

Redeeming Our Time Sunday, October 1, 2017

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Gathering

Prelude Amanda Rempel, organist/pianist
Let all mortal flesh keep silence Edward Good
Fairest Lord Jesus Edward Good

Choral introit: *I Sing th'Almighty Power of God* Austin Lovelace

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

Call to worship Carol Entz, worship leader

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *Here in this place* *H 6
Let all mortal flesh keep silence H 463

Offering: Mennonite Central Committee

Offertory: *Amazing Grace* Don Hustad

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42; Ephesians 5:15-20

Sermon: *The Best Choice* Pastor Joel Schroeder

Song of faith: *Awake, awake, fling off the night* H 448
(alternate tune)

Celebrating Communion

Invitation and instructions

Prayer of confession

Words of institution and prayer

Partaking in circles

Choral anthem: *Put peace into each other's hands* Fred Kaan

Prayer of thanksgiving and pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *Bwana awabariki* H 422
(*May God grant you a blessing*)

Sending blessing

Postlude: *Sent forth by God's blessing* John Behnke

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Choir Director/Chorister: Matthew Graber
Childcare: Amanda Menninga, Camryn Entz
Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, John Good, Janice Good
Audio Tech: Tim Regier Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy
Visuals: Janet Franz

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
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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 1—Becoming: Redeeming Our Time/World Communion Sunday

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 5:00 PM Men's Ministry Forum—far west parking lot

Wednesday, October 4

- 5:30 PM Meal served by Life Sharing
Menu: Sloppy Joes, Green Beans, Peach Cobbler
- 6:45 PM Children—ages 2 years to 6th grade—Gather in Room 123
- 6:45 PM Adult Study: Psalms—Room 222-224
- 6:45 PM Choir (Sanctuary)
- 6:45 PM Jr. High (Room 126)
- 6:45 PM Youth Group (Youth Rooms)

Thursday, October 5

- 7:00 PM Nurture Commission
- 7:00 PM Task Group

Sunday, October 8—Becoming: Deepening Our Relationships/Hesston College Bel Canto Choir

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 Noon 2nd's @ FIRST Potluck—FH
- 5:05 PM Youth Group Bible Study

Upcoming Worship Services

- October 15—Madelyn Maldonado, Mennonite Mission Network
- October 22—Becoming: Transforming Our Experience
- October 29—Great Day of Singing

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BECOMING WHO GOD INTENDS US TO BE

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CALLING ALL MEN—The Men's Ministry Forum is **TODAY**, 5:00-7:00 PM in the far west parking lot. We'll grill burgers and discern interest in the development of a men's ministry at FMC! Bring a lawn chair, and we hope to see you tonight!

Flu Shot Clinic—Heath Kerr, Pharmacist from Dillons, will once again be administering flu shots this Wednesday, October 4, 5:30-6:30 PM during the Church Family Night meal. The cost of the shot is \$40 or free for Medicare patients. Medicare cards will need to be seen at the time of service. Please bring cash.

October's Seconds @ FIRST Potluck is NEXT SUNDAY, October 8. This is a great opportunity to interact with college students and each other. Bring some extra food and get to know someone new.

Community Announcements

The first concert of the 2017-18 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring St. Louis musician Pokey LaFarge, will be today, October 1, 7:00 PM, at the McPherson Opera House. Tickets cost \$27 to \$33 including taxes and fees, and can be obtained through the McPherson Opera House box office, 620-241-1952, or www.mcphersonoperahouse.org. The concert is hosted by the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston.

Come to the 30th annual Life Chain this year! It takes place **today**, October 1, 2:00-3:00 PM. Please meet at the corner of 9th and Main Street in Newton.

Getting ready to retire? Everence Financial will present informational seminars this fall to help you make informed decisions. *An overview of Medicare* will go over what's covered (and what's not), enrollment deadlines and plans that supplement Medicare. It will be offered at 6:30 PM, November 6. *Retirement income strategy* will help you think through your retirement income and expenses, discuss risks that can impact your savings, and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. It will be offered at 6:30 PM, October 2 and December 4. All seminars will be at Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main Street, North Newton. To reserve your spot, contact Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

The Parkinson's Support Group at Kidron Bethel will meet Tuesday, October 3, 2:00 PM, in Menno Hall. Erin Carpenter, Certified RSB Instructor from Wichita, will present information on Rock Steady Boxing, a program that serves those with Parkinson's of all ages and ability levels. Using boxing as a base, these classes are structured to focus on stretching, strength training, balance, and a lot of non-contact boxing.

Bethel College Philharmonia Orchestra concert—Sunday, October 8, 3:00 PM, Memorial Hall, featuring music by von Weber, Debussy and Sibelius.

On Thursday, October 12, 3:00-5:00 PM, Kimberly Schmidt, author of *Magpie's Blanket*, an historical novel about two women who survived the massacres of Plains Indians, will lead a workshop on "Book Crafting and Research Methods" at the MCC Center, Newton. The cost is \$20 sent to Barb Orsi, 7217 E. Oxford St., Wichita KS 67226 or [PayPal.me/barborsi](https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/barborsi) or \$25 at the door. Sponsored by StoryTellers of the Great Plains. Contact Kathy Goering for more information at kjgo@mtelco.net

The Bethel College Women's Association is asking for donations of baked goods for the Market in the Round and Pie by the Slice booth at Fall Festival, Saturday, October 14. **Baked goods of any kind** may be dropped off at Luyken Fine Arts Center Friday, October 13, 3:00-5:00 PM, or Saturday morning. **Pies** can be dropped off at Schultz Student Center, Seminar Room A near the cafeteria entrance, on Friday, October 13, 4:00-6:30 PM, or Saturday morning at the Pie by the Slice booth. The request is for 9" pies; no cream pies, please. Please use an aluminum pie tin. For questions, contact Cindy Erb, cindy.l.erb@gmail.com.

Kauffman Museum's monthly bird walk has moved to the second Saturday for October (October 14), to coincide with Bethel College's Fall Festival. The start time will be 7:45 AM in the museum parking lot.

The Leadership Development office of Mennonite Church USA is seeking applications for an office manager, currently a two-thirds time position. Primary responsibilities of this position includes maintaining the national database (MennoData) and technical support for the "calling system" which assists pastors, congregations and conferences in the pastoral search process. Successful candidates will be detail oriented with strong computer skills and able to work in a confidential environment. We are committed to diversity among staff and welcome people of diverse backgrounds and abilities to apply. To request a copy of the job description and an application form, contact HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call 316-281-4257.

MCC Mobile Meat Cannery Volunteer Needed! MCC urgently seeks a volunteer that is at least 21 years old to work with the meat canner! Truck driving skills are ideal, but MCC is willing to provide training as well. The meat canning season starts up in October, please help MCC fill this vital need. For more information, please contact John Hillegass (717) 859-1151 or at johnhillegass@mcc.org.

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?

Western District Conference invites contributions to support our churches in the Houston, TX, area following the hurricane there. Contributions to WDC will be distributed directly to WDC congregations in the Houston area, to assist them as they help members and neighbors in their communities. Please make checks payable to WDC, designated for Hurricane Relief, and send to WDC at PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Contributions may also be made online at mennowdc.org.

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.

From hurricanes and flooding to conflict and drought, MCC is responding to many disasters around the world. Learn more about our relief projects and give today to help provide assistance and to support communities as they rebuild by visiting mcc.org/disasters. Our sister organization, Mennonite Disaster Service, is responding to damage in the U.S. from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria; learn more and donate at mds.mennonite.net. MCC warehouses are very low on relief kits and comforters; your donations are welcome now. Please visit mcc.org/kits for full details. Your questions are always welcomed; please contact our office by emailing centralstates@mcc.org or call 316-283-2720.

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 Lewis and Geraldine Wiebe (Court Area display case); Clarence and Amanda Rempel (Library display case); and Randy and Lynette Doty (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—238 Visitors—2
- Sunday School—140

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$8,076. The offering for October 8 is for Local Mission.

Receiving or has received care—Laura Friesen, NMC

In Sympathy—Dora Voth (96) passed away on Wednesday, September 27. Her funeral service will be here at FMC on Friday, October 6, 10:30 AM, with interment at 9:30 AM. We extend our condolences to Dora's family.

Today we celebrate World Communion, in solidarity and fellowship with Christians in many other places. As always, rice crackers are provided as a gluten-free alternative to bread. Also, parents are invited to bring their children to one of the serving circles for a peppernut and blessing.

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TODAY (10/1) - S.A.L.T. (Student Action Leadership Team)

- ▶ Noon o'clock in the Youth Rooms for lunch, leadership skill building, plus brainstorming and planning for October's Youth Groups!

Youth Group - Wednesday, Oct. 4 @ 6:46 pm

- ▶ As always INVITE FRIENDS!!

Bible Study - Next Sunday, Oct. 8 @ 5:05 pm

