

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, June 4**—Worship in the Park—Athletic Park

No Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service—Athletic Park

11:30 AM Picnic lunch in the park

**Monday, June 5**

Jail Ministry: Gary and Ruby Moore, Arlen Wiens

**Wednesday, June 7**

12:00 PM Worship Commission

**Thursday, June 8**

7:00 PM Church Board

**Friday, June 9**

10:00 AM Catechism—Warkentin Room

**Sunday, June 11**—Peace Summer—First Sunday of a Series

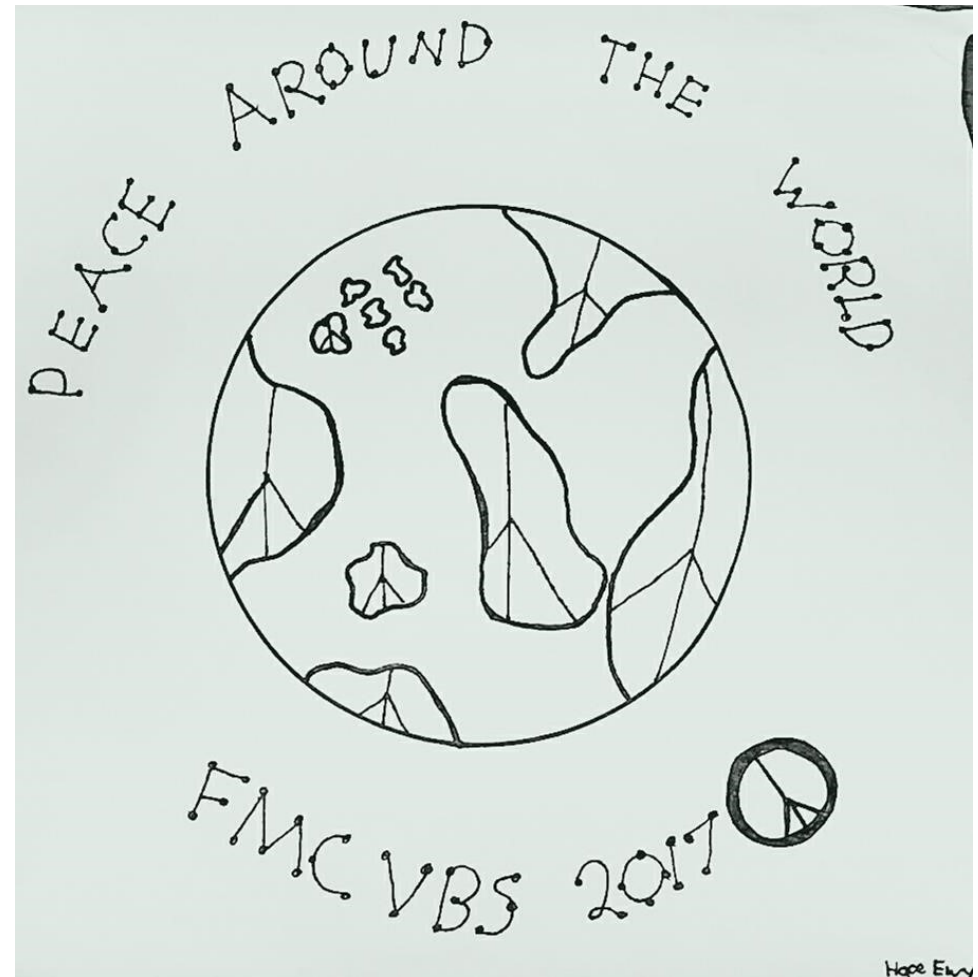
9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

3:00 PM Women's Group Celebration—FH

**Upcoming Worship Services**

June 18—Music Sunday



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**First Mennonite Church**  
**Newton, KS**  
**Athletic Park**

# Worship in the Park

## Sunday, June 4, 2017

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### Gathering music

**Welcome** ..... Pastor Kay Schroeder

**Song:** *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

**Song:** *Peace in the World (Joy to the World tune)*

### The work of the people (announcements)

**Call to worship** ..... Children sharing about VBS

### Our new VBS “Neighborhood” sharing

**Scripture:** Matthew 25:34-40

### Peace Spice Bags

**Opening prayer** ..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

**Children’s focus** (learn to say “peace” in different languages)

**Song:** *If You’re a Peacemaker and You Know It*  
(*If You’re Happy and You Know It* tune)

**Song:** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

**Offering:** Bethel College  
**Offertory:** *Simple Gifts*  
(Please pass the welcome pads)

**Song:** *Lord Listen to Your Children Praying*

### Children sharing prayers from other countries

**Song:** *Light a Candle for Peace*

### *Peace and Candle* scratch paper activity

**Pastoral prayer** ..... Pastor Jaime Cázares

**Benediction song:** *This Little Light of Mine*

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Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, John Good, Janice Good  
Childcare: Amanda Menninga, Camryn Entz  
Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn      Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy

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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**—Growing spiritually, anchored in God’s love and faithfulness
- **Mission-Minded**—Sharing hope and grace through Spirit-inspired, passion-driven faith in action
- **Community-Connected**—Worshiping together, welcoming, accepting, encouraging, and inviting all to follow Christ.

call” to serve a day or two at a time, or even partial days. If you feel called to serve in this role, please contact Tracy in the office to request an application for employment.

**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.**

**Join us, women and men, for the celebration!** We will celebrate as we remember and give thanks for 130 years of organized women's groups at First Mennonite Church. We will meet June 11, 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you haven't signed up on the bulletin board you may call Ella Regier (283-2835) or call, text or email Amanda Rempel (316-285-3150; carempel@sbcglobal.net) by June 5.

**COME TO ASHLAND JUNE 12-13!** First Mennonite Church has the opportunity to serve with Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) in Ashland, KS this summer. Jordan Miller will be leaving from the church on Monday, June 12, 7:00 AM and has 14 seats available. We will work on removing burned up barb wire and hauling it back to the road. No prior experience is needed, but we need lots of hands to remove clips and staples from the posts. We will stay at the Haresty House hotel for the night, then work on Tuesday, June 13 and return home in the evening. All transportation, lodging and meal costs are being taken care of by Kansas MDS. Please call, text or email Jordan to reserve your spot today. Jordan can be reached at Jordanmiller795@gmail.com or 316-217-4570.

**Homeless Shelter**—Our next week to serve the New Hope Shelter is June 14-20. If you are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

**Please be aware that we have some folks with chemical sensitivities in our congregation.** So, please be careful about your use of scented lotions, colognes, etc. Thank you.

### Community Announcements

**Sandbar Cabin Dedication!** Camp Mennoscah will dedicate the new cabin (Sandbar) today, 2:30 PM. You are invited to come for a short and simple dedication at the cabin (next to the new boys bath house). You can "tour" the building, baptize it with sand from your feet, and join with us as we offer prayer for the cabin and those who will enjoy it.

**Centering Prayer continues to meet most Mondays at 12 noon-1:00 PM**, in the 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 information, contact Nathan Koontz at 2nathankoontz@gmail.com, or Melanie Zuercher at mzuercher@bethelks.edu.

**Everence Financial will provide** information about retirement income at an upcoming seminar. 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 seminar will be 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 Parkinson's Support Group** at Kidron Bethel will meet June 6, 2:00 PM, in Menno Hall. Dr. Pamela McCullough will share on "Dental Management of Parkinson's Disease." All are welcome.

**Children ages 3-8 are invited** to Summer Story Hour at the WDC Resource Library June 14-July 26 (not July 5). Register **today** (space is limited) by emailing cllib@mennowdc.org or calling the library at 316-283-6300. Due to limited space, children should be able to attend at least 4 of the 6 weeks offered.

**Hesston College alumni and friends** are invited to Explore KS! On June 24 and 25. The overnight tour includes Saturday at the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art and Kansas City Royals game. Sunday worship service will be at Kansas City's Frank Lloyd Wright designed Community Christian Church with professional baritone Anthony Brown performing, and the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus concert at Grace Episcopal Cathedral in Topeka. Details available at hesston.edu/explore-kansas or call 620-327-8147 to register by June 12.

**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/).

**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 online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or call us at 620-297-3290. We want to see you!

**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! Service Adventure, Journey International, Door (Dwell) and MVS application deadline is June 1. Visit [mennonitemission.net/Serve](http://mennonitemission.net/Serve) for more information.

**The MCC Material Resources Center** in North Newton is running particularly low on the following items: bottles of shampoo (13-24 oz.), bars of infant friendly/mild soap, infant sleepers/onesies (sizes 3-9 months), men's crew socks (white). Without these items, various kits cannot be completed so we need your help! Kit items can be dropped off at 121 E. 30th in North Newton or purchased online (Amazon Smile or other online retailers) and shipped directly to MCC. Questions? Please contact Kate Mast 316-2833-2720, [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.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 over the course of 25 years. Gifts of any size are welcome. Go to [gf.me/u/hmes8](http://gf.me/u/hmes8) and check out the progress!

**Save the date!** The annual Women's/Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be held September 8-10. The theme this year is "Together: Rooted and Reaching" led by Barb Krehbiel Gehring. We will also be celebrating 100 years of Mennonite Women. Watch for more details and registration in July.

**MCC Central States is hiring** a Donor Relations Associate. The Donor Relations Associate is responsible for assisting in implementation of the donor relations strategy for MCC Central States by stewarding major donors involving face-to-face contact in order to meet the budgeted income goals and generate the necessary resources to accomplish the mission of MCC. This position is open within the 16-state MCC CS region. To see a full job description and to apply, please visit [mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings](http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings).

**Join the fun!** Camp Mennoscah now has more space for kitchen volunteers for July 30-August 4 and for a nurse for July 16-22. You may have thought you missed out this summer, but that's not the case! We can't wait to have you here to peel potatoes or metaphorically kiss the hurts away. It's a great time with wonderful people. Contact us at [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290 to be part of our camping ministry!

**WELCOME** to everyone who has come to the annual Worship in the Park worship service today and especially those who are worshipping with us for the first time! May you experience the loving embrace of God today. Today is Day Two of our Vacation Bible School and the children are giving leadership to our worship and sharing all they did and learned yesterday, Day One. Following the service, please stay for the potluck lunch of finger foods and for playing and visiting. Next Sunday, you are invited to join us at our regular place of worship at 429 East First Street, here in Newton. Sunday School classes for all ages begin at 9:15 AM and the worship service follows at 10:30 AM. May the God of peace bless 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—190 Visitors—8
- Sunday School—131

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$6,492. The offering for June 11 is for Local Mission.

**Receiving or has received care**—Ken Frey, St. Francis Hospital.

**In Sympathy**—Amanda Neufeld, Ella Regier's sister passed away on May 23. We extend our condolences to Ella and the rest of the family.

**In Sympathy**—Carolyn Yost, Michelle Claassen and Jennifer Kaufman's grandmother, passed away on May 29. We extend our condolences to Michelle, Sean, Jennifer and the rest of the family.

**Thank you for the generous donations** for the school kits for MCC. We now have the money for 47 school kits. Thank you!

~The Children's Sunday School Department

**We will be making** mini peace poles during the children's summer peace Sunday school series. We could use several wood burners for the summer. If you have one that we could use, please bring it to the Sunday School workroom.

**A backup Administrative Assistant** is needed to fill in for Tracy on her days off and for time away for vacation. It might be possible to have several people "on