

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

## Sunday, July 23—Youth Sunday

7:45 AM Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

## Monday, July 24

Jail Ministry: Gary Moore

7:00 PM GRACE—Church Board

**Tuesday, July 25**

7:00 PM GRACE—Congregational Meeting—FH

## Friday, July 28

Church Office Closed

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

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM    Worship Service

## Upcoming Worship Services

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

## August 13—Commitments



# ***“Seeing the Face of God in the City”***

# Youth Sunday

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*The worship service today will include:*

Music

Singing

Prayer

Scripture

Sharing and reflections

**The work of the people (announcements)**

(Please pass the welcome pads)

**Offering for Local Mission**

**Kingdom sharing from the Financial Stewardship Committee**

**Commissioning Jaime Tschetter for Short Term Missions**

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Ushers: Alan Entz, Ryan Nye, Jan Groves, Wenda Black

Childcare: Stephanie Weaver, Sarah Koehn

Audio Tech: Ron Bachman

Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering

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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
- Mission-Minded
- Community-Connected

**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/](http://themennonite.org/october-call-submissions-scripture/).

**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](http://campmennoscah.org) or call to make a group reservation for your family, church, or small group! We love to have groups at Camp Mennoscah!

**The 2017 issue of *Mennonite Life***, Bethel College's annual online journal, is now live at [ml.bethelks.edu](http://ml.bethelks.edu). This special issue is almost completely devoted to a consideration of "500 years of Anabaptism," with an essay by Ben Goossen, "Why 500 Years?: A Critique of Anabaptism's Upcoming Anniversary Celebration," and 13 responses from Anabaptists in the United States and Canada, as well as Colombia and South Korea.

**Registration is now open** for the Womens/Girls Retreat (3rd grade and up) at Camp Mennoscah September 8-10. Our theme is "Together: Rooted and Reaching" with Barb Krehbiel Gehring as our featured speaker. Retreat schedules and registration forms are available in the church office or available to print at: [mennowdc.org/calendar/](http://mennowdc.org/calendar/). We will celebrate 100 years of Mennonite Women organizations through stories and a hymn sing Friday evening. There will be no separate girls programming this year, so girls should register for Saturday morning and afternoon activities and seminars. Hope to see you all at Camp Mennoscah!

**Save the date:** Saturday, November 18—4th biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College, "Seasons of the Soul: Enacting the Mystery of Faith," with special guest presenter and resource person Ted Swartz. Symposium registration includes Swartz's performance of "Slightly Left of Normal" on Friday, November 17, in Krehbiel Auditorium (admission charge for non-symposium registrants). For a complete schedule and online registration, see [bethelks.edu/worshiparts](http://bethelks.edu/worshiparts).

**There's a new hymnal in the works!** As the task force sponsored by MennoMedia plans for the new collection, they want to hear from you. Go to [MennoMedia.org/Resonate](http://MennoMedia.org/Resonate) and click on the "Heart Song Survey" link in the individual input section, or go directly to the survey at: [surveymonkey.com/r/MWSC\\_Heart\\_Song](http://surveymonkey.com/r/MWSC_Heart_Song). What are the songs that draw you farther along in your journey of faith?

# 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 Betty and Dewayne Pauls (Court Area display case); Donnie and Lori Kingsley and family (Library display case); Willis and Anna Marie Harder (Court Area display case); Joan Boese (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—182 Visitors—8
- Sunday School—168

**Offering:** Last week’s offering for Local Mission was \$8,790. The offering for July 30 is for the Scholarship Fund.

**In Sympathy—** Wesley Schmidt (80), Allen Schmidt’s brother, passed away on Sunday, July 16. We extend our condolences to Allen .

**FOUND:** A Kansas Benefits card was found in the parking lot on Sunday, July 16. Please claim by contacting the church office at 316-283-0273.

**The Allies group,** which supports people with various sexual identities and their families and friends, will be meeting today, 3:00 PM at Paul and Wendy Schrag’s home (1527 Westborough Drive). Please contact Paul or Wendy if you have any questions.

**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.

**CHILDREN:** Remember to stop by FMC-Mart to buy the school supplies for the MCC School kits. The items range in price from 10¢ to \$1.00. You will take your supplies to your Sunday school room. The mini-store will be open 9:00-9:20 AM each Sunday morning.

**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.

**Do you have a photo** of your ancestors (parent or yourself) who first immigrated to the US? As part of our upcoming service on Sunday, July 30, we are making a short "Immigrant" slideshow and need your old photos! Please send no more than two digital photos to Andrea Regier at [andrea.and.ben@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.and.ben@gmail.com) by Monday, July 24.

**Pastor Anita will be** on vacation July 27-August 1 and at the Western District Conference Annual Assembly in Arlington, Texas August 4-6.

**The Church Office** will be closed on Friday, July 28.

**Why go to Branson** when you can attend a variety show right here at First Mennonite Church? On Sunday, August 6, 7:00 PM, opera singer Marie Engle and her crazy Uncle Stan will be presenting ***Opera and Orneriness***, a music and comedy production featuring Opera and Classical American songs by Marie. Interspersed between songs will be humorous stories of the Low German Mennonites of South-eastern South Dakota presented by Stan. The show is a benefit for Marie who is seeking to start her career and bring a Christian presence to the world of Opera. Marie has performed in Vienna and will be attending Julliard School of Music in New York City this fall to work on her masters in Opera. Stan is a tree trimmer who still uses the same trailer his father built in the 1950’s to haul hog feed in South Dakota. Marie will also be singing in the Sunday morning service on August 6.

### Community Announcements

**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 how to align your finances with your life mission, increase generosity, and avoid 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](mailto:darlene.buller@everence.com).

**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](http://campmennoscah.org) or call us at 620-297-3290. Request a scholarship as part of the online registration.