu/admissions/hesston-meetup).

**Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Creating your retirement income strategy***, at 7:00 PM on the following Mondays: November 14 and December 12. 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](mailto:darlene.buller@everence.com).

**Casa Betania will be having a brunch** as a fundraiser on Tuesday, November 15, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM here at First Mennonite Church in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will include biscuits and gravy, eggs, sausage, potato soup, cinnamon rolls, fruit, coffee, and juice. The purpose of this event is an act of thanksgiving and to serve you and fellowship with you.

**Webinar invite**—*A Rabbi and a Pastor walk through a checkpoint: Relating to Jewish neighbors while working for justice in Palestine* will be on Thursday, November 17, 6:00 PM. Are you passionate about peace with justice in Israel-Palestine, but unsure how to engage with Jewish friends, colleagues, or neighbors?



Pastor Amy Yoder McGloughlin and Rabbi Linda Holtzman will share stories of their work together co-leading tours to Israel-Palestine, listening and speaking to various audiences about their experience, and engaging their respective communities. The webinar will include conversation about what has and hasn't been helpful, and some ideas for building relationships together. Contact Anita Kehr for information on how to RSVP.

**The staff of *The Mennonite* magazine** and website invite you to a meet and greet event next Friday, November 18, 2:00-4:00 PM. Come join staff members Hannah Heinzekehr, Executive Director, and Gordon Houser, Editor for a come and go event. Gordon and Hannah want to thank readers in the area for their support of *The Mennonite* and chat about what's in store for the future. Light refreshments, coffee and tea will be available in the upstairs community area in the Mennonite Church USA offices, 718 N Main St, Newton, Kansas. You're welcome to stop any time during those hours to say hello. Feel free to bring along fellow readers and/others who may just be interested in learning more about *The Mennonite*.

**Hesston College will host** its annual Thanksgiving weekend November 24-26. Join in on events and activities for the whole family including a Thanksgiving evening Masterworks concert, A Downton Abbey Christmas, followed by the annual talent show. Friday will be the two-mile run/walk, The Benjamin Bolt, as well as a concert featuring the college's music ensembles. Men's and women's basketball plays on both November 25 and 26. Go to [hesston.edu/thanksgiving](http://hesston.edu/thanksgiving) for more information and a full weekend schedule

**Bethel College Wind Ensemble** and the 4th annual Honor Band concert will be on Saturday, November 19, 7:00 PM, featuring the Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble. The concert will be in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

**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](mailto: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 Sammie, Robin, Savannah, Tjaden, and Andrew Simmons; Irene Schmidt; and Harland and Oneta Unruh. 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—222; Visitors—3
- Sunday School—212

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary was \$1,610 and \$7,680 to Local Missions. The offering for November 20 is for Local Missions.

**Our receipts through October 31, 2016 are \$293,790.** Our expenses through October have been \$319,172. We have spent \$25,383 more than we have received. Our anticipated expenses for November and December are \$62,000. This means that we will need \$87,383 to meet our actual and anticipated expenses. Once again God has been good to us as a congregation this past year. The Financial Stewardship Committee would like to thank you for your faithful support of Local Missions. ~Nancy Waltner, Treasurer and Dewayne Pauls, Chairman

**THANK YOU FROM FMC YOUTH!** Thank you to all who supported the youth through the Annual Turkey Dinner Fundraiser last Wednesday! 353 meals were served and donations totaled \$4,503.75! THANK YOU!

**Congregational Carry-in Dinner**—There will be a carry-in dinner following the worship service today, prior to the annual congregational meeting. Please join us in this fellowship time.

**The Fall Congregational meeting** is called for today, at approximately 12:30 PM following a carry-in dinner. The agenda will include reports from our pastors, church board, and treasurer. Votes will be held on a proposed 2017 budget and a ballot for vacancies on church board, committees, and commissions. A proposed vision and mission statement will be introduced. Please plan on attending this important meeting in the life of our church.