

# Knowing the Time

## Sunday, September 10, 2017

.....

### Gathering

**Prelude**..... Amanda Rempel, organist

*Dialogue*—Clerambault  
*Though I may speak*—Powell

**Gathering song:** *Build Your Kingdom Here*

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

**Call to worship** ..... Clarence Rempel, worship leader

**Opening prayer**

### Praising

**Songs of faith:** *Beautiful Things*  
*Come As You Are*

**Greeting one another; children come forward**

**Children's focus** ..... Dewayne Pauls

**Offering:** Local Mission

**Offertory and special music** ..... Gabriel's Trumpets

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*—Miller/arr. Chidester  
*Beautiful Savior*—Crusaders' Hymn/arr. Riegger

## Hearing God's Word

**Scripture reading:** Romans 13:8-14

**Sermon:** *Paying Attention* ..... Pastor Anita Kehr

### Responding to God's Word

**Song of faith:** *Here, O Lord, your servants gather* ..... \*H 7

**Pastoral prayer** ..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

### Sending

**Sending song:** *Amazing Grace* arr. Chidester

**Blessing**

**Postlude:** *All creatures of our God and King*—Hopson

---

\*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book    \*\*CS denotes Companion Songbook  
Chorister: Paul Schrag; Worship Band: Seth Bontrager, Seralyn Goering, Bryan Kehr, Joey Menninga  
Childcare: Chris Weaver, Brooklynn Black  
Ushers: Bob Schmidt, Brian Walker, Heath Kerr, Donnie Kingsley  
Audio Tech: Ron Bachman    Video/Lighting Tech: Tyler Shelly  
Visuals: Pat Litsey

---

**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

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

## Sunday, September 10—Knowing the Time—Romans 13:8-14

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Grocery Shower for Matthew and Erin Graber—FH
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 Noon Seconds at FIRST Potluck—FH
- 12:30 PM Congregational Processing Meeting—FH
- 4:04 PM Youth Group Bible Study

## Tuesday, September 12

- 7:00 PM Safe Sanctuaries Training—FH

## Wednesday, September 13

- 7:00 PM Youth Group
- 7:30 PM Choir

## Thursday, September 14

- 7:00 PM Church Board

## Friday, September 15

- 6:30 PM IBA Fundraising Dinner—FH

## Saturday, September 16

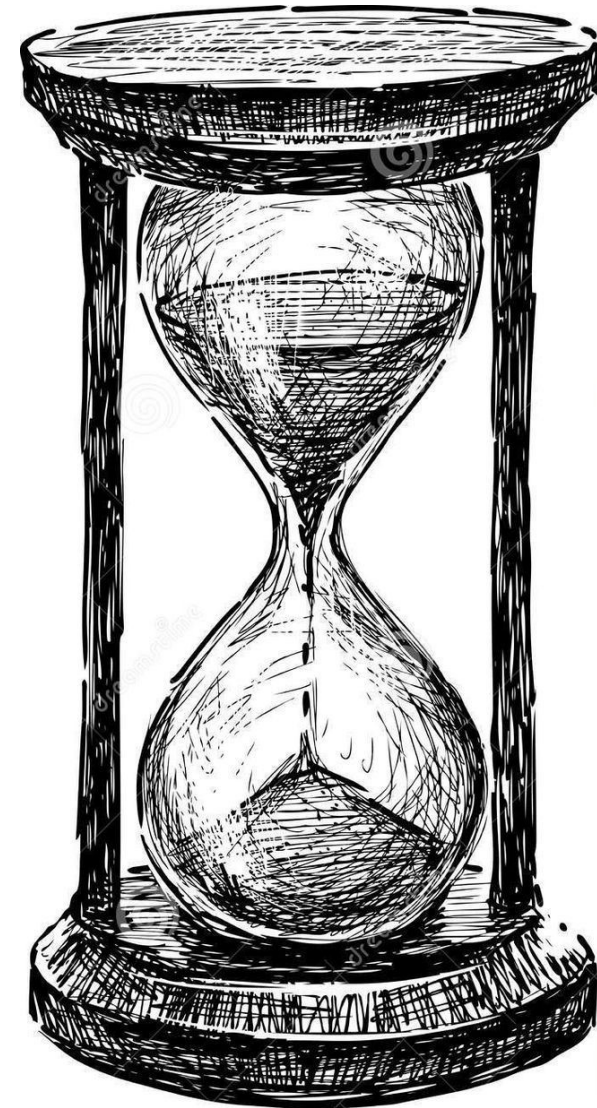
- 9:00 AM--11:00 PM Safe Sanctuaries Training—FH

## Sunday, September 17—The “Becoming” Series: Identity and the Spirit

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

## Upcoming Worship Services

- September 24—The “Becoming” Series: Renewing My Mind
- October 1—The “Becoming” Series: Redeeming My Time; World Communion Sunday



**FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**NEWTON, KANSAS**



**FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH**  
PO Box 291, 429 E. First Street, Newton, KS 67114-0291  
Phone: 316-283-0273  
E-mail: [office@firstmennonitenewton.org](mailto:office@firstmennonitenewton.org)  
Website: [www.firstmennonitenewton.org](http://www.firstmennonitenewton.org)

**Pastoral Team**  
Anita Kehr, Pastor ..... 316-283-5598  
Joel Schroeder, Pastor of Youth and Young Adults ..... 316-215-2497  
Kay Schroeder, Pastor of Worship and Visitation (Sabbatical, September 1-December 31)

**Administrative Assistant**  
Tracy Kerr ..... 316-283-0273

**Custodian**  
Gordon Flickner ..... 316-217-1346

# SR. HIGH YOUTH

With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:  
Faith-Focused, Mission-Minded, Community-Connected

## TODAY (9/10) - BIBLE STUDY / SMALL GROUP

- ▶▶ Singing, Bible Study, Small Group Sharing, Prayer PLUS FOOD!
- ▶▶ 4:04-6:32 PM—in the Youth Rooms at FMC



### Youth Group - Wednesday, Sept. 13 @ 7:01 pm

- ▶▶ Reflections on Fall Retreat and GROW strategies for the coming month!
- ▶▶ As always FRIENDS ENCOURAGED!!

the large response of surveys and interviews, the GRACE costs have increased from the original quote. We need to raise an additional \$2,500. Please prayerfully consider supporting our journey to becoming a survivor-focused church with additional funds to support the GRACE assessment.

**School is back in session** and some parents might be feeling it with their pocket books. So is the church. August financials are done and we are behind \$7,395.51 for the month and \$28,757.86 for the year. We only have four months left in the year with 17 Sundays. If we can increase our giving by \$1,691.64 a Sunday we will have taken care of the current shortfall. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help.  
~Financial Stewardship Committee

**Safe Sanctuary Training** for those who were unable to attend part 1 and/or part 2 of the August sessions be will held Tuesday, September 12, 7:00-9:00 PM or Saturday, September 16, 9:00-11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

~Nurture Commission

**YOU ARE INVITED** to join the choir! Rehearsals begin THIS Wednesday, September 13, 7:30 PM. Matthew Graber, renowned director, and Jyl Ewy, fabulous accompanist, will be leading the amazing, gifted group of singers and YOU are invited to participate! See you Wednesday!

### Community Announcements

**West Zion Mennonite Church**, 101 South Washington, Moundridge will host a benefit concert for Mennonite Disaster Service in relation to Hurricane Harvey's damage to parts of Texas and Louisiana. The concert will be at **2:00 PM, today** and will feature a vocal quartet called Family and Friends. The quartet's members are Doug Huxman, Steve & Amy Sherbenou, and Jan Gilmore, accompanied by Donna Stucky. The group sings an eclectic mix of music, and this concert will include sacred music in styles ranging from traditional to gospel/jazz to upbeat modern tempos. No admission will be charged, but a free-will offering will be received

which will be given in its entirety to Mennonite Disaster Service to aid in recovery efforts in the aftermath of the devastating storms and flooding in Texas and Louisiana.

**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).

**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, September 11 and November 6. *Retirement income strategy* will help you think through your retirement income and expenses, discuss risks than 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.

**SAVE THE DATE—IBA BENEFIT DINNER**—The annual Instituto Biblico 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.

**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](http://mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride).

**M-2 Prison Visitation Volunteer Opportunity**—Jesus calls us to visit the prisoner! At the Hutchinson Correctional Facility there are over 50 inmates who are waiting for a visit. Through Offender/Victim Ministries' M-2 Program, you have the opportunity to visit an inmate one evening a month. New volunteer training for M-2 will be on **Monday, September 18, 12:00 PM** at the Hutch Correctional Facility or **Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 PM** at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. Please contact Ben Kreider for more information at 316-281-5244 or [ben@offendervictimministries.org](mailto:ben@offendervictimministries.org).

**Together for Peace**—All are welcome to a prayer service for the International Day of Peace on Thursday, September 21, 7:00 PM, at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 North Anderson, Newton. Sponsors are the Mennonite churches of Newton.

**Camp Mennoscah invites you and everyone** you know to Work & Play Camp September 29-October 3! It's a hootin', rootin' good time for folks of all ages. We'll be working on projects and making camp shiny from head to toe. Interspersed with all that fun will be breaks, devotions, and friends to chat with and play games. On Sunday, October 1, we'll break from our routine with worship and the annual meeting. Come for a day or for the full camp. NO COST for this retreat! Please let us know you're coming by registering online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or calling 620-297-3290.

**Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting** is October 1, 5:30 PM in the Camp Mennoscah dining hall. Everyone is invited! Please RSVP by registering online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or calling 620-297-3290. The meeting will include a Live Auction Fundraiser with meals for 6-10 people up for bid, hosted by board members and supporters of Camp Mennoscah. Meals include "Mic Drop" Lasagna and Cheesecake, an Old-fashioned Sunday Dinner, and a German Sausage Tasting. The agenda also includes recognition of Kelly Stucky's 19 years as the Senior High Camp program director, updates on the dining hall and kitchen renovations, and stories from campers about Camp Mennoscah's impact in life and faith.

**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?

**All the Mennonite Central Committee Material** Resources Centers in the U.S. need a combined total of 7000 comforters by November! Yes, you read that right, 7000 comforters are needed to fulfill the requests from MCC partner organizations in Iraq, North Korea and Syria! Save the dates to join the effort at the MCC Mini Comforter Blitz at the MCC Center in North Newton on September 29 and 30. Check [mcc.org/comforter-blitz](http://mcc.org/comforter-blitz) for more details, or contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org), 316-283-2720.

**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](http://mennowdc.org).

**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 Don Schmidt (Court Area display case); Gary and Myrna Grochowsky (Library display case); and Velora Peters (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

### **First Mennonite Church by the numbers**

#### **Attendance:**

- Worship—172 Visitors—12
- Sunday School—143

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Mennonite Central Committee was \$1,895 and Local Mission was \$3,874. The offering for September 17 is for Local Mission.

**This morning we welcome *Gabriel's Trumpets*** to our worship service. Members of the group are Arlin Buller, Patrick Flaming, Evan Koch, Tim Regier, Eric Schrag, Braden Unruh, Kyle Unruh, Brent Voran; Karen Unruh, organ.

**Seconds @ FIRST Potluck**—Everyone is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service today for great food and great fellowship!

**Learning from the perspective** of a survivor is the theme of our second congregational meeting today. The meeting will start after the Seconds at First Potluck (~12:30 PM). Andrea Reed Fulcher from Prairie View will be speaking followed by stories from survivors. Childcare during the meeting will be coordinated by Rachel Koehn.

**Church Office hours** will be limited this week due to Tracy being on vacation.



**Family Life Ministry** is happy to welcome children to our service with Busy Baskets and activity sheets located near both entrances to the sanctuary. If you have any new or gently-used quiet activities that you would like to donate, please e-mail Family Life Ministry at [fmcfamilylifeministry@gmail.com](mailto:fmcfamilylifeministry@gmail.com) or contact Christa Hiebert or Stephanie Weaver directly.

**GRACE Assessment Funding**—The Church Board thanks all of you who have supported the GRACE assessment through prayer and financial support. Due to