

Identity and the Spirit

Sunday, September 17, 2017

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Gathering

Prelude Donna Stucky, organist

Gathering song: *Over my head*

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

Call to worship Ryan Koehn, worship leader

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *We praise thee, O God* *H 99
My life flows on *H 580

Greeting one another; children come forward

Children's focus Ken Frey

Song of faith: *Change My Heart, O God* **CS 36

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

Hearing God's Word

Scripture reading: Ephesians 4:22-32

Sermon: *Becoming?* Pastor Joel Schroeder

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Refiner's Fire* **CS 38

Pastoral prayer Pastor Anita Kehr

Sending

Sending song: *Go, my children* *H 433

Blessing

Postlude

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

Chorister: Carol Entz

Childcare: Greg or Laura Myers, Madelynn Hamm

Ushers: Gus Dorado, Dave Goering, Mike Garcia, Andrea Regier

Audio Tech: Larry Becker

Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering

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 17—Becoming: Identity and the Spirit

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

Monday, September 18

7:00 PM Property Committee

Tuesday, September 19

9:30 AM Women's Fellowship—Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission

Wednesday, September 20

11:30 AM Worship Commission —Cora Voran's house
7:00 PM Youth Group
7:00 PM Choir

Sunday, September 24—Becoming: Renewing My Mind

7:45 AM Outreach, Mission, and Peace Commission
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service

Upcoming Worship Services

October 1 – World Communion Sunday – Becoming: Redeeming my Time
October 8 – Becoming: Deepening my Relationships – Hesston Bel Canto Choir
October 15 – Madelyn Maldonado, Mennonite Mission Network
October 22 – Becoming: Transforming my Experience

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH



A WORSHIP SERIES (PART 1 OF 5)

BECOMING WHO GOD INTENDS US TO BE

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU FMC— The children of FMC and the Nurture Commission would like to thank ALL of FMC for your fantastic support of the MCC School Kit offering project the past six months. It took many individuals to make this program a success! Thank you to the seamstresses who sewed 104 bags, the persons who purchased supplies and donated them to the project and the kind souls who gave money to children so they could purchase the items at the mini-store. As the children packed up the kits, we had 56 complete bags. Surprisingly we ran out of spiral notebooks, but we donated 307 pencils, 23 boxes of colored pencils, 56 erasers and 48 rulers to MCC. The total money offering received was \$330.25 and the value of the extra school supplies was \$309.50. FMC donated a total of \$639.75 towards this MCC sponsored project. WELL DONE!



FMC, we have two weeks until it is time to return the books that have been checked out from the Western District Conference Loan Library. Please return them to the cart in our library by Sunday, Sept. 24.

Children in the summer peace Sunday school: Your peace book has arrived! Meet Cindy Unruh, Cora Voran or Judy Schrag in the foyer after Sunday school/worship to receive your book. Children not present today can get it next Sunday.

Coffee and Conversation: FMC Allies, a group that supports people with various sexual identities, invites you to a time of coffee and conversation Sept. 24. There are two opportunities: During the Sunday School hour at 9:15 AM, or, if you don't want to miss your regular class, come from 8:30 to 9:15. In a conversational setting, members will tell why they're part of the Allies. Meet in Room 225.

SR. HIGH YOUTH

*With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:
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Youth Group - Wednesday, Sept. 20 @ 7:01 pm

- ▶▶ We'll start by doing something. Then we'll do something else. And finally, we'll do something before we eat snacks! See you Wednesday!
- ▶▶ INVITE FRIENDS TO JOIN US!!



Student Action Leadership Team (S.A.L.T.) applications are due now!

Community Announcements

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.

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 for more details, or contact katemast@mcc.org, 316-283-2720.

Arbor Vista Open House: Schowalter Villa will have three independent living senior living homes open for tour on September 21, 4:00-6:00 PM. Come to 306 W. Hickory in Hesston to begin your tour. Call 620-327-3425 with questions.

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 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.

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.

YOU ARE INVITED! Come to the Grace Hill Mennonite Church for our 2nd ANNUAL HOG ROAST - Sunday, September 24, 5-8pm. Come for food, yard games, fellowship, and music. Free-will donation for area food banks. See you there!

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 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 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.

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.

MCC is providing relief assistance in Nepal, India and Bangladesh after two weeks of severe monsoon rains displaced more than 1.7 million people and killed 1,246 in the region. We are working with partners to provide emergency food, water, tarps, mosquito nets and hygiene kits to those affected. MCC welcomes your support for our relief work in the area. www.mcc.org/south-asia-flood-relief

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.

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](tel:316-281-4257).

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—234 Visitors—13
- Sunday School—144

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$9,709. The offering for September 24 is for Local Mission.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet in Fellowship Hall, Tuesday, September 19, beginning at 9:30 AM to work on knotting blankets, handwork and other projects for MCC. Please bring your sack lunch for our noon meal. For devotions we would like to share each one's favorite Bible verse. Come and join us when you can for work and fellowship. Offering is for long-term missionaries. Thank you!! Contact Geraldine Wiebe with questions.

YOU CAN STILL JOIN THE CHOIR—It is not too late to join the choir for this fall! Rehearsal is this Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary with Matthew Graber, renowned director, and Jyl Ewy, fabulous accompanist.

FMC Men's Ministry Forum - Sunday, October 1, 5:00-7:00 PM. Men, mark your calendars. More info to come.

GRACE Assessment Funding—The Church Board thanks all of you who have supported the GRACE assessment through prayer and financial support. Due to the large response of surveys and interviews, the GRACE costs have increased from the original quote. We need to raise an additional \$1,500. Please prayerfully consider supporting our journey to becoming a survivor-focused church with additional funds to support the GRACE assessment,

The new offering project for the children will be for the New Hope Shelter here in Newton. They have requested an additional metal bunk bed for use in the shelter. Our goal is to purchase one new bunk bed at a cost of \$200 - \$300.