

Labor Day Sunday

Sunday, September 3, 2017

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Gathering

Prelude..... Nora Miller, pianist

Gathering song: *There is a Redeemer*..... **CS 49

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

Call to worship John Good, worship leader

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down*
I Love to Tell the Story

Greeting one another; children come forward

Children's focus Sheralyn Goering

Song of faith: *God, whose giving* *H 383

Offering: Mennonite Central Committee
Offertory

Hearing God's Word

Scripture reading: Colossians 3:23-24; 1 Corinthians 3:5-9 Pat Litsey

Sermon: *Laboring* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Do It All*

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *The Lorica*

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Daryl Unruh; Musicians: Austin Regier, Ben Regier, Ken Regier, Tim Regier
Childcare: Amanda Menninga, Camryn Entz
Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, John Good, Janice Good
Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy
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 3—In Everything—Colossians 3:23-24; 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Youth Group on Fall Retreat
9:15 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, September 4

Labor Day—Church Office Closed

Wednesday, September 6

6:30-8:30 PM Kansas MDS Parking Lot Build
6:30 PM Youth Group

Thursday, September 7

6:30-8:30 PM Kansas MDS Parking Lot Build
7:00 PM Nurture Commission

Friday, September 8

6:30-8:30 PM Kansas MDS Parking Lot Build

Saturday, September 9

9:00 AM--12:00 PM Kansas MDS Parking Lot Build

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

Upcoming Worship Services

September 17—The “Becoming” Series: Identity and the Spirit
September 24—The “Becoming” Series: Renewing My Mind



In Everything

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FALL RETREAT - September 2-4

- ▶▶ Return to FMC @1:13 pm on Monday (9/4)
- ▶▶ Please be praying for GROWTH in our relationships with God and each other and ourselves!



Partnering with MDS House Build - Wednesday, Sept. 6

- ▶▶ 6:30-8:30 PM — Come anytime to help frame a house for MDS in the west parking lot.
- ▶▶ As always FRIENDS WELCOME!!



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS—The Kansas MDS Board is organizing a parking lot build! First Mennonite Church has graciously offered the physical space for volunteers to frame the house which will then go to Eureka. First Mennonite Church also has the opportunity to participate with the Kansas MDS Board and other Anabaptist churches from across Kansas for a few days! The house will be framed by volunteers in the FMC far west parking lot of First and Pine Street. The dates are September 6, 7, and 8, 6:30-8:30 PM; September 9, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. They are needing 30-50 volunteers for each evening. Come for part of an evening or all three!

Grocery Shower—Join us in celebrating the marriage of Erin (Regier) and Matthew Graber that took place on June 24. The Fellowship Commission will host a grocery shower on **Sunday, September 10**, between Sunday School and the worship service (**10:00-10:30**) in the **Fellowship Hall**. The congregation is invited to come greet the couple, enjoy some punch and cookies and offer a grocery gift. If you are unable to attend but would like to offer a gift, you may bring your gift to the church office.
~The Fellowship Commission

Seconds @ FIRST Potluck—September 10. Everyone is encouraged to bring extra food, to gather around the tables, and to have conversation with area college students and each other following the worship service. Let's welcome some new faces as well! (NOTE: Additional hands are needed for preparation and clean up.)

Learning from the perspective of a survivor is the theme of our second congregational meeting on September 10. 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. If you are a survivor, we would like to hear what FMC can learn from your experience. You can either share your story, or provide a written version of your story, and we can read it. If you would like to share your story please contact Ryan Koehn or any church board member. Childcare during the meeting will be coordinated by Rachel Koehn.

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

SAVE THE DATE—Choir rehearsal begins Wednesday, September 13, 7:30 PM. Plan now to participate!

Jaime Tschetter has set up a blog while she is in Tucson, Arizona during her MVS year. You can read her blog at: <https://jptschetter20.wixsite.com/blog>.

Adult Sunday School classes! The Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission is putting on a 4-week adult Sunday School class in January 2018 called *Christianity & Islam: Working Together Towards Peace*. Consider joining us for this relevant and informative class as we learn the basics of Islam (so we can ask better questions) and find out how some Christians and Muslims are working together in Wichita and around the world for peace and mutual respect. We are letting you know early so you can consider this option as you order Sunday School curriculum in September. Please email andrea.and.ben@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Safe sanctuaries/healthy boundaries books: Jennie Wintermote, who is the WDC Resource Library Director, has pulled around 50 books to circulate through our church library on the topic of safe sanctuaries. There are children's books and books for parents on healthy boundaries, keeping secrets, saying no, healthy sexuality, and more. These books are on a cart in our library and available for checkout for the next 2 months.

Community Announcements

Centering Prayer will not meet tomorrow, September 4 (Labor Day), but continues most Mondays 12 noon-1:00 PM, in Agape Center in the Richert House on the Bethel College campus.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP—The Parkinson's Support Group will meet at Kidron Bethel on Tuesday, September 5, 2:00 PM. All are invited to hear Jim Schrag share his journey with Parkinson's Disease.

The FloraKansas Fall Native Plant Sale will be held September 8-10 at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Kansas' largest native plant sale offers many species of wildflowers and grasses many of which are rare in cultivation. Memberships to the Arboretum can be obtained on the day of the sale. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount at all arboretum plant sales and may participate in the members only pre-sale on Thursday, September 7, 8:00 AM- 7:00 PM. For more information, call 620-327-8127 or visit www.dyckarboretum.org.

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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—210 Visitors—20
- Sunday School—No Sunday School

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$4,392. The offering for September 10 is for Local Mission.

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 \$2,500. Please prayerfully consider supporting our journey to becoming a survivor-focused church with additional funds to support the GRACE assessment.



Family Life Ministry is happy to welcome children to our service with Busy Baskets located near both entrances to the sanctuary. Feel free to choose one or two activities for your family to use during the service. Please return items to the basket when you are done. Activity sheets for older children will also be available, so be sure to check those out as well!

You are invited to check out the Court Area display case from the summer peace Sunday School for the elementary-aged children.

PARENT REMINDER—Please accompany young children when they go to the bathroom, church library, or to get a drink of water during church services.

~Safe Sanctuary Committee

Fall is around the corner—are you missing a jacket or coat? Please check the items hanging on the east side of the Court Area and claim what is yours! Thank you!