

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 14—Trusting the Trustworthy One: The Refuge and the Way

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

Monday, May 15

7:00 PM Property Committee

Tuesday, May 16

9:30 AM Women's Fellowship— FH

7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission

Thursday, May 18

7:00 PM Church Board

Saturday, May 20

8:30 AM Guy's Grubfast—Ron Ratzlaff's house

10:00 AM Catechism—Warkentin Room

Sunday, May 21—Trusting the Trustworthy One: Creator and Companion

7:45 AM Outreach, Missions and Peace Commission

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

Upcoming Worship Services

May 28—Trusting the Trustworthy One—Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10,
32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

June 4—Pentecost—Worship in the Park—Athletic Park



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The Refuge and the Way

Sunday, May 14, 2017

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Gathering

Prelude..... Amanda Entz, organist/pianist

Gathering song: *I know that my Redeemer lives* *H 277

The work of the people (announcements)

Call to worship: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16..... Brent Voran, worship leader

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *Why should I feel discouraged*
I am the Bread of lifeH 472
(stanzas 1, 4, 5)

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Andrea Enns Regier

Song of faith: *Children of the heavenly Father* H 616

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Song of faith: *You are all we have*

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: John 14:1-14 Alyssa Becker

Sermon: *Untroubled Hearts* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *In the rifted Rock I'm resting* H 526

Pastoral prayer Pastor Joel Schroeder

Sending

Sending song: *To God be the glory* H 102

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Carol Entz; Musicians: Joan Entz, Michelle Regier, Dan Miller, Tim Regier.
Ushers: Bob Schmidt, Brian Walker, John Good, Donnie Kingsley
Childcare: Chris or Stephanie Weaver, Brooklyn Black
Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy
Visuals: Pat Litsey

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

Women's Fellowship/Work Day is Tuesday, May 16, 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be working on sewing projects. Offering is for MCC school kits. Jean Ann Unruh will have devotions. Please bring a sack lunch. Everyone is welcome!

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. 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.**

Congratulations 2017 Graduates! Newton High School—Tyler Doty, Logan Hamm, Clay Nye, Tanner Pauls, Addie Regier, and Justen Schroeder. **Hesston High School**—Emma Krehbiel. **Bethel College**—Mason Unruh and Grant Walker. **Hesston College**—Maddy Black and Riley Kingsley. **Hutchinson Community College**—Taylor Stahly. **Youngstown State**—Katrina Gerbrand. **Kansas State**—Andrew Walker. **KU Medical School**—Ruth Lehman Wiens. **University of Minnesota**—Terra Wiens. **Wichita State**—Alyssa Becker (December 2016). If you know of additional graduates please share their name(s) with the church office so we can all celebrate their accomplishments!

Guy's Grubfest will meet on May 20, 8:30 AM, at the residence of Ron Ratzlaff, 3002 Wildwood Ct, North Newton. Bring your favorite breakfast dish and rub elbows with fellow travelers in the journey of life.

Casa Betania invites First Mennonite to join them in celebrating with their first high school graduates: Willis Baños, Carlos Lujano and Jonathan Villa. On May 21, the 4:00 PM worship will be a time of blessing the graduates. Translation will be available. After the service at 5:30 PM, there will be a graduation reception in Fellowship Hall to celebrate with the graduates. Guests are welcome to come for one or both events. The graduates and their families are appreciative of First Mennonite's support in their formation through youth group, Camp Mennoscah and other times of fellowship.

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.

VBS 2017 kick off begins Friday, June 2, with a cookout at FMC in the parking lot by the playground. On Saturday, June 3, VBS will run from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM for grades K-5. Preschoolers will have a shortened day ending at 12 noon.

Church in the park will be June 4 at Athletic Park near the Mennonite Settler statue. The worship service will begin at 10:30 AM with no Sunday School that morning. Children will be sharing what they learned in Bible School. A picnic lunch will follow the service. Please bring finger foods to share and lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

Believe it or not, First Mennonite Church has had an active women's group for 130 years. And we are going to celebrate their contributions from 1887 to 2017. That is 130 years. You will be amazed. Put it on your calendar for Sunday, June 11, 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome, women and men. Please sign up on the sheet in the Court Area.

Community Announcements

Open Road will give a concert today, 7:00 PM at Memorial Hall at Bethel College. **Woven's concert** will be tomorrow, May 15, at 7:00 PM.

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? Contact Ben Kreider at 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.

We need volunteers in Ashland, Kansas for Saturday, May 20, 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 316-217-4570 or jordanmiller795@gmail.com.

Two distinguished scientists, Dr. Michael Crawford and Dr. Francis McMahon, will be coming to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church in Goessel to speak and present their findings on their scientific research and its connection to Mennonites. They will also be speaking about genetic links to certain diseases as well. The public is invited to attend Sunday, May 21, 7:00 PM, for this free lecture.

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. If interested, please send a resumé to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net.

Practical Skills for Managing Interpersonal Conflict (core mediation), will be offered June 6-9, at KIPCOR (Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution) in North Newton. This training will benefit both potential mediators and others interested in developing better skills for handling the difficult conversations we all face. The Caregiving and Membership Commission is encouraging FMC members to take this course by offering to help pay for the registration. If several people are interested, a further reduction in price may be available from KIPCOR. Please contact the office if you are interested, or a member of the Caregiving and Membership Commission (June Thomsen, Sean Claassen, Cindy Unruh, Jan Sommer, Chris Weaver).

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.

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/.

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! Adventure, Journey International, Door (Dwell) and MVS application deadline is June 1. Visit mennonitemission.net/Serve 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 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 John and Janice Good (Court Area display case); Brian and Lori Kennell and family (Library display case); Don and Kathryn Penner (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—227 Visitors—14
- Sunday School—164

Offering: Last week's offering for Camp Mennoscah was \$1,695 and \$4,408 for Local Mission. The offering for May 21 is for Local Mission.

Kind deeds are like little prayers. Thankful for your thoughts, prayers, cards, and visits. I feel so blessed! You are a gift from God!
~Connie Claassen

In Sympathy—Floyd Bartel, former pastor at FMC, passed away on May 5 at Schowalter Villa. His memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 20, 11:00 AM at Bethel College Mennonite Church. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

The Caregiving and Membership Commission is once again sponsoring the much-appreciated adopt-a-month congregational caregiving program. We are asking Sunday School classes, families, or individuals to adopt a month for a period of one year. During the month you adopt, you will visit individuals on or near their birthday who can no longer attend church. You can take them a birthday card, cookies, or just visit. Months have included between one and four people to visit. Sunday School classes are encouraged to sign up for the larger months. The sign-up sheets will be in the Court Area **today, May 14**.

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.