

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, April 23—Trusting the Trustworthy One

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

### Monday, April 24

Jail Ministry: Gary Moore

### Wednesday, April 25

6:00 PM Youth Group Meal and Auction—FH

### Sunday, April 30—Guest Speaker: Kathy Goering Reid

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Ryan and Miriam Goertzen-Regier's Grocery Shower—FH
- 10:30 AM Worship Service

### Upcoming Worship Services

- May 7—Trusting the Trustworthy One—Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10
- May 14—Trusting the Trustworthy One—Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

# Trusting the Trustworthy One



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# Trusting the Trustworthy One

## Sunday, April 23, 2017

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### Gathering

**Prelude**.....Jyl Ewy, piano

**Gathering song:** *O sons and daughters, let us sing* ..... \*H 274  
(stanzas 1, 4, 5)

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

**Call to worship:** 1 Peter 1:3-9.....Pastor Kay Schroeder

**Opening prayer**

### Praising

**Songs of faith:** *God sent his Son* .....H 345  
*Lord, I lift your name on high*..... \*\*CS 16

**Greet one another; children come forward**

**Children's focus**..... Bryan Kehr

#### Prayer Litany in recognition of Child Protection Month

**Leader:** Creator God, we pause to raise a prayer of thanksgiving  
for our children.

**People:** **You have entrusted the miracle of life to us.**

**Leader:** Open our eyes to see your image in them.

**People:** **Open our ears to hear the needs of their hearts.**

**Leader:** We renew our commitment to our children.

**People:** **We dedicate ourselves to their care, nurture, and protection.**

**Leader:** As you show love, patience, and compassion to us,

**People:** **give us love, patience, and compassion for them.**

**Leader:** Help us by your Holy Spirit, Loving God.

**All:** **Amen**

**Song of faith:** *Jesus, friend so kind and gentle* ..... H 621

**Offering:** Local Mission

**Offertory:** *Sonata in C Major-Allegro* by Jean Baptiste Breval

Jakob Graber, cello; Marissa Murphy, piano

(Please pass the welcome pads)

### Hearing God's Word

**Scripture:** Proverbs 3:5-6; Acts 2:14a, 22-28

**Sermon:** *Trust God; Love Each Other* ..... Pastor Anita Kehr

### Responding to God's Word

**Song of faith:** *This is the threefold truth* ..... H 335

**Pastoral prayer** ..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

### Sending

**Sending song:** *Come, come, ye saints* ..... H 425

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

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

Chorister: Daryl Unruh

Ushers: Alan Entz, Ryan Nye, Jan Groves, Wenda Black

Childcare: Chris or Stephanie Weaver, Sarah Koehn

Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn

Video/Lighting Tech: Tyler Shelly

Visuals: Carol Hiebert

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**OUR VISION**—Together in Christ: rooted deeply, reaching widely, loving well

**OUR MISSION**—With Jesus as our center, we are called to be:

- Faith-Focused
- Mission-Minded
- Community-Connected

abuse. The survey is available online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/fmcgracesurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fmcgracesurvey) or call the church office and we will email you a live link. If you are unable to complete the survey online, a paper version is available in the church office. Both the online and the paper version will go directly to GRACE and be completely confidential. Please complete the survey by April 26.

**The sign-up sheet for Camp Mennoscah** is on the bulletin board in the court area. Please sign your children up by April 30 if they're planning to attend; Nurture Commission needs the information to plan for scholarships! Thank you.

**Camp Mennoscah time is approaching!** Over the last few years, First Mennonite has offered scholarships of \$100 per student for children in both our congregation and in Casa Betania. **Depending on what we receive, scholarships may be lower this year.** This experience has been a vital part of the faith formation of those who attend. Last year, we distributed \$4,300; our current balance is around \$1,700. The Nurture Commission is grateful for any help you can give. Please talk to any member of the commission for more information. Thank you!

**This Wednesday, April 26, in the Fellowship Hall,** the youth will be hosting our bi-annual auction. Come for a free meal at 6:00 PM. The auction will start at 6:45 PM. A listing of auction items is in your church mailbox. Check out the items to be auctioned, and join in the bidding for great items, all donated by people from First Mennonite Church. Babysitting is provided throughout the evening. Proceeds will go for the summer trip to the DOOR inner city program of Chicago, Illinois. (Please bring auction items to the church office before Tuesday, April 25, or the Fellowship Hall, no later than **4:00 PM** on Wednesday, April 26.)

**Grocery Shower**—Join us in celebrating the marriage on March 11 of Miriam and Ryan Goertzen-Regier. The Fellowship Commission will host a grocery shower on Sunday, April 30, between Sunday School and the worship service (10:00-10:30 AM) 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

**SR. HIGH YOUTH** *With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:  
Faith-Focused, Mission-Minded, Community-Centered*

### **TODAY! Sunday, April 23**

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

### **Wednesday, April 26**

- ▶▶ 5:05 PM— ALL YOUTH needed to prepare for auction.
- ▶▶ 6:00 PM— FREE meal served (hamburgers, hotdogs, chips)
- ▶▶ 6:45 PM— Youth Auction Fundraiser

**COMING  
EVENTS**

**May 1—DOOR / FMC forms and \$50 deposit due.**  
**July 16-21—D.O.O.R. Summer Mission Trip (Chicago, IL)**



**The Property Committee needs your help** to maintain our facility! There are several projects that need completing, and we want you to have the opportunity to help. We need help with painting the new shed, painting the walls and ceiling in the balcony classroom, and installing pipe insulation and replacing a few ceiling tiles in the Jr. High room. Contact Jordan Miller, Alan Entz, Clint Litsey, Ryan Nye, or Rod Schmidt for more information.

### **Community Announcements**

**Bluestem Communities Independent Living** will have an open house today, 1:00-3:00 PM. The Kidron Bethel Village, North Newton tour begins at 15 Lakewood Circle. The Schowalter Villa, Hesston tour begins at Water's Edge Lobby, 701 S. Main.

**Call for singers**—Bethel College choirs, Philharmonia Orchestra and community chorus will perform Haydn's *Missa in Angustiis (Mass for Troubled Times)* on Sunday, May 7. You are still welcome to join the chorus—come to the **first rehearsal Monday, April 24, 6:30 PM, in Luyken Fine Arts Center on campus.** Time commitment: eight 3-hour rehearsals (April 24-25, April 27, May 1-2, May 4-6) and the May 7 performance. Contact William Eash, [weash@bethelks.edu](mailto:weash@bethelks.edu) or 316-284-5316 for more information.

**The Annual Student Art Exhibit reception** will be at Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College on Thursday, April 27, 6:00-8:00 PM.

**The FloraKansas Spring plant sale** will be held April 28-May 1 at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Kansas' largest native plant sale is offering many species of wildflowers and grasses many of which are rare in cultivation. Memberships can be purchased on the day of the sale. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount at all arboretum plant sales and may participate in the members only pre-sale on Thursday, April 27, 8:00 AM-7:00 PM. For more information, call 620-327-8127 or visit [dyckarboretum.org](http://dyckarboretum.org).

**If you enjoy playing golf** and would like to support Harvey County Circle of Hope, join us Saturday, April 29, 8:00 AM, at Fox Ridge Golf Course for a 4-person scramble, followed by a delicious lunch! For more information contact Peace Connections at 284-0000 or visit [peaceconnections.org](http://peaceconnections.org).

**We need volunteers in Ashland, Kansas** for Saturday, April 29, working from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A group of about 30 is needed along with skid steers and A/UTV's. Work will consist of cleaning up barbed wire fence. Transportation, lunch, water and tools will all be provided. There is a need for several skid steers and A/UTV's to be used in the area for the next 6-8 weeks. If you know of an individual or company that would be will to provide this please let me know. Volunteers can call, text or email with their availability to Jordan Miller at [jordanmiller795@gmail.com](mailto:jordanmiller795@gmail.com) or 316-217-4570.

**The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus** will be in concert at Pressor Hall in Lindsborg on Sunday, April 30, at 4:30 PM. They will also be in concert at Hesston High School on Sunday, May 7, at 7:00 PM.

**Western District Women in Mission** is accepting registrations for the Sister Care: Level 2 "Going Deeper" weekend retreat led by Carolyn Heggen and Rhoda Keener. The event is

May 5-7, at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita. Contact Darlene Powers at dpowers11@cox.net for a registration form and any questions.

**Men & Boys Retreat is at Camp Mennoscah** on April 28-30! Gather together as friends and family for a weekend of spending time with friends, worshipping, fishing, sitting by the fire, or canoeing. Registration begins on Saturday, but many arrive on Friday. The first meal provided is Saturday supper. Saturday evening will feature a performance by the Flannelbacks, a bluegrass band from the Bethel College area. Michael Unruh will be our speaker for the weekend. No pre-registration is necessary, but if you have questions contact Kevin Neufeld at kevinneufeld2@gmail.com or 316-322-5515.

**Everence Financial will provide information** about Medicare and retirement income at two upcoming seminars. The Medicare seminar will be held on May 1 and will include what Medicare covers, the differences between plans that supplement Medicare, and enrollment deadlines. The retirement income seminar, held on June 5, will help you determine if you have enough money to retire, what to do if the market doesn't cooperate and how to know if your savings will last. The seminars are held at 7:00 PM at the Everence office in Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Michelle Ramer at (620) 327-4043 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

**The final concert of the 2016-17 Prairie Window Concert Series**, featuring Walnut Valley Festival favorites The Steel Wheels, will be on Saturday, May 6, 7:00 PM at the Wichita Orpheum Theatre. Tickets cost \$29 including tax. Convenience fees apply if reserving by phone or online. Reserve tickets online at wichitaorpheum.com/events or in person at the INTRUST Bank Arena Box office. The concert is hosted by the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston.

**Want to visit someone in prison?** There is an upcoming training for new volunteers on Monday, May 15, 12:00-4:00 PM at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility, "Old School House." We are searching for more volunteers to begin visiting inmates through Offender Victim Ministries M-2 program. We are also forming a choir at the HCF East Unit. Would you like to sing in this? Do you know someone who could help provide musical leadership? Contact Ben Kreider at ben@offendervictimministries.org for more info on getting involved in M-2 or the choir.

**Bethel College seeks a** full-time administrative assistant to the director of development and the Annual Fund director, providing support services to the development office, including database management, processing donor gifts and office management. For a full job description and application, see [www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/people/career-opportunities/](http://www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/people/career-opportunities/).

**Find out how to put your faith into action!** Consider serving and learning about how God is working in other parts of the country. Check out our Christian Service opportunities for ages 14 -26. But don't delay because application deadlines are coming up soon! The Youth Venture (Detroit) application deadline is May 1; Service Adventure, Journey International, Door (Dwell) and MVS application deadline is June 1. For more information visit [www.mennonitemission.net/Serve](http://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve).

**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 second half of 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 Linda Shelly (Court Area display case); Jan, Anne and Lia Groves (Library display case); Steve and Wynette Voth (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

#### **First Mennonite Church by the numbers**

##### **Attendance:**

- Worship—379 Visitors—59
- Sunday School—190

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$11,047. The offering for April 30 is for Western District.

**Thank you to Evelyn Gaertner** for drawing the front cover of the bulletin this week.

**Receiving or has received care**—Florene Wiens, NMC.

##### **Transfer of membership:**

- Jerry Regier to Grace Community Church

**I would like to thank the church** for letting Pastor Kent Rogers do the service for Deloris Schmidt. Many thanks to Kay and Donna for being able to help with the music and also thank you to the gentlemen that rang the bells and helped with the audio. Thanks also to the Caring Committee for preparing the meal, and we also thank everyone for the cards and prayers that were sent. ~John Schmidt Family

**The Spring Congregational Meeting** is being called for today, following a carry-in dinner after the worship service. The meeting will begin at approximately 12:30 PM. Childcare will be provided. Reports will be shared on a variety of topics plus updates will be given on our current financial information. Please plan to attend this important meeting in the life of our congregation.

**Boxes have been placed** in the foyer to collect designated school supplies for the MCC school kits. A second box is for school kit bags; sewing instructions are available on the box. The contents for the MCC school kits are very specific – 4 notebooks, 8 unsharpened pencils, large eraser, 12"/30 cm ruler and 12 colored pencils (no markers). Check the box in the foyer or the bulletin board in the basement by the Fellowship Hall for examples.

**We invite each of you, ages 14 to 114**, to complete the survey which GRACE (Godly Response to Abuse in the Christian Environment) has developed. Their survey is part of a review to examine the response of First Mennonite Church to issues related to sexual