

Transforming our Experience

Sunday, October 22, 2017

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Gathering

Prelude Nora Miller, pianist

Gathering song: *Holy Spirit*

The work of the people (announcements)

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Call to worship Wendy Funk Schrag, worship leader

Opening prayer

Review of the *Becoming* worship series

Excerpts from Romans 12 (*The Message*)

Praising

Songs of faith: *This is Amazing Grace*

Ten Thousand Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Greeting one another; children come forward

Children's focus Keith Knopp

Gifts of Bibles Amanda Entz, Bryan Kehr, Chris Weaver

Song of faith: *Came to my rescue*

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Isaiah 45:9; 64:8 Paul Schrag

Sermon: *LIFE Altering* Pastor Joel Schroeder

Scripture: Numbers 13:26-33

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *There are many gifts* *H 304

Pastoral prayer Pastor Anita Kehr

Sending

Sending song: *When we walk with the Lord* H 544

Sending blessing

Postlude

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

Chorister: Paul Schrag; Worship Band: Joey Menninga—leader; Seth Bontrager—drums;

Amanda Entz—bass guitar; Joan Entz—vocals; Bryan Kehr—acoustic guitar

Childcare: Stephanie Weaver, Sarah Koehn

Ushers: Alan Entz, Ryan Nye, Jan Groves, Wenda Black

Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn

Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner

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 22—Becoming: Transforming Our Experience

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 4:00 PM Youth Group Bible Study
- 4:00 PM Jr. High Family Gathering—Stutzman's Retreat Center

Tuesday, October 24

- 7:00 PM Men's Ministry Leadership

Wednesday, October 25

- 11:30 AM Worship Commission
- 5:30 PM Meal served by In the Word/Koinonia
Menu: Chicken Supreme (macaroni casserole), Old Fashion Green Beans, Carrots, Rolls/Jelly, Fruit Salad and Dessert
- 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)
- 6:45 PM Task Group

Thursday, October 26

- 7:00 PM Church Board

Sunday, October 29—Great Day of Singing

- 7:45 AM Outreach, Missions and Peace Commission
- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 4:00 PM Catechism

Upcoming Worship Services

- November 5—Remembrance Sunday
- November 12—500 Years
- November 19—Thanksgiving

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH



A WORSHIP SERIES (PART 5 OF 5)

BECOMING WHO GOD INTENDS US TO BE

OCTOBER 22, 2017

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Surprise card shower—DA Raber will be celebrating his 90th birthday on October 28. (His actual birthday is October 30) His family would like to surprise him with cards and special memories that you may have of him. DA taught Sunday School for several years while at First Mennonite Church. If you would like to send him a card, his address is 333 Winter Quarter Road, Pampa, TX 79065. If you would like to drive to Pampa to see him, the family would appreciate hearing from you first at 806-316-1246.

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.

Mark your calendars for the Youth Group Annual Turkey Dinner—Wednesday, November 8, 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to join the fun and fellowship! Donations will be accepted to go towards the youth ministry and summer mission project.

Christmas Eve is only 64 days away! The number of children that will be participating in the program is urgently needed. Please respond with the orange sheet that was put in your mail boxes, call or email Cora Voran at 316-215-1367 or bcvoran@cox.net. This includes children from Kindergarten-5th grade. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

SR. HIGH YOUTH

*With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:
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BIBLE STUDY - TODAY - Sun., Oct. 22 @ 4:04 pm

Youth Group - Wednesday, Oct. 25 @ 6:46 pm

- ▶▶ We'll be experiencing FALL!
- ▶▶ Meet at the Bethel College Trailhead (east of the tennis courts). We will conclude at 8:15 pm.
- ▶▶ Invite your friends! There will be fire!

Catechism - Next Sunday, Oct. 29 @ 4:00 pm

S.A.L.T. - Sunday, November 4 at noon



COMING EVENTS

Community Announcements

The West Zion Mennonite Church (101 S Washington Ave, Moundridge, KS) Concert Series continues **today at 7:00 PM**. 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.

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.

Sexual Abuse Prevention Training: *Who Speaks for Victims and Survivors*—Thursday, October 26. This training will be a panel discussion with Stephanie Krehbiel, survivor advocate and co-founder of IntoAccount. Lee Penner and Jeff Combs will also be on the panel. The training will be held at the MCC Center, 1221 E 30th St. North Newton, 6:30-8:30 PM. To register, please email kathywiens59@gmail.com.

Annual Tabor Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ—Thursday, November 2. We will start feeding at 5:00 PM for the BEST Chicken BBQ, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and Ice Cream anywhere. Donations going to Camp Mennoscah and Tabor Building Project. Join us at 891 Chisholm Trail, Newton or from Goessel go 3 miles south and 1 mile east.

St. Mary Altar Society invites you to join them for their Festive Fall Fair on Sunday, November 12, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM, at St. Mary School. Dinner will be served 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. There will be fabulous food, fun, and fellowship. For more information contact Kathy at 283-5762.

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—212 Visitors—3
- Sunday School—203

Offering: Last week’s offering for Local Mission was \$5,702. The offering for October 29 is for Western District Conference.

The Junior High Youth Group and families are invited to a picnic at Stutzman's Retreat Center this afternoon. Drinks, burgers (veggie burgers too) and s'mores will be provided. Families may bring a side dish to add. We will meet at the church at 4:00 PM and carpool to Stutzman's. We will return about 7:00 PM. There will be a campfire, board games, 18 acres of space to roam in, a pond if you want to bring a fishing pole, and yard games will be provided. This is a family activity, and the whole family of each Junior High student is invited.

Survivors of Sexual Abuse Survivor Support Group will meet this Tuesday evening, October 24. Please contact Nancy Waltner at 283-3245 for more information.

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