

The Shepherd

Sunday, May 7, 2017

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Gathering

Prelude..... Amanda Rempel, organist

Gathering song: *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain* *H 265

The work of the people (announcements)

Call to worship..... David Wiebe, worship leader

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *God our Protector*
If I Stand

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Dewayne Pauls and Brian Walker

Special music: *Cross over to the other side of Jordan* by Dailey & Vincent
Ken, Amy, Erin, Austin, Addie, and Eli Regier

Offering: Camp Mennoscah

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Song of faith: *Wait Alone in Stillness*

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: John 10:1-15..... Heath Kerr

Sermon: *Knowing Who's Who* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus* H 340

Pastoral prayer Pastor Kay Schroeder

Sending

Sending song: *Zephaniah 3:17*

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Kay Schroeder; Musicians: Ben Regier, Dwayne Abrahams, Austin Regier, Tim Regier, Ken Regier
Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, Heath Kerr, Janice Good
Childcare: Amanda Menninga, Camryn Entz
Audio Tech: Ron Bachman Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner
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

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.**

Congratulations 2017 Graduates! Newton High School—Logan Hamm, Clay Nye, Tanner Pauls, Addie Regier, and Justen Schroeder. **Hesston High School**—Emma Krehbiel. **Bethel College**—Grant Walker. **Hesston College**—Riley Kingsley. **Hutchinson Community College**—Taylor Stahly. **Youngstown State**—Katrina Gerbrand. **KU Medical School**—Ruth Lehman Wiens. **University of Minnesota**—Terra Wiens. 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.

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.

SR. HIGH YOUTH

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REMINDER: DOOR Forms / \$50 deposit DUE

What's Happin'?

Wednesday, May 10

▶▶ 7:30 PM— Baccalaureate at Newton High School (No Youth Group)

June 21, 28, July 5, 12

▶▶ DOOR Mission Trip prep gatherings

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



Community Announcements

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)

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus Spring concert will be today, 7:00 PM at Hesston High School. 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.

We need volunteers in Ashland, Kansas for Saturday, May 13, 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.

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.

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.

The Hesston College Bel Canto Singers will present their final concert of the year at 4:00 PM, Saturday, May 13, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. The program, entitled "God is Near," is the first of a 12-concert tour throughout the Midwest. "God is Near" is inspired by our call to seek out faith in our lives.

Open Road will give a concert on Sunday, May 14, 7:00 PM at Memorial Hall at Bethel College. **Woven's concert** will be Monday, 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.

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 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—188 Visitors—6
- Sunday School—152

Offering: Last week's offering for Western District Conference was \$1,817 and \$2,803 for Local Mission. The offering for May 14 is for Local Mission.

Receiving or has received care—Florene Wiens, NMC

Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, cards, visits, and other acts of kindness. It is good to be home and getting along so well after surgery. God is so good!
~Rick and Helen Ortman

A total of \$3,700 has been received for the Camp Mennoscah Scholarships. This will allow 37 FMC and Casa Betania campers to each receive a \$100 scholarship to attend camp this summer. A big **THANK YOU** to all who contributed to the scholarship fund.
~Nurture Commission

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 7.**

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