

Mission Sunday

Sunday, October 15, 2017

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Gathering

Prelude Donna Stucky, organist/pianist

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

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

Call to worship Ken Regier, worship leader

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *Praise, I will praise you, Lord* *H 76
Lord, you have come to the lakeshore H 229

Greeting one another; children come forward

Children's focus Key Frey

Anthem: *Children of the Heavenly Father* arr. by Lucas

Offering: Local Mission
Offertory

Hearing God's Word

Scripture

Sermon Madeline Maldonado

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *You are salt for the earth* H 226

Pastoral prayer..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

Sending

Choral benediction: *Let Not Your Heart be Troubled* by Speaks

Sending blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Choir Director/Chorister: Matthew Graber; Melody Bontrager, Choir Accompanist
Childcare: Greg or Laura Myers, Madelynn Hamm
Ushers: Gus Dorado, Dave Goering, Mike Garcia, Andrea Regier
Audio Tech: Tim Regier Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering
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**
- **Community-Connected**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 15—Madeline Maldonado, Mennonite Mission Network

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

Monday, October 16

7:00 PM Property Committee

Tuesday, October 17

7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission

Wednesday, October 18

5:30 PM Meal served by Living Stones
Menu: Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Ice Cream Bars
6:45 PM Children-ages K—5th 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)
8:00 PM Capital Fund Development Committee

Sunday, October 22—**Becoming: Transforming Our Experience**

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
4:00 PM Youth Group Bible Study

Upcoming Worship Services

October 29—Great Day of Singing
November 5—Remembrance Sunday
November 12—500 Years





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Attention Greeters & Ushers! The Outreach, Missions and Peace Commission would like to invite you for lunch in the Fellowship Hall after church on **Sunday, November 5**, to express our appreciation of the work you do, to share ideas with each other, and to review the "best practices" of hospitality as the holidays approach. We hope to see you there!

MCC meat canning dates are October 31, November 1 and 2. We will start at 12 noon on October 31 and 6:00 AM on November 1 and 2. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Court Area for time slots. Come out and help with this worthy cause.

Homeless Shelter—Our next week to serve the Harvey County Homeless Shelter is November 1-7. If you are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 316-284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

Church Family Night will once again be sponsoring a shoebox packing party for Operation Christmas Child. The children will be packing shoeboxes for children all around the world. Please start saving shoeboxes and other donations for the boxes. The collection boxes are in the Court Area.

SR. HIGH YOUTH *With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:
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Youth Group - Wednesday, Oct. 18 @ 6:31 pm



- ▶▶ Going to the Gaeddert Martisko Corn Maze near Buhler, KS!
- ▶▶ Meet in Youth Rooms at 6:31 pm. Return to FMC by 9:00 pm.
- ▶▶ Friends always welcome!

Bible Study - Next Sunday, Oct. 22 @ 4:04 pm



Community Announcements

The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association will hold its annual banquet October 26, at Eden Mennonite Church, 401 18th Ave., Moundridge. The speaker for the program will be Dale Schrag of North Newton, Kansas. The title of his message will be "Searching for a Usable Past." The banquet meal will be served at 6:00 PM and the cost is \$20. Pay at the door. Reservations are required and must be made by contacting Barbara Stucky at 620-345-8367.

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.

Chairishing CASA Kids will be held on Saturday October 21, 6:00-8:00 PM at the Carriage Factory Art Gallery, 128 E 6, Newton. This event is a fundraiser for CASA. Chairs transformed into works of art by local artists will be auctioned and there will also be a silent auction with gift baskets from local businesses. CASA provides advocates to be a voice for abused and neglected children in the pursuit of safe and permanent families in Harvey County. For more information visit: 9thcasa.org.

On October 22, 7:00 PM, the West Zion Mennonite Church (101 S Washington Ave, Moundridge, KS) Concert Series continues. Featured performers include Ken Rodgers, Organ; the McPherson Community Brass Choir directed by Jerry Toews; Jonathan Schrag, Baritone Vocalist; Hopeful Blues instrumental quintet; and Donna Stucky, Piano. No admission charge, but a free-will offering will be received during the concert. After the concert, there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments.

The second concert of the 2017-18 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring The Talbott Brothers, will be on Sunday, October 22, 4:00 PM, at the Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and good food in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount. Purchase tickets online or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

MCC is responding to disasters taking place around the world. Even before the most recent natural disasters from hurricanes, earthquakes and floods, MCC was running extremely low on comforters and relief kits. Our goal is to ship 83,000 relief kits by March 2018 and we need 7,000 comforters by November. Visit mcc.org/mrc/kits for full kit information and from there click through to our Amazon Wish List for easier shopping and shipping. Just bring or ship kit items to MCC Central States 121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117. It's not too early to start thinking about holiday giving projects like a relief kit collection drive! Call MCC with questions at 316-283-2720 .

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. Please contact our office by emailing centralstates@mcc.org or 316-283-2720 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 that can impact your savings, and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. It will be offered at 6:30 PM, 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 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Web and Social Media Manager—Mennonite Church USA is seeking a .6 FTE Web and Social Media Manager. 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.

The Worship and the Arts Festival Choir is calling on all interested singers to join the evening worship celebration Saturday, November 18, in Bethel College's Memorial Hall. Rehearsal is that evening, 5:00-6:30 PM, with supper provided. The service begins at 7:30 PM. Please contact Dr. William Eash at weash@bethelks.edu to reserve your place in the choir! For more information about the Worship and the Arts Symposium during the day on November 18, see bethelks.edu/worshiparts.

The Hesston College Music Department invites alumni and friends to sing with the college choirs for the annual Masterworks Concert, *Light Eternal*, Saturday, December 9, 7:00 PM, at Hesston Mennonite Church. Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna* (Light Eternal) is the concert's central work. In memory of lost loved ones, this performance is a reminder of the Light that comforts us during the holiday season. Singers should plan to attend Monday choral rehearsals beginning October 23. For more information and a complete schedule, visit www.hesston.edu/lighteternal or contact director Russell Adrian at 620-327-8143, russell.adrian@hesston.edu.

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 Lee and Deb Penner and family (Court Area display case); Eric and Lori Shelly and family (Library display case); and Sara Reimer (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—282 Visitors—37
- Sunday School—170

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$11,463. The offering for October 22 is for Local Mission.

We welcome Madeline Maldonado as she joins us to bring the sermon this morning. Madeline is a member of the Mennonite Mission Network Board and has been a long-time pastor. She currently lives in Picayune, Mississippi.

Pastor Anita will be out of the office October 19-21 so that she can attend the Constituency Leaders Council (CLC) in Kansas City.

New Resources—There is a wonderful assortment of materials focusing on conflict mediation from the Western District Resource Library available in the church library on the rolling cart. You will find delightful children's storybooks, curriculum possibilities for junior high through adults, and other good reads. Take a look soon, as we only have these resources during October and November!
~The Caregiving and Membership Commission

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesday, October 17, 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. Ella Regier will have the devotions. Come and join us when you can for work and fellowship. Offering is for long-term missionaries. Thank you!! Contact Geraldine Wiebe with questions.