

Renewing Our Minds

Sunday, September 24, 2017

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Gathering

PreludeMelody Bontrager, pianist
Like a Lion Worship Band

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

Call to worship David Wiebe, worship leader

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *Came to My Rescue*
Come, thou fount

Greeting one another; children come forward

Children's focusBryan Kehr

Song of faith: *God is here among us* *H 16

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory: *Death Was Arrested*

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 13:44-46; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Sermon: *Capturing Thoughts*..... Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *I sought the Lord*H 506

Pastoral prayer..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

Sending

Sending song: *Blessed Savior, we adore thee*H 107
(verses 1 and 2)

Sending blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Daryl Unruh; Worship Band: Joey Menninga—guitar/vocals; Seth Bontrager—drums;
Michelle Regier—keyboard/vocals; Tim Regier—bass
Childcare: Stephanie Weaver, Sarah Koehn
Ushers: Alan Entz, Ryan Nye, Jan Groves, Wenda Black
Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner
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 24—Becoming: Renewing Our Minds

- 7:45 AM Outreach, Mission, and Peace Commission
- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 3:33 PM Youth Group Bible Study—Youth Room
- 6:00 PM Congregational Processing Meeting—FH

Wednesday, September 27

- 5:30 PM Meal served by Christian Fellowship
Menu: Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Chips, and Dessert
- 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)

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

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

Upcoming Worship Services

- October 8—Becoming: Deepening Our Relationships—Hesston College
Bel Canto Choir
- October 15—Madelyn Maldonado, Mennonite Mission Network
- October 22—Becoming: Transforming Our Experience

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BECOMING WHO GOD INTENDS US TO BE

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SR. HIGH YOUTH

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TODAY (9/24) - BIBLE STUDY / SMALL GROUP

- ▶▶ Singing, Bible Study, Small Group Sharing, Prayer PLUS FOOD!
- ▶▶ 3:33-5:46 PM—in the Youth Rooms at FMC (I AM...bread)



Youth Group - Wednesday, Sept. 27 @ 6:46 pm

- ▶▶ NOTE TIME CHANGE—6:46 pm
(Church family meals begin 5:30 pm)
- ▶▶ As always INVITE FRIENDS!!

S.A.L.T. (Student Action Leadership Team) - Sun., Oct. 1 @ 12 noon

The Caregiving and Membership Commission invites all survivors of sexual abuse to an initial meeting to explore having a support group. For further information contact Nancy Waltner at 283-3245.

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 \$1,000. 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.

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!

CALLING ALL MEN—You are invited to participate in the Men's Ministry Forum in the far west parking lot on Sunday, October 1, 5:00-7:00 PM. We'll grill burgers and explore the opportunities for the development of a men's ministry at FMC!

Flu Shot Clinic—Heath Kerr, Pharmacist from Dillons, will once again be administering flu shots on October 4, from 5:30 to 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.

Mark your calendar—The next *Seconds @ FIRST Potluck* is Sunday, October 8 after the worship service.

Community Announcements

YOU ARE INVITED! Come to the Grace Hill Mennonite Church for our 2nd ANNUAL HOG ROAST—today, 5:00-8:00 PM. Come for food, yard games, fellowship, and music. Free-will donation for area food banks. See you there!

Bethel College Wind Ensemble—today, 3:00 PM in Memorial Hall.

Fall into a Good Book with the Conference Resource Library's Fall Story Hour—starting this week! Join leader Carol Flickinger for stories, rhymes, and fun Thursdays, September 28- November 16, 10:00 AM. Sign up at goo.gl/forms/ZpYYWCRbiFdSLgbU2 or by contacting the library at crlib@mennowdc.org or (316) 283-6300. Please sign up by September 25.

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.

The first concert of the 2017-18 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring St. Louis musician Pokey LaFarge, will be on Sunday, 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.

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.

Camp Mennoscah invites you and everyone you know to Work & Play Camp September 29-October 3! 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.

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 at johnhillegass@mcc.org or (717) 859-1151.

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?

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—154 Visitors—5
- Sunday School—167

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$4,290. The offering for October 1 is for Mennonite Central Committee.

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.

Please return the books that have been checked out from the Western District Conference Loan Library **by today.**

Processing the GRACE Recommendations: Today we will conclude our series of three meetings focused on processing the GRACE report. The meeting will be at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will have round table discussions about your vision for victim and survivor support, important recommendations for that vision, and what you want the Church Board to know about the recommendations. Each person will give feedback on each recommendation through a survey. This is important guidance before the Church Board makes decisions about the GRACE recommendations.

Mark your calendars for Fall Church Family Night, beginning this Wednesday, September 27. Supper will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Following supper, there will be activities for all ages. There will be a class for Preschoolers, ages 3 and 4, in room 234. Jr. High will be meeting in room 126, High School in room 122-124, Adult Bible Study in room 224, and Choir will meet in the Sanctuary. Please join us and bring your friends for Fall Church Family Night!