

# Renewing our Minds Sunday, October 8, 2017

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## Gathering

**Prelude** ..... Amanda Entz, organist/pianist  
*Sonata in A Major, Mvt. 1* by Mozart

**Choral introit** ..... Bel Canto Singers, Hesston College  
*It Takes a Village*—Joan Szymko

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

**Call to worship** ..... Nathan Murphy, worship leader

**Opening prayer**

## Praising

**Songs of faith:** *Wait Alone in Stillness*  
*On the Wings of an Eagle*

**Greeting one another; children come forward**

**Children's focus** ..... Chris Weaver

**Offering:** Local Mission

**Bel Canto Singers:**

*Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks*—Herbert Howells  
*Draw up the Water from the Well*—James E. Clemens  
*We Are...*—Ysaye M. Barnwell

## Hearing God's Word

**Scripture:** Hebrews 10:23-25 and 11:13-16

**Meditation:** *Citizens*.....Pastor Anita Kehr

## Responding to God's Word

**Song of faith:** *Until All Are Fed*—Bryan Field McFarland

**Pastoral prayer**.....June Thomsen

## Sending

**Sending song:** *Let the River Run*—Carly Simon, arr. Johnson

**Sending blessing**

**Postlude**

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\*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book \*\*CS denotes Companion Songbook  
Chorister: Russell Adrian; Worship Band: Ben Regier's group  
Childcare: Chris Weaver, Brooklynn Black  
Ushers: Bob Schmidt, Brian Walker, Heath Kerr, Donnie Kingsley  
Audio Tech: Ron Bachman Video/Lighting Tech: Tyler Shelly  
Visuals: Janet Franz

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**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**
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## WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, October 8—Becoming: Deepening Our Relationships/Hesston College  
Bel Canto Choir**

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
12:00 PM 2nd @ FIRST Potluck—FH  
5:05 PM Youth Group Bible Study

**Tuesday, October 10**

7:00 PM Church Board

**Wednesday, October 11**

5:30 PM Meal served by New Disciples  
Menu: Taco Salad, Applesauce, Bar Cookies  
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)  
7:00 PM Task Group—Warkentin Room

**Sunday, October 15—Madeline Maldonado, Mennonite Mission Network**

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

### Upcoming Worship Services

October 22—Becoming: Transforming Our Experience  
October 29—Great Day of Singing  
November 5—Remembrance Sunday

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# BECOMING WHO GOD INTENDS US TO BE

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**The financial numbers are in....**It's the fourth quarter and we are down by \$34,620.60. There are only 13 Sundays left. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help us end the year on a positive note.

~ Financial Stewardship Committee

**Annual Reports**—The annual congregational meeting has been set for Sunday, November 12. An email/ letter has been sent out to those who need to write an annual report for this meeting. **Please make sure your report is turned into the Church Office by this Thursday, October 12.** If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office.

**Attention Greeters & Ushers!** The Outreach, Missions and Peace Committee would like to invite you for lunch in 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!

#### **Community Announcements**

**You are invited to Living Water**, presented by the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers, at Hesston Mennonite Church at 2:00 PM, today. The program is created in partnership with the Hesston Common Read and will feature the work of Mennonite Central Committee, with an offering collected to support an MCC water project.

**Bethel College Philharmonia Orchestra concert**—today, 3:00 PM, Memorial Hall, featuring music by von Weber, Debussy and Sibelius.

**Camp Mennoscah is removing** the dam for its annual winter "vacation" today about 2:00 PMish. Everyone is welcome to come and help, watch, or cheer. We'll meet at the dining hall area, though some may meet at the maintenance shed to gather the supplies needed. Call 620-297-3290 with questions.

**On Thursday, October 12, 3:00-5:00 PM, Kimberly Schmidt**, author of *Magpie's Blanket*, an historical novel about two women who survived the massacres of Plains Indians, will lead a workshop on "Book Crafting and Research Methods" at the MCC Center, Newton. The cost is \$20 sent to Barb Orsi, 7217 E. Oxford St., Wichita KS 67226 or PayPal.me/barborsi or \$25 at the door. Sponsored by StoryTellers of the Great Plains. Contact Kathy Goering for more information at [kjgo@mtelco.net](mailto:kjgo@mtelco.net)

**The Bethel College Women's Association** is asking for donations of baked goods for the Market in the Round and Pie by the Slice booth at Fall Festival, Saturday, October 14. **Baked goods of any kind** may be dropped off at Luyken Fine Arts Center Friday, October 13, 3:00-5:00 PM, or Saturday morning. **Pies** can be dropped off at Schultz Student Center, Seminar Room A near the cafeteria entrance, on Friday, October 13, 4:00-6:30 PM, or Saturday morning at the Pie by the Slice booth. The request is for 9" pies; no cream pies, please. Please use an aluminum pie tin. For questions, contact Cindy Erb, [cindy.l.erb@gmail.com](mailto:cindy.l.erb@gmail.com).

**Kauffman Museum's monthly bird walk** is Saturday, October 14. The start time will be 7:45 AM in the museum parking lot.

**The friends of Kidron Bethel** invite you to the Annual Country Breakfast on Saturday, October 14, 7:30-9:00 AM, in the Harvest Table Dining Hall. Cost is by donation with proceeds from the event going to benefit the Kidron Bethel Health Care Benevolent Fund.

**Bethel College Departments** of Music and Theater present *Godspell* by Stephen Schwartz and John-Michael Tebelak as the Fall Festival musical on **Friday, October 13, 7:30 PM, Saturday, October 14, 3:30 PM and Sunday, October 15, 2:00 PM, at Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.** Tickets are available at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, or a minimum of one hour before show time in the LFAC ticket office, subject to availability.

**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](mailto:HR@MennoniteUSA.org) or call 316-281-4257.

**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](http://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 67428. 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 .

**Western District Conference** invites contributions to support our churches in the Houston, TX, area following the hurricane there. Contributions to WDC will be distributed directly to WDC congregations in the Houston area, to assist them as they help members and neighbors in their communities. Please make checks payable to WDC, designated for Hurricane Relief, and send to WDC at PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Contributions may also be made online at [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org).

**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](http://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](http://mds.mennonite.net). MCC warehouses are very low on relief kits and comforters; your donations are welcome now. Please visit [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits) for full details. Please contact our office by emailing [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:HR@MennoniteUSA.org) or call 316-281-4257.

**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—226 Visitors—16
- Sunday School—196

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Mennonite Central Committee was \$2,860 and \$4,532 for Local Mission. The offering for October 15 is for Local Mission.

**Today we welcome** the Bel Canto Singers from Hesston College as they help to lead us in worship. Directed by Russell Adrian and accompanied by Ken Rodgers, the Bel Canto Singers are a select choir of students from across the country and beyond. We thank them for joining us today!

**October Seconds @ FIRST Potluck—TODAY.** Everyone is encouraged to gather around the tables in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service for conversation. A special invitation is extended to college students and our worship guests to join the conversation and eat some great food!

## **SR. HIGH YOUTH**

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### **TODAY (10/8) - Worship, Bible Study & Small Group Prayer**

- ▶▶ Gather at 5:05 pm in the Youth Room for Fasma (supper) and exploration of John 6:35, 51— "I AM the bread of life."

### **Youth Group - Wednesday, Oct. 11 @ 6:46 pm**

- ▶▶ We'll spring into "FALL" as we enter October!

