

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 16—Fear Not, Seek Peace

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

Tuesday, July 18

7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission

Wednesday, July 19

11:30 AM Worship Commission

Sunday, July 23—Youth Sunday

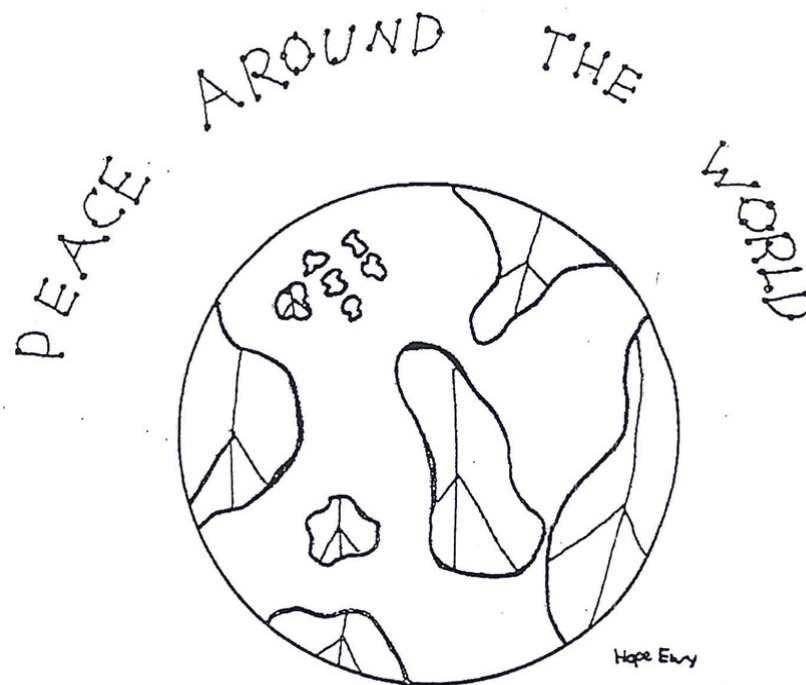
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Upcoming Worship Services

July 30—Refugees: Past, Present and Future, Part 1

August 6—Refugees: Past, Present and Future, Part 2



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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: Psalm 56:8-13 Pastor Kay Schroeder

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *Rejoice, the Lord is King* *H 288
Crown him with many crowns H 116

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Renee Hamm

Song of faith: *Peace before us*

Kingdom reporting from MC USA Convention delegates
Wendy Funk Schrag, Linda Shelly, Dave Wiebe

Offering: Local Mission
Offertory

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Acts 9:1-19A Bryan Kehr, reader

Sermon: *Vayan con Dios* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *When peace like a river* H 336

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *Rain down*

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Daryl Unruh
Ushers: Gus Dorado, Ray Franz, Mike Garcia, Andrea Regier
Childcare: Greg or Laura Myers, Madelynn Hamm
Audio Tech: Tim Regier Video/Lighting Tech: Tyler Shelly
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**

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—193 Visitors—15
- Sunday School—138

Offering: Last week’s offering for Local Mission was \$7,417. The offering for July 23 is for Local Mission.

June 2017—halfway through our year: June is short by \$12,515.79, making the year’s shortfall \$25,521.44. Can we do better in the second half? I think so! But it will take all of us giving what we can. Please prayerfully consider how you can help support Local Missions for the remainder of the year. ~Financial Stewardship Committee

Receiving or has received care—Clara Wance, St. Francis Hospital

We want to say thank you for the prayers, visits, food, cards, and all the ways you showed love and care to us during our illnesses. It is great to be a part of a caring church family. God bless you all! ~Ken and Neva Frey

Charissa Dvorak from GRACE (Godly Response to Abuse in a Christian Environment) will be sharing with us on Tuesday, July 25, 7:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. She will present her findings regarding FMC’s response to Michael Combs’s crimes, provide suggestions for moving forward in safe and healthy ways and provide opportunity for questions/discussion. Thanks to each of you who helped with this important work by filling out the survey and/or visiting with Charissa.

The children in the summer peace Sunday School class will be wood burning mini-peace poles this summer. If you have a wood burner that you would be willing to share, we would be very appreciative. Please give to Judy Schrag.

The offering project for all children’s Sunday School classes are school kits for MCC. School kit items are going on sale soon, so this would be a good time to purchase the items. The items are very specific; we must include the following: spiral notebooks,

colored pencils (12) regular pencils, erasers and a ruler. We also could use school kit bags. Instructions for the kits and the bags are in the Court Area by the school kit display.

The Campbell’s company “Labels for Education” program 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.

Community Announcements

The WDC Annual Assembly will be held in Arlington, TX on August 4-6. Please register by Wednesday, July 19. After this date meals are not included in the registration price. Food is a fun part of the fellowship, so don’t miss out! Register and pay online at: mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2017annualAssembly.

Everence will present an informational seminar, *Your dreams, your goals: How a financial plan can help you achieve them*, at 7:00 PM, Monday, July 24. Representatives from Everence will speak about aligning your finances with your life mission, ways to increase generosity, and avoiding costly financial mistakes. The seminar will take place at Everence Financial Advisors, 371 North Old Highway 81, Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Darlene Buller at (620) 327-4043 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

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/.

The Young Adults are GATHERING! Come to Camp Mennoscah for the Young Adult Weekend, August 4-6. We’ll be hanging out and having worship, swimming, playing board games, and breaking bread together (though it may look more like grilling and ice cream). Register online at campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290. Request a scholarship as part of the online registration. It’s going to be a blast!

Sneak Peek at Fall Events! Thinking about fall already? Camp Mennoscah has Scrapbook and Craft Retreats, Mental Health Spiritual Retreat, Work and Play Camp, and lots of fun times coming up. Register online at campmennoscah.org or call to make a group reservation for your family, church, or small group! We love to have groups at Camp Mennoscah!