

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 27—Children’s Day Celebration

- 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

Wednesday, August 30

- 11:30 AM Worship Commission—Cara Voran’s house
- 6:30 PM Youth Group—East Lake

Saturday, September 2

- 3:00 PM Youth Group Retreat—Return Monday, September 4, 1:30 PM

Upcoming Worship Services

September 3—In Everything—Colossians 3:23-24; 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

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



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LET THE CHILDREN
COME TO ME

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION
FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
NEWTON, KANSAS

Come as a Child

Sunday, August 27, 2017

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Gathering

Prelude Amanda Rempel, organist/pianist

Gathering song: *Jesus loves me* *H 341

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

Blessing for Pastor Kay's sabbatical Pastors Anita and Joel

Welcome and call to worship Stephanie Weaver, worship leader

Opening prayer

Praising

Children's songs of faith—old and new: *Can you count the stars* and others

Greeting one another—all generations together

Hearing God's Word

Scripture reading: Mark 10:13-16 Brooklynn Black

Sharing Evelyn Gaertner, Schyler Entz

Scripture: Luke 18:15-17 Madelynn Hamm

Sharing Kevin Miller, Ella Regier

Responding to God's Word

Reception into membership: Bentley Hiebert and Ryan Weaver

Song of faith: *We have decided to follow Jesus*

Service of Communion

Invitation

Prayer of confession

Serving the bread and the cup

Special table of blessing for the children

Prayer of thanksgiving and petition

Offering

*of reflections on being a beloved child of God

*for Local Mission

Offertory

Sending

Sending song: *The Butterfly Song*

Blessing Marsha Schmidt

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook

Chorister: Carol Entz; Musicians: Amanda Rempel, Addie and Eli Regier

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

Audio Tech: Larry Becker

Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner

Visuals: Carol Hiebert

FALL KICK-OFF - Wednesday, August 30

▶▶ 6:30 PM— food, swimming, games @ East Lake



FALL RETREAT - September 2-4



▶▶ Sept. 2 load @ 3 / Sept. 4 return to FMC @1:30 pm.

▶▶ Cost: \$75 (\$25 discount for each additional sibling)

▶▶ Medical release forms due August 30.

▶▶ Info packet (med form, packing list, etc.) in church mailbox.

▶▶ As always FRIENDS WELCOME!!



PARENT REMINDER—Please accompany young children when they go to the bathroom, church library, or to get a drink of water during church services.

~Safe Sanctuary Committee

Looking for on-going generosity—For the 2017-2018 school year, the congregation's generosity made it possible for the Scholarship Committee to grant awards to 20 students—17 full time and 3 part time—who are enrolled in Mennonite Christian affiliated schools. From existing funds, \$7,763 went to 7 schools for the 2017 fall semester. \$8,213 will be needed for the Spring 2018 semester. Your on-going contributions during the coming months will help replenish 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* to all those who help meet this need.

Jaime Tschetter has set up a blog while she is in Tucson, Arizona during her MVS year. You can read her blog at: jptschetter20.wixsite.com/blog.

Adult Sunday School classes! The Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission 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.

Grocery Shower—Join us in celebrating the marriage of Erin (Regier) and Matthew Graber that took place on June 24. The Fellowship Commission will host a grocery shower on **Sunday, September 10** between Sunday School and the worship service (**10:00-10:30**) in the Fellowship Hall. The congregation is invited to come greet the couple, enjoy some punch and cookies and offer a grocery gift. If you are unable to attend but would like to offer a gift, you may bring your gift to the church office.

~The Fellowship Commission

Seconds @ FIRST Potluck—September 10. We once again want to be on the college-age young adult's radar by inviting them to FMC and sharing a once-a-month potluck. Additional help is needed prior to the potluck for set up, as well as for clean up. Talk to Joel for more information.

Community Announcements

Ben Goossen will speak on "Are Mennonites German? Religion and Nationalism in the Global Diaspora," and sign his book *Chosen Nation: Mennonites and Germany in a Global Era* (2017), **today, 3:00 PM**, at Kauffman Museum (books will be available for purchase in the museum store).

Camp Mennoscah invites you to come to our Mental Health Spiritual Retreat, September 3-4. The retreat will have time to relax, sessions on the theme of Branching Out, a hayrack ride, crafts, and great conversations. All affected by mental illness—including family, friends, and advocates—are welcome! Register online at campmentoscah.org or contact us at 620-297-3290 to request a paper form. It's going to be a wonderful time!

Registration is now open for the Women's/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.

On Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 PM, Leonard Pitts, Jr. will speak in Bethel College's Memorial Hall. Pitts will speak on "*What Now? America in the Age of Trump*" and sign copies of his books. This event is in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR).

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 an 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.

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.

HELP DISPLACED PEOPLE IN DR CONGO: Armed conflict in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has displaced 1.4 million people, including 8,000 Mennonites. A Congolese assessment team visited this summer and found a severe lack of food and increasing malnutrition. Families had to leave their fields and animals when they fled the violence, and food that is available for purchase is very expensive. An Anabaptist response is underway, shaped and implemented by Congolese Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren church-based relief committees, coordinated by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and supported by global and Canada- and U.S.-based Anabaptist organizations. Your gift of money will help provide food, household items and shelter supplies. Make your donation online at mcc.org/congo-relief or by phone, 1-888-563-4676; mail checks to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

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—252 Visitors—15
- Sunday School—201

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$5,523. The offering for September 3 is for Mennonite Central Committee.

Receiving or has received care—Vernon Frey, NMC Rehab; Bill Black, St. Francis Hospital.

Today we are blessed to be served communion by a number of our most recent new members. As usual, rice crackers are available for those who prefer a gluten-free alternative to bread.

Everyone is invited to stay after the worship service today for the potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us in this fellowship time.

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

You are invited to check out the display in the Court Area from the summer peace Sunday School for the elementary-aged children. Thank you for your prayers on behalf of the children of our church.

The hand print quilts from the 2002, 2008, 2012 and 2017 summer Sunday Schools are on display. Young adults, check out how your hand has grown through the years.

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

