

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 6—Refugees: Past, Present and Future

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service

Wednesday, August 9

7:00 PM Worship Retreat Planning—Warkentin Room

Thursday, August 10

7:00 PM Church Board

Saturday, August 12

8:45 AM Worship Resourcing Retreat—Sanctuary

Sunday, August 13—Commitments

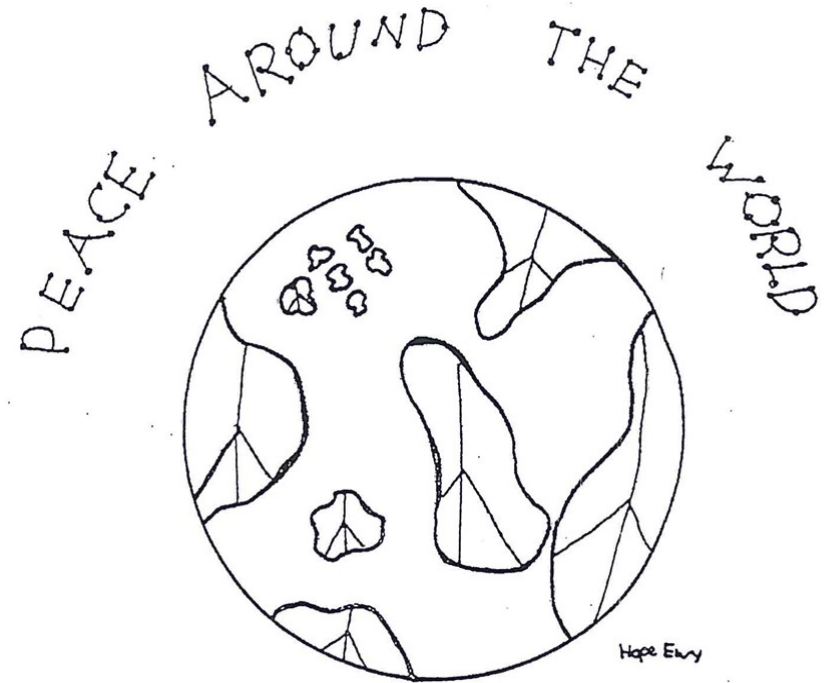
9:15 AM Sunday School—FH for all adult classes—Safe Sanctuary Training
10:30 AM Worship Service

Upcoming Worship Services

August 20—Faith Commitments
August 27—**10:00 AM**—Children's Day Celebration (No Sunday School)

Reflections of Psalm 23 (Prelude)

<i>The Shepherd</i>	Gian-Carlo Menotti
<i>Shepherd's Suite</i>	Robert Graham
<i>White Sheep on a Blue Hill</i>	
<i>Run Sheep, Run</i>	
<i>Over the Hill to Feed my Sheep</i>	
<i>Little Lambkin Lost</i>	
<i>Shepherd's Pipe</i>	
<i>Shepherd Me, O God</i>	Marty Haugen



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Peace: Refugees- Past, Present and Future Sunday, August 6, 2017

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Gathering

Prelude:Jyl Ewy and Amanda Entz, pianists
Reflections of Psalm 23 (see back page)

Gathering song: *Light a candle for peace*

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

Call to worship Pastor Kay Schroeder

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *I'll praise my Maker* *H 166
O Lord, our Lord, how majesticH 112

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Sheralyn Goering

Special music: *His eye is on the sparrow*Marie Engle

Offering: Mennonite Mission Network
Offertory: *Serenade* by Schubert

Hearing God's Word

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 10:17-19; Romans 12; Ephesians 2:12-22

Sermon: *New Opportunities for New Hope*Pastor Joel Schroeder

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *We are people of God's peace*..... H 407

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *O God, our help in ages past* H 328
(stanzas 1,2,3,6)

Blessing

Postlude: *Brother James' Air (The Lord's My Shepherd)* J.L. Macbeth Bain

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

Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder

Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, John Good, Janice Good

Childcare: Amanda Menninga, Camryn Entz

Audio Tech: Larry Becker

Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy

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

Scholarship Committee says “*Thank you.*” The congregation's generosity is very much appreciated.

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.

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.

Why go to Branson when you can attend a variety show right here at First Mennonite Church? **Today, 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 Southeastern 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.

Christian Co-Workers Sunday School class will have a breakfast gathering at The Breadbasket on Wednesday, August 9, 8:30 AM.

The Church Board affirms the Safe Sanctuary training for all adults which will be held August 13 and 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

SAVE THE DATE for our Children's Day Celebration on Sunday, August 27. Special worship service at 10:00 AM (no SS), carry-in lunch, activities for all. Evening cookout with campfire, hay rack ride, and music at the Horst Barn.

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.

The Western District Conference continues to collect the General Mills Box Tops for Education for Hopi Mission School. They no longer can accept the Campbell’s labels. Place the Box Tops in the red box in the foyer. Note that these labels have expiration dates, so be sure to submit them well in advance.

Attention all Camp Mennoscah campers—Detour to Camp Mennoscah—Smoots Creek Bridge, located directly south of US-54, is being replaced. Alternate routes take you east or west of NE 100 Ave. The bridge will be closed until June 2018.

Community Announcements

Discussion Planned: Therapists Allyson Krehbiel, Mai Manchanda, and Kylie Moore from Prairie View are going to be hosting **an adult discussion event about the new show on Netflix, “13 Reasons Why,”** that deals with teen suicide. The show is prominent in social media with middle and high school students and is very graphic in a number of ways. Season 2 of this show will likely premier in 2018. This discussion will give an opportunity for parents and other adults working with youth to have ideas on how to respond helpfully to the content of the show. The discussion takes place August 7, 6:30-7:30 PM, at Shalom Mennonite Church. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

The Bethel College Alumni Choir is looking for more singers interested in getting together for music, fun and fellowship. The next concert will be Sunday, Aug. 13, 3:00 PM, at Trinity Heights United Methodist Church in Newton, with one rehearsal on Saturday, August 12, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. If you are a Bethel choir alumnus who wants to be involved, contact Andrew Voth, votha@usd411.org, or check out the Bethel College Alumni Choir Facebook page for more information.

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.

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.

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 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. What are the songs that draw you farther along in your journey of faith?

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.

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). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—196 Visitors—5
- Sunday School—151

Offering: Last week's offering for the Scholarship Fund was \$2,735 and for Local Mission was \$5,025. The offering for August 13 is for Local Mission.

Receiving or has received care—Vernon Frey, St. Francis Hospital; LaVerna Schierling, Kansas Heart Hospital.

Congratulations to Tim and Anne Wiens on the birth of their son, Jude Elliot, born Thursday, July 27. Jude joins big brother Luke at home.

Transfer of membership:

- Kyle Sybesma to Broomfield United Methodist Church

Pastor Anita is at the Western District Conference Annual Assembly in Arlington, Texas today.

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