

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

**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

**Monday, May 1**

Jail Ministry: Gary and Ruby Moore, Arlen Wiens

**Wednesday, May 3**

6:00 PM Youth Group

**Thursday, May 4**

11:30 AM Worship Commission—Cora Voran's house

7:00 PM Nurture Commission

**Saturday, May 6**

10:00 AM Catechism—Warkentin Room

**Sunday, May 7**—Trusting the Trustworthy One: The Shepherd

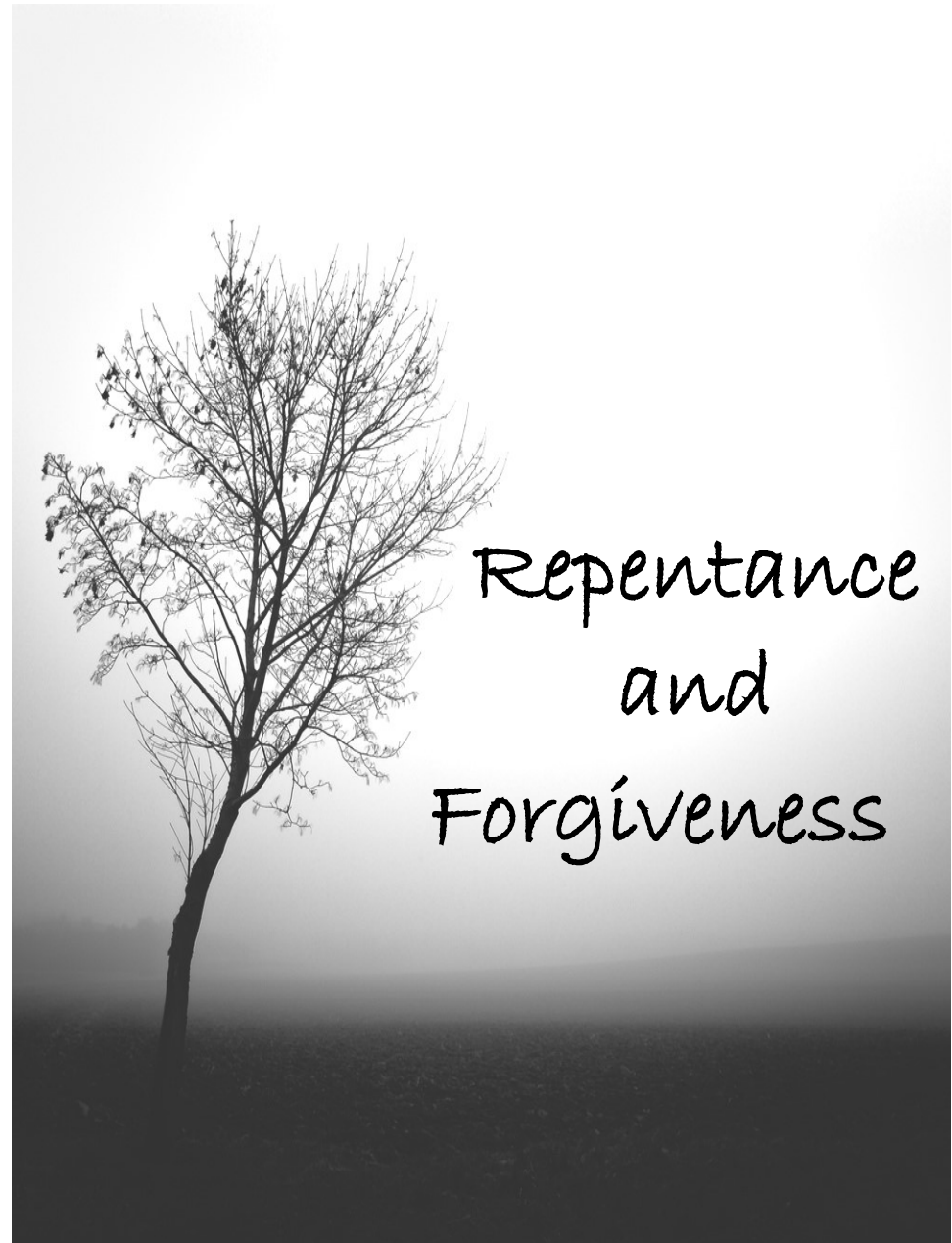
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## Upcoming Worship Services

May 14—Trusting the Trustworthy One: The Refuge and the Way—  
Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John  
14:1-14

May 21—Trusting the Trustworthy One: Creator and Companion—  
Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21



Repentance  
and  
Forgiveness

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# Repentance and Forgiveness

## Sunday, April 30, 2017

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### Gathering

**Prelude**..... Donna Stucky, organist/pianist

**Gathering song:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* ..... \*H 37

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

**Call to worship**..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

**Opening prayer**

### Praising

**Songs of faith:** *Just a closer walk with thee*..... \*\*CS 94  
*I am weak and I need thy strength* .....H 553

**Greet one another; children come forward**

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

**Song of faith:** *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* .....H 582

**Offering:** Western District Conference

**Offertory**

(Please pass the welcome pads)

## Hearing God's Word

**Scripture:** Luke 19:1-10

**Sermon:** *Repentance and Forgiveness* .....Kathy Goering Reid

### Responding to God's Word

**Song of faith:** *Healer of our ev'ry ill* ..... H 377

**Pastoral prayer** ..... Pastor Anita Kehr

### Sending

**Sending song:** *Rain down*

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

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

Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder

Ushers: Loren Entz, Ivan Goering, Clint Litsey, Carol Gerbrand

Childcare: Amanda Menninga, Brooklyn Black

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Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering

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

# SR. HIGH YOUTH

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

## TODAY! Sunday, April 30

- ▶▶ 9:15 AM—Sunday School
- ▶▶ 10:30 AM—Worship Service
- ▶▶ DOOR Forms / \$50 deposit DUE



## Wednesday, May 3

- ▶▶ 7:02 PM— Meet at FMC/carpool to MCC Center—assemble health kits OR meet at MCC around 7:15. Return to FMC around 8:30 pm.

## July 16-21—D.O.O.R. Summer Mission Trip (Chicago, IL)

**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 \$1,900. The Nurture Commission is grateful for any help you can give. Please talk to any member of the commission for more information. Thank you!

**First Mennonite will be** receiving a check for \$363 from Kroger for the first quarter of the year from the Community Rewards Program. Our church has 37 households/ supporters who shop at Dillons and participate in the program.

**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**

**The Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert** is today, 3:00 PM, featuring Pulitzer Prize-winning composers: Hanson's "Chorale and Alleluia," Copland's "Lincoln Portrait" and the premiere of a commissioned work by Zhou Long. The concert will be in Memorial Hall.

**Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus Spring concerts** begin this afternoon at 4:30 PM in Presser Hall on the Bethany College campus. The second concert will be May 7, 7:00 PM at Hesston High School and a summer concert at Grace Cathedral in Topeka is planned for the afternoon of June 25. Greg Bontrager conducts the chorus in its 49th year in a wide variety of musical arrangements, including "Alleluia," "Mornin' Train," "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," "I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing," "A Mighty

Fortress Is Our God" and "Walk By Faith." In addition to Menno Brass, accompaniment includes oboe, a string quartet, and bluegrass and blues groups. As usual, offerings are taken to support the global ministry of Mennonite Central Committee.

**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).

**Parkinson's Support Group**—Kidron Bethel will host the next Parkinson's Support Group meeting Tuesday, May 2, at 2:00 PM, in Menno Hall. Susie and Jim Wickhiser will share on the topic "Partners Reflecting on Parkinson's Disease." All interested persons are welcome.

**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](mailto:dpowers11@cox.net) for a registration form and any questions.

**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](mailto: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/](http://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.

**We need volunteers in Ashland, Kansas** for Saturday, May 6, 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 willing 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.

**Do you live for a good story?** Are you passionate about God's presence and work in the world? If so, work for Mennonite Mission Network as our writer and multimedia content producer. This full time position will be located in the Newton, KS or Elkhart, IN office. Learn more at [www.MennoniteMission.Net/about/Employment](http://www.MennoniteMission.Net/about/Employment). If interested, please send a resumé to [StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net).

**You are invited to a concert, *Mission through Music***, with proceeds to benefit Mariana Martinez, an international student seeking sponsorship to attend Hesston College. The performance will feature Hesston College music students on Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 PM at Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston. A free-will offering will be collected, with all proceeds going to benefit the Martinez family. More information on the event and the Martinez family can be found at [horizon.hesston.edu](http://horizon.hesston.edu).

**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](mailto:ben@offendervictimministries.org) for more info on getting involved in M-2 or the choir.

**THANK YOU to everyone who helped** make the 49th Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale a huge success! You are all invited to celebrate this success at the KMRS annual meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 6:30 PM, at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge. The meal is \$15 a plate and you will pay at the door. Please RSVP by May 14 to Barb Reeves at 620-543-6863, or [bj.reeves@live.com](mailto:bj.reeves@live.com).

**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/).

**Are you looking for a non-traditional pastorate?** Service Adventure leaders are needed to help guide young adults in their ongoing discovery of who God is and how God is calling them into vocation. The leaders will live with young adults in a household setting and create a "family" as part of a local congregation. Check it out at [mennonitemission.net/Serve/Service%20Adventure](http://mennonitemission.net/Serve/Service%20Adventure).

**Is the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 on your calendar?** Registration remains open. Come to Orlando July 4-8 to celebrate "Love is a Verb" with fellowship, worship, and activities with Mennonites from around the country. The convention will feature top speakers, including Mark DeVries and Rachel Held Evans, along with a wide range of workshops and a chance to enjoy the Orlando sunshine. Learn more at [convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/](http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/).

**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—218 Visitors—10
- Sunday School—170

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$3,817. The offering for May 7 is for Camp Mennoscah.

**Receiving or has received care**—Florene Wiens, NMC; Rick Ortman, St. Luke's Hospital—Kansas City; Connie Claassen, NMC.

**THANK YOU! Thank you to all** who contributed (items or donations) and who attended the amazingly successful Youth Group Auction. \$12,000 was raised which will help youth and youth ministers experience God at work in the inner city of Chicago, July 16-21. Thanks again!

**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.

**Delegates needed:** First Mennonite is eligible to send three delegates to the Mennonite Church USA convention in Orlando, Florida, July 4-8, and ten delegates to the Western District Conference annual assembly in Arlington, Texas, August 4-6. We currently have one delegate for each meeting. The MC USA convention will be discerning the future of the denomination, and the WDC assembly will be celebrating 125 years of history. Both will be worthwhile and hope-filled. **If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please contact Ryan Koehn or Anita Kehr.** Thank you.

**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.