

Great Day of Singing

Sunday, October 29, 2017

Prelude Worship Team
Like a Lion
Hosanna (Praise is Rising)
How He Loves

Choral introit/Gathering song
Let us build a house (All are welcome) (Booklet) Choir/Congregation
Your grace is enough..... Worship Team

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

Call to worship David Wiebe, worship leader

Prayer

Song: *God of the Bible* **CS 91

Reflection on a heart song..... Kevin Hamm
Come, thou fount *H 521

Greeting one another; children come forward

Children's focus..... Dewayne Pauls

Offering: Western District Conference

Offertory: *Sing a new world into being* (Booklet)

Reflection on a heart song..... Matthew Graber
The love of God CS 92..... Choir/Congregation

Confession

Ore poriaju ereko (Kyrie eleison) (Booklet)

Reflection on a heart song Dorcas Good
Healer of our every ill H 377

Pastoral prayer Pastor Anita Kehr
Ya Rabba ssalami (God of peace and justice) (Booklet)

Choral benediction: *Go, my friends, in grace* Wright/Clemens

Sending blessing

Congregational sending song: *As you go out from here* (Booklet)

Musicians

Choir director and chorister: Matthew Graber

Piano accompanist: Jyl Ewy

Organ accompanist: Amanda Rempel

Worship Team: Joey Menninga, leader/guitar/vocal; Seth Bontrager, drums;

Jyl Ewy, piano/vocal; Tim Regier, bass guitar

String Ensemble: Joey Menninga, violin; Erin Graber, viola; Brooklynn Black,

Camryn Entz, Jordan Schroeder, cello

Mandolin: Ben Regier

Worship Commission (planners for this service): Jyl Ewy, Cora Voran,
David Wiebe, Michelle Claassen

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

Childcare: Melody Enns

Ushers: Loren Entz, Ivan Goering, Clint Litsey, Carol Gerbrand

Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn

Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy

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 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

Tuesday, October 31

- 12:00 PM MCC Meat Canning

Wednesday, November 1—Homeless Shelter Week

- 6:00 AM MCC Meat Canning
- 5:30 PM Meal served by Casa Betania
Menu: Chicken and Potato Flautas, Rice, Lettuce/Cheese, 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)

Thursday, November 2

- 6:00 AM MCC Meat Canning
- 7:00 PM Nurture Commission

Saturday, November 4

- 8:35 AM Men's breakfast—The Breadbasket
- 10:00 AM Church Work Day

Sunday, November 5—Remembrance Sunday

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Usher/Greeter Lunch—FH


Upcoming Worship Services

- November 12—500 Years
- November 19—Thanksgiving



Great Day of Singing: Let All Creation Praise

First Mennonite Church
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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!

The Hopi Mission school is not in operation during this semester. It is suggested that the Box Tops for Education be shared with local schools, rather than saving them for the Hopi School. If you do not know a child who could use the box tops, you can continue to place them in the red box in the foyer. They will be distributed to a local school. Remember these box tops have expiration dates, so do not wait too long to pass them on.

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.

SR. HIGH YOUTH *With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:
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Catechism - TODAY Sunday, Oct. 29 @ 4:00 pm

- ▶ Catechism youth and their parents will be gathering this afternoon in Rm 224 for the *Intro to Catechism* session.

MCC Meat Canner – Tuesday, Oct. 31 @ 3:03-5:05 pm

- ▶ All Sr. High Youth are invited to help at the MCC Canner anytime next week. HOWEVER, we have designated Tuesday 3-5 as a time when several of us will be there. Supper included! Invite friends!

Youth Group - Wednesday, Nov. 1 @ 6:46 pm

- ▶ *Harvest of Love* food drive happens in the "fall" every year.
- ▶ This Wednesday, we'll visit our neighbors and collect food items for *Harvest of Love*.
- ▶ Having fun helping others this "fall".
- ▶ Invite your friends!



**COMING
EVENTS**

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

Turkey Dinner Prep — Tuesday, November 7

Turkey Dinner FUNDRAISER — Wed., November 8

The Mennonite—It is time for us to renew our subscriptions for *The Mennonite*. If you would like to renew your subscription the group rate is \$37. New subscribers can receive a one-year subscription for the discounted rate of \$30. **Subscriptions are due November 12.** Please return the form that was in your church mailbox to the office and make checks payable to First Mennonite Church with *The Mennonite* on the memo line.

Time is running out! Bring your donations to the collection box in the Court Area and the Fellowship Hall. We are looking for donations of hygiene items, school supplies, and toys, all of which should fit in a shoebox. Donations for shipping or to purchase items are also accepted. (Mark your donation *shoeboxes* and place in the offering or in the red and green shoebox marked donations in the Court Area.) Let's make those boxes overflow!

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.

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is called for Sunday, November 12, 12:30 PM, following a carry-in dinner. Reports will be given by our pastors, treasurer, and Financial Stewardship Commission. Action items will include adopting the 2018 budget and the ballot for vacancies on committees and commissions. Term review plans for Pastors Joel and Kay will be presented by Church and Staff Relations Committee. Sharing of the approved GRACE report recommendations will be given by the Church Board. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

Christmas Eve is only 57 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!

Community Announcements

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.

Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk—Saturday, November 4. Join experienced birders Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel at **8:00 AM** in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep.

Bethel College Sings—featuring the Women's Chorus and the Men's Ensemble; Woven and Open Road, the Concert Choir, and soloists, on Sunday, November 5, 3:00 PM at Bethel College Mennonite Church.

You're invited to Lunch & Learn at MCC—Thursday, November 9. MCC is excited to host Doug Hostetter, director of the MCC United Nations office, and Thien Phoc, an intern from Vietnam, for this lunch! Their talk will focus on the Vietnam War sharing about "Living Peace in Time of War: reflections on MCC service in the war zone during the Vietnam War" and about MCC's work in post-war Vietnam. Lunch will be provided by Mojo's Coffee Bar. Please RSVP by Monday, November 6 to patsydirksen@mcc.org or 316-283-2720. Go to mcc.org/lunch-learn for more information.

Seminar to help people prepare for long-term care costs—Many families face the high cost of long-term care at some point, and most of the costs are not covered by Medicare or private health insurance. Everence is presenting a seminar, *Current strategies for long-term care*, 6:30 PM, November 16 at Meridian Center, 1420 E. Broadway Court, Newton. Information will focus on handling costs of long-term care without wiping out your life savings. Coffee and desserts will be served. **Please RSVP by November 9**, to Sandy Popp at sandy.popp@everence.com or 620-662-7900.

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.

We have space available for you! Grab your photos and crafts-and a friend or two-and come to Camp Mennoscah's Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat, November 17-19! It's three days of amazing people, astounding make-n-takes, and astronomically grand times! Register online at campmennoscah.org or give us a call at 620-297-3290. We're here to help you join in the fun!

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 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—6
- Sunday School—176

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$10,484. The offering for November 5 is for Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

Receiving or has received care—Dennis Good, NMC

Our bulletin cover this morning, suggested by the Hymnal Project, is an artwork inspired by the Psalms. Here realistic and playful images are combined with "kid thought" in an explosive invitation to join with all creation in praise of our Creator. The artist, Joel Schoon-Tanis, aims to help others encounter God's world with childlike wonder, whimsy, and honesty.

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

Men's breakfast—Saturday, November 4, 8:35 AM. All men are invited to meet at the Breadbasket for breakfast.

CHURCH WORK DAY—Saturday, November 4. We will work around the church from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Projects will include yard work, landscaping, cleaning windows and painting. See you then!