

Peace: In our Community

Sunday, July 2, 2017

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Gathering

Prelude..... Melody Bontrager, pianist

Gathering song: *Light a candle for peace*

The work of the people (announcements)

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Call to worship: Isaiah 58:6-12 Nancy Waltner, worship leader

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *House of Peace*
The River is Here

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Andrea Regier

Kingdom report Rod Pauls, Intersarsity

Song of faith: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*..... *H 447

Offering: Mennonite Mission Network

Offertory: *My Eyes are Dry*

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37 Jim and Alice Huxman, readers

Sermon: *Neighborliness* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Brothers and sisters of mine* H 142

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *I bind my heart this tide* H 411

Blessing

Postlude

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

Chorister: Paul Schrag; Musicians: Ben Regier, Daryl Unruh, Dwayne Abrahams, Tim Regier

Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, John Good, Heath Kerr

Childcare: Amanda Menninga, Camryn Entz

Audio Tech: Larry Becker

Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner

Visuals: Cindy Unruh

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**

The Campbell's company "Labels for Education" is being phased out. Labels will be accepted only until the end of July 2017. If you have any labels, please turn them in by Sunday, July 30, and they will be taken to the WDC offices on July 31. The General Mills "Box Tops for Education" continues to be in operation. These labels can also be placed in the red box in the foyer.

Lillian Quiring and Ruth Anne Abraham will be hosting a "birthday" party for their mother, Ruth Lawrence Dick, on Saturday, July 8, 2:00-4:00 PM at 419 E. First. Their mother would have been 104. **They are inviting all church members.**

Women's Fellowship—There is plenty of fabric to piece blanket tops/quilts for finishing on our work days. If you are interested in piecing tops for the MCC Center or MCC Sale, please call Kathryn Penner at 283-2231 or Geraldine Wiebe at 283-1309. There's still work to be done. We will meet again in September, October, and November. Thank you!

The Property Committee needs your help to maintain our facility! There are projects that need completing, and we want you to have the opportunity to help. We need help with 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.

Delegates needed: First Mennonite is eligible to send ten delegates to the Western District Conference annual assembly in Arlington, Texas, August 4-6. The WDC assembly will be celebrating 125 years of history. **If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please contact Ryan Koehn or Anita Kehr.**

If you have a church key, please always remember to make sure you have locked the doors and the lights are turned off before you leave. Thank you!

Please be hospitable to our neighbors and avoid parking within four feet of a driveway or alleyway on the street (which is also illegal and a towable offense). Remember that we have three other church parking lots besides the ones that surround the church building. There are two on SE 2nd Street (one to the east and one to the west) and then the parking lot on First and Pine. Thank you!

SR. HIGH YOUTH

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Wednesday, July 5 (THIS WEEK)

▶▶ 6:26 PM— FOOD and DOOR Prep #3

Wednesday, July 12

▶▶ FINAL DOOR Summer Mission prep gatherings for youth participants and PARENTS!

July 16-21—DOOR Mission Trip (Chicago, IL)

July 23—YOUTH SUNDAY / DOOR MISSION TRIP SHARING



Community Announcements

Centering Prayer will not meet Monday, July 3, but continues to meet most Mondays, noon-1:00 PM, in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. Try it once, come occasionally or join us regularly—all are welcome, with no previous experience with Centering Prayer required. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz at 2nathankoontz@gmail.com, or Melanie Zuercher at mzuercher@bethelks.edu.

Your family is invited to celebrate July 4 at the Fireworks Extravaganza at 8:00 PM, Tuesday, July 4, at Kidron Bethel Village, 3001 Ivy Drive in North Newton. The fireworks show begins at dusk. Hotdogs, beverages and snacks will be available. The evening includes kids' games, opportunity quilt drawing, bake sale and ice cream sundae sales. Bring your lawn chairs. Flashlights are recommended for navigating to and from parking areas. For information call 316-836-4863.

You are invited to join Casa Betania in celebrating their 9th anniversary on Sunday, July 9, 11:00 AM at East Lake. Bring your lawn chair and sunscreen. Please RSVP by **today** at 212-1824 so we can plan to have plenty of food. Plan to join us to witness the baptisms and for lunch. (You are welcome to come just for lunch and the afternoon.)

New Hope Shelter will be having a 1st Annual Kickin' & Screamin' Kickball Tournament Fundraiser on July 15. Team registration forms and more information can be found at newhope-shelter.org/kickin-screamin. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Court Area.

Family Weekend at Camp Mennoscah, July 29-30! Families of all shapes, sizes, and generations are invited to spend time swimming, playing in the river, crafting, and being with each other. Register at 620-297-3290 or at campmennoscah.org.

Save the Whale! Camp Mennoscah started a Go Fund Me campaign to help fund the new playground structure. A gift of \$5 buys enough of the new playground for one camper to play on for one week of camp. Gifts of any size are welcome. Go to gf.me/u/hmes8 and check out the progress!

Curious about MCC's work around the world? It's not too late to sign up for an MCC Learning Tour! Join us as we travel to Haiti, October 21-28 and Palestine/Israel, November 3-14, 2017. For more information contact Anna Yoder at annayoder@mcc.org or 283-2720.

Towels & Cloth Diapers Needed! The MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton, Kansas is currently running very low on towels for MCC relief kits and hygiene kits. Dark colored bath towels, dark colored hand towels and cloth diapers for infant care kits (flat fold preferred) are needed at this time. Donations can be brought to 121 E. 30th in North Newton, or you can purchase items from Amazon Smile or elsewhere online and have them shipped directly to MCC. Please contact Kate Mast with questions, katemast@mcc.org, 283-2720.

The Mennonite welcomes your original submissions and contributions for our October 2017 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on Scripture: Texts that move and shape you. Submissions are due no later than August 1. We welcome written reflections—personal stories, biblical or theological reflections, poetry and more (800-1200 words), as well as original photography, multimedia products (including, but not limited to, original song or music recordings, music playlists, videos and vlogs) and artwork on the theme. For more information contact: themennonite.org/october-call-submissions-scripture/.

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 Eugene and Nancy Waltner (Court Area display case); Paul and Beverly Buller (Library display case); Joan Boese (Court Area display case); Ron and Janelle Sybesma (Court Area display case); Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—191 Visitors—5
- Sunday School—150

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$8,922. The offering for July 9 is for Local Mission.

Receiving or has received care—Brian Kennell, Wesley Hospital.

Pastors Joel and Kay will be on vacation June 30 – July 4. **Pastor Anita will be** attending the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Orlando, FL July 3-8. If you have pastoral care needs July 3 or 4, please contact Chris Weaver, Caregiving and Membership Commission, at 316-217-4536.

The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

ATTENTION CHILDREN (with adult help): Remember a number of weeks ago during the children's time when we talked about stewardship and you received your roll of nickels and envelopes? Well, the time is coming that we would like to learn what you did with your treasures. On Sunday, July 9, we would like you to bring to the children's feature what you have given to God. ~Dewayne Pauls and Brian Walker, Financial Stewardship Committee