

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 13—Commitments

9:15 AM Sunday School—FH for all adult classes—Safe Sanctuary Training
10:30 AM Worship Service

Tuesday, August 15

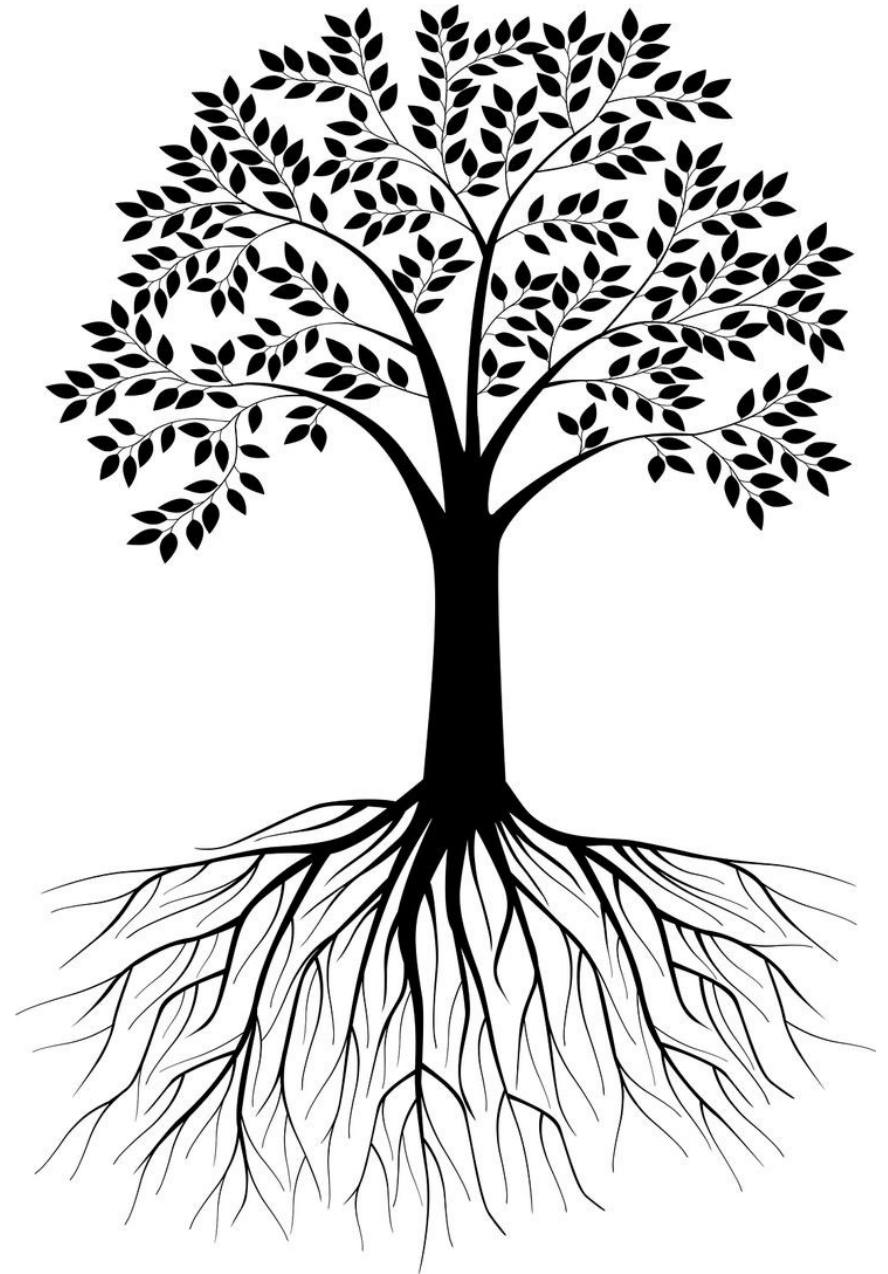
7:30 PM Caregiving Commission

Sunday, August 20—Faith Commitments

9:15 AM Sunday School—FH for all adult classes—Safe Sanctuary Training
10:30 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Baptisms—Camp Mennoscah

Upcoming Worship Services

August 27—**10:00 AM**—Children’s Day Celebration (No Sunday School)
11:30 AM—Carry-in Meal—FH
12:30-2:30 PM—Activities
5:30-7:30 PM—Activities at Don and Rachel Horst’s barn



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Commitments

Sunday, August 13, 2017

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Gathering

Prelude:Melody Bontrager, pianist

Gathering song: *Wait Alone In Stillness*

The work of the people (announcements)
(Please pass the welcome pads)

Call to worshipPastor Joel Schroeder

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *All Who Are Thirsty*
House of Peace

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Bryan Kehr

Kingdom celebration: Service of Membership..... *H 777
Parent and Child Dedication

Song of faith: *Lord, we bring to you our children*

Offering: Local Mission
Offertory

Hearing God's Word

Scriptures: Mark 10:13-16Bentley Hiebert, reader

Meditation: *Nurturing Roots* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *How Deep the Father's Love For Us*

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *This Little Light*

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder; Musicians: Ben Regier, Ken Regier
Ushers: Bob Schmidt, Brian Walker, Heath Kerr, Donnie Kingsley
Childcare: Chris Weaver, Brooklyn Black
Audio Tech: Ron Bachman Video/Lighting Tech: Tyler Shelly
Visuals: Carol Hiebert

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

Bertha Steinle will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Tuesday, August 15. If you would like to send her a birthday card, her address is 915 McNair Street, Halstead, KS 67056.

First Mennonite is generous—and has a strong tradition of providing support to students who are enrolled in Mennonite Christian affiliated schools. For the 2017-2018 school year, the congregation's generosity made it possible for the Scholarship Committee to grant awards to 20 students. 17 are full-time students and 3 are part-time. From existing funds, \$7,763 went to 7 schools for the upcoming fall semester. \$8,213 will be needed for the Spring 2018 semester. Your generosity in the July 30 offering plus your contributions during the coming months will go toward replenishing the Scholarship Fund in order to have an adequate amount for the spring semester. On behalf of the students, the Scholarship Committee says *"Thank you."* The congregation's generosity is very much appreciated.

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 Church Board affirms the Safe Sanctuary training for all adults which will be held **today** and **August 20** beginning promptly at **9:15 AM** each morning in the Fellowship Hall. This is a two-part series—Part 1: Reducing the Risk and Part II: Basic Procedures—both presented by Kathy Neufeld Dunn, WDC Associate Conference Minister. The sessions are for all members including current Safe Sanctuary members and regular attendees. During the adult training, children will attend their regular Sunday School classes. A prime concern for FMC is the safety of all children within our church. Please plan to attend. ~Nurture Commission

Homeless Shelter—Our next week to serve the Harvey County Homeless Shelter is August 23-29. If you are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 316-284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

The family of LaWanda Wiens invites you to a celebration of her 90th birthday on Sunday, August 27. The open house will be 1:00-3:00 PM, in the Community Room at Kidron Bethel Village (500 Bluestem). No gifts please.

The Allies group, which supports people with various sexual identities and their families and friends, will be meeting Sunday, August 20, 4:00 PM at Frances Schrag's home (520 W 9th Street).

Adult Sunday School classes! The Outreach, Missions and Peace Committee is putting on a 4-week adult Sunday School class in January 2018 called *Christianity & Islam: Working Together Towards Peace*. Consider joining us for this relevant and informative class as we learn the basics of Islam (so we can ask better questions) and

find out how some Christians and Muslims are working together in Wichita and around the world for peace and mutual respect. We are letting you know early so you can consider this option as you order Sunday School curriculum in September. Please email andrea.and.ben@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Safe sanctuaries/healthy boundaries books: Jennie Wintermote, who is the WDC Resource Library Director, has pulled around 50 books to circulate through our church library on the topic of safe sanctuaries. There are children's books and books for parents on healthy boundaries, keeping secrets, saying no, healthy sexuality, and more. These books are on a cart in our library and available for checkout for the next 2 months.

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, replacing a few ceiling tiles in the Jr. High room and cleaning windows. Contact Jordan Miller, Alan Entz, Clint Litsey, Ryan Nye, or Rod Schmidt for more information.

Community Announcements

The Bethel College Alumni Choir concert scheduled for this afternoon has been cancelled. Any former Bethel choir members are invited to sing with the group at Fall Festival on Saturday, October 14. For more information, contact Andrew Voth, votha@usd411.org, or check out the Bethel College Alumni Choir Facebook page.

Camp Sing—TODAY, 6:30 PM, at Faith Mennonite! Camp Mennoscah will hold the annual celebration of our summer camps with camp songs, hymns, popcorn, and pop. Everyone is invited to come whether to listen, sing, or simply see other camp folks! Donations will be accepted for upgrading the sound system at Main Camp. We'll see you there!

AIMM Congo update and visit—Saturday, August 19, 9:30 AM. Come to The Breadbasket for brunch and hear what is happening in the Congo Mennonite churches. Leonard Kiswangi and his wife from Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo will be there. Charles Buller, Stan Graber and Brad Graber will also be attending.

The Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring a bilingual sorter/receiver for 20-30 hours/week. The sorter/clerk receives and sorts donations, focusing on clothing; assists Spanish-speaking customers and donors; and helps to translate written documents. The full job description and applications are available via e-mail at generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com or at the store (619 N. Main in Newton). Applications are due Monday, August 14, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail.

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/. 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.

The annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, September 16, originating at the MCC offices, 121 E. 30th Street, North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for a MCC water development project in India. Informational brochures are available at the church office or on the MCC website: mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride.

Thank you times a gazillion! To all those who volunteered this summer, whether as a cook, counselor, or general helper, we offer you deep, heart-felt, to the moon and back thank you's for being at Camp Mennoscah. You are the people that make it possible for our camping ministry to reach so many campers. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE—IBA BENEFIT DINNER—The annual Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) benefit dinner will take place Friday, September 15, 6:30 PM, here at FMC. A smothered pork burrito dinner will be prepared and served by Chef Carlos Lujano. A short program will follow. Dinner is by donation. For any inquires contact Violeta Ajquejay at: VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org or call 316-281-4342.

Searching for an exciting way to serve? MCC is urgently searching for a Canner Operator, with CDL truck driving experience, to travel with the mobile cannery before the season begins in October. Canner Operators travel to 30 different locations in the United States and Canada, canning meat, which is then sent around the world to hungry people. For more information please contact John Hillegass at johnhillegass@mcc.org or (717) 859-1151.

Registration is now open—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). Registration discount for groups of 3 or more from a single congregation. For a complete schedule and online registration, see bethelks.edu/worshiparts.

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 Joey and Amanda Menninga and family (Court Area display case); Ron and Deb Ratzlaff and family (Library display case); Tonessa Driskill (Court Area display case); and Charles and Romielda Wilmore (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—226 Visitors—19
- Sunday School—170

Offering: Last week's offering for Mennonite Mission Network was \$2,467 and for Local Mission was \$6,355. The offering for August 20 is for Local Mission.

July was a good month financially; we had a gain of \$4,159.09. However, we continue to be behind in our Local Mission giving at a level of \$21,362.35. We are heading in the right direction. Let's keep it going! Thank you for remembering Local Mission in your giving. ~ Financial Stewardship Committee

The church was privileged to receive \$148,834.23 from the Mildred Unruh Estate. Mildred was a member of FMC since the 1960s. Church participation was important to Mildred. Over the years she was active in serving the church in her quiet way. According to our guidelines, the Church Board is forming a special task force to discern appropriate stewardship of this generous gift. ~Financial Stewardship Committee

Receiving or has received care—Vernon Frey, NMC Rehab

All announcements for the August 20 bulletin need to be submitted to the Church Office by Wednesday, August 16 at 8:00 AM.

Baptism Celebration

Sunday, August 20, 6:00 PM at Camp Mennoscah

Ryan Weaver and Bentley Hiebert will be sharing their testimonies during the worship service next Sunday, August 20. Then everyone is invited to gather to witness and celebrate their baptism as a public confession of their faith at 6:00 PM at Camp Mennoscah.

Children's Day Celebration

Sunday, August 27

10:00 AM—Worship Service

Come as a Child—What does it mean to be a 'Beloved Child of God'?

- No Sunday School
- Sharing from all ages
- Music for kids of all ages
- Communion
- Children bring your friends



11:30 AM—All church carry-in-lunch

Consider bringing something our children would like (mac & cheese, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches)

- Ask a child what they'd like to eat
- Bring your table service
- Volunteers for activities will eat first



12:30-2:30 PM—Activities for young and older

- Snow cones, musical chairs, scavenger hunt, photo booth, bouncy house, ring toss, and more



TAKE A BREAK AND COME BACK...



5:30-7:30 PM—Celebration continued at Don & Rachel Horst's barn 3910 N. Spencer Rd. Newton

- Cookout provided—bring lawn chairs
- Homemade ice cream
- Music around the campfire
- Hayrack rides
- Children's blessing
- Sign up in the Court Area or call the church office

