

Constancy in Change

Sunday, May 28, 2017

Sermon: *THE Constancy IN Change*Pastor Joel Schroeder

Memorial Day remembrance (insert)

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

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Gathering

Prelude..... Nora Miller, piano

Gathering song: *I'll praise my Maker*..... *H 166

The work of the people (announcements)

Call to worship.....Stephanie Brown and Pastor Kay Schroeder

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *Forever*
Blessed Be Your Name

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Stefanie Knopp

Song of faith: *We walk by faith*H 570

Pastoral prayer

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Acts 1:6-14

Responding to God's Word

Offering: Local Mission

Offering baskets located at the front and the cross aisle

Offertory: *One Thing Remains*

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Sending

Sending song: *Cornerstone*

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Paul Schrag; Musicians: Joey Menninga, vocals & guitar; Joan Entz, vocals;
Diana Unruh, cello; Kay Schroeder, vocals & piano
Ushers: Alan Entz, Ryan Nye, Jan Groves, Wenda Black
Childcare: Chris or Stephanie Weaver, Sarah Koehn
Audio Tech: Ron Bachman Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering
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

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.**

VBS 2017 kick off begins Friday, June 2, 5:30-7:00 PM, with a free cookout at FMC in the parking lot by the playground. There will be free swimming at the Newton public pool, 7:00-9:00 PM. 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. Drinks will be provided. Invite your friends!

Join us, women and men, for the celebration—130 years of organized women's groups at First Mennonite Church. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer by June 5. The scene is changing, and we will remember and give thanks for all that has been given over the years on June 11, 3:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

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!

Community Announcements

A Mini Comforter Blitz will be held on June 2 and 3 at MCC Central State Material Resource Center at 121 East 30th Street in North Newton. Pieced comforter tops will be tied and bound, and then distributed by MCC to those displaced by or seeking refuge from political unrest or natural disasters. The blitz will be open on Friday, June 2, 1:00-8:00 PM, and on Saturday, June 3, 8:00 AM-12 Noon. Bring a snack to share with others, and bring a sack lunch if you are staying over a mealtime. Drinks will be furnished. Need childcare? Please RSVP to Kara Klingenberg at 620-983-9003. Every age is welcome, from youths to senior citizens.

We need volunteers in Ashland, Kansas for Saturday, June 3, 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.

Shalom Mennonite Church (800 E First, Newton, KS) will host a Community Conversation on Immigration on Saturday, June 3, 10:00-11:30 AM. It will be a moderated panel discussion with a question and answer time to follow. The discussion will focus on the panelists' general perspectives on issues that affect refugees and immigrants in Kansas and Harvey County. The confirmed panel participants are Bob Myers (Newton City Manager) and Tim Hodge (State Representative). If you have questions about the event, contact Shalom at office@shalomnewton.org.

On Saturday, June 3, the public is invited to Walk Sand Creek Trail Day, part of National Trails Day. Water will be available for people and dogs at the trailhead at Memorial Grove on the Bethel College campus, dawn to dusk (6:00 AM-8:00 PM), courtesy of the Sand Creek Trail Committee.

Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk will be June 3. Join experienced birders Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel at **6:30 AM** in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep.

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.

We LOVE our volunteers! Calling ALL Mennonite Central Committee volunteers (workroom, warehouse, meat canning, Kansas Relief Sale, Et Cetera Shop and more) to join us for our Volunteer Appreciation BBQ on June 7, 5:00-7:00 PM in the MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton. Check mcc.org/volunteer-bbq for more information. Please RSVP for the event by May 24 to Patsy Dirksen, 283-2720, patsydirksen@mcc.org. We hope to see you on June 7!

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 criib@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.

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/.

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 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 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.

Bethel College seeks a full-time director of development. Bachelor's degree required with 3-5 years' experience in funds solicitation or a combination of transferable experience. Send cover letter, resume and three professional references to: Fred Goering (interim vice president for advancement), fgoering@bethelks.edu; see full job description at www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/people/career-opportunities/

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 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.

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—219 Visitors—6
- Sunday School—172

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$8,921. The offering for June 4 is for Bethel College.

Receiving or has received care—Ken Frey, St. Francis Hospital; Neva Frey, NMC

Congratulations to Alec Stahly and Emily Runge who were married on Saturday, May 20. May God grant them many years together.

We'd like to recognize Pat Denno for her seven years of service as the backup Administrative Assistant for FMC as she steps away from these duties. Pat has had just the right skill set and personality that was necessary to fill in in the office when Tracy (and Leyanne before then) was away on her days off and time away for vacation. Thank you, Pat, for your cheerful helpfulness over the years.

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 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.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 31, 7:00 PM. Ib and June Thompson, Dave and Elena Wiebe, Amanda and Clarence Rempel, and Susannah Epp will each be sharing about their experiences doing short term mission work over the past year. The event will take place in the Fellowship Hall and snacks will be provided.

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