

The Reformation: 500 Years Later

Sunday, November 12, 2017

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Gathering

Prelude Jyl Ewy, pianist
Your Grace is Enough

Choral introit: *With a Voice of Singing* by Shaw

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

Call to worship Clarence Rempel, worship leader

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *Build Your Kingdom Here*
Cornerstone

Greeting one another; children come forward

Children's focus Renee Hamm

Choral anthem: *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* by Willan

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory: *Great Are You Lord*

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Romans 1:16-17

Sermon: *Rummage Sales* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *A mighty fortress is our God* *H 165

Pastoral prayer Pastor Joel Schroeder

Sending

Song of benediction: *Peace I Leave With You* by Shue

Sending blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Choir Director/Chorister: Matthew Graber; Worship Band: Joey Menninga (leader),
Amanda Entz (bass guitar), Jyl Ewy (piano/vocals), Bryan Kehr (acoustic guitar)
Childcare: Chris Weaver, Brooklynn Black
Ushers: Bob Schmidt, Brian Walker, Heath Kerr, Donnie Kingsley
Audio Tech: Ron Bachman Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering

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, November 12—500 Years

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Potluck/Fall Annual Congregational Meeting—FH
- 6:06 PM Youth Group Bible Study

Tuesday, November 14

- 9:30 AM Women's Fellowship—FH

Wednesday, November 15

- 11:30AM Worship Commission
- 5:30 PM Meal served by New Life Sunday School Class
Menu: Taco Soup, Fruit and Brownies
- 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)
- 6:00-8:00 PM Sr. High Youth at MCC Resource Center

Sunday, November 19—Thanksgiving, Part 1

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 4:00 PM Catechism

Upcoming Worship Services

- November 26—Thanksgiving, Part 2
- December 3—Advent 1—*Let it be*—Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37
- December 10—Advent 2—*Let it be so*—Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13;
2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8



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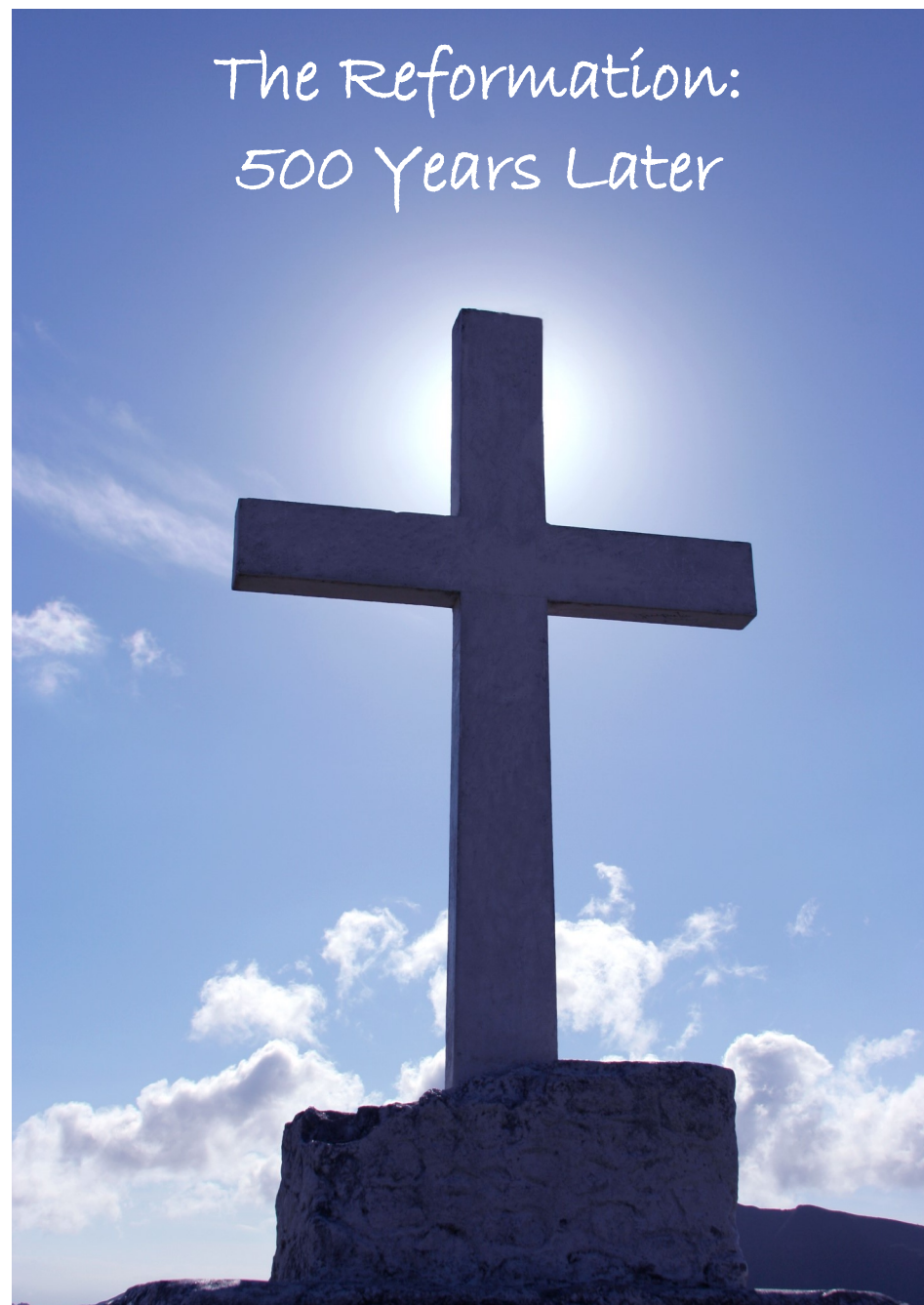
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First Mennonite Church
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can receive a one-year subscription for the discounted rate of \$30. **Subscriptions are due today.** Please return the form that was in your church mailbox to the office and make checks payable to First Mennonite Church with *The Mennonite* on the memo line.

Harvest of Love—Throughout November and December, the Salvation Army invites you to join in our annual food and fund drive to support people in need in our county. Items always needed are canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce, hamburger helper, tuna helper, cereal (of any kind), peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, and soups. A box is available in the Court Area to collect nonperishable items. If you wish to make a monetary donation you may write a check to "Harvest of Love" and place it in the offering. Every donation is a gift that makes a difference in our neighbors' lives!

Women's Fellowship will meet Tuesday, November 14, 9:30 AM and will adjourn after lunch. *Soup for the Soul* by Amanda Rempel will be discussed, and we will have devotions by Belva Unruh. The offering will be for Harvest of Love. Condiments and dessert will be provided by other members. Come warm your souls with work and fellowship.

If you are interested in helping several families in Casa Betania with current and future Immigration costs, please make out a check to Casa Betania (Memo: Caring Fund).

This is the last Sunday until we pack shoeboxes! 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

SR. HIGH YOUTH

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BIBBLE STUDY - Sunday, Nov. 12 (TODAY) at 6:06 PM in the Youth Room at FMC. Supper, worship, Bible study and prayer! AWESOME!

Youth Group - Wednesday, Nov. 15 6:00-8:00 PM

- ▶ Meet at the MCC Resource Center (North Newton)
- ▶ Pizza, packing school kits, and hearing from Ben and Allie Rudeen Kreder about their GAP Year experiences.

Kansas Food Bank - Saturday, Nov. 18 8:15 am-1:30 PM

- ▶ Meet at church for a kickstarter of donuts and chai.
- ▶ We'll spend the morning at the Kansas Food Bank in Wichita assembling food backpacks for kids.
- ▶ Lunch included.



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!

For the last six weeks or so, the Church Board, the Caregiving and Membership Commission, and the pastors have been talking about careful ways for people in our congregation to tell their stories and share their responses, their experiences, their feelings, and their thoughts in regard to Michael Combs' abuse and the process that has followed. One such story is announced below. Please expect that there will be opportunities to tell your stories as we work with an organization like KIPCOR (Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution) to structure an environment for this sharing and listening in the coming months.

Kathy and Tim Wiens want the church to be aware that Part I of Kathy's story: "When the Church Walks Away" is now posted on ourstoriesuntold.com, for those wanting to know more about their experiences over the past 2 years. They respectfully request that those who wish to communicate with them do so through their advocate, Stephanie Krehbiel at skrehbiel@intoaccount.org.

Community Announcements

The KIPCOR Film Series presents the Kansas premiere of *Healing Justice* today, 2:00 PM, addressing the school-to-prison pipeline and the need for comprehensive criminal justice reform. It will be in the Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Sexual Abuse Prevention Training at the MCC Center will be held on November 16, 6:30 PM, *Offenders in the Church: Who They Are and How They Operate*. Charissa Sloan Dvorak, attorney and investigator for GRACE (Godly Response to Abuse in the Christian Environment) will give a presentation based on her experience prosecuting abuse cases and her extensive knowledge of sexual offenders. For information about the workshop or to register, email kathywiens59@gmail.com or call 316-587-7244. This training is free and open to the public. Registration is helpful, but don't let that stop you from coming.

Self-care before the holidays! Camp Mennoscah invites you to join the Scrapbook and Crafts retreat, November 17-19, for a delightfully creative and relaxing time. This long weekend offers you hours of time to take a breath and work on your projects. We will have devotions, fun people, and make-n-takes! It's a blast whether you relax with friends or work industriously. Register at campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290! Be part of 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.

Praise and Worship Opportunity—The Wichita Symphony Orchestra and Symphony Chorus will be presenting *Haydn's Creation* on Saturday, November 18, 8:00 PM, and Sunday, November 19, 3:00 PM, at Century II Concert Hall. This is one of the great classics of Christian Choral literature. Tickets are available at wichitasymphony.org.

DISCOVERY: A COMIC LAMENT—This premier Kansas theatrical production will be presented on November 19, 7:00 PM, Krehbiel Auditorium-Bethel College Campus. All seats are reserved and are \$10.00 each. They are available at the Bethel College Thresher Bookstore or by calling 316-283-2500. The Doctrine of Discovery is a set of ideas and laws declaring that the first European Christian country to discover a new land has a legal right to occupy the land and dominate the Indigenous People. These patterns of oppression, begun in the fifteenth century, are still used to justify slavery, genocide, land theft, resource extraction, and environmental destruction to this very day. Those familiar with other productions of Ted and Co. TheaterWorks will be aware that even a subject as serious as this will be treated with a delightful blend of humor, sensitivity, and vision.

All area churches are invited to attend this year's Winter Luminary Walk, focusing on the theme "The Prairie Sleeps" at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. The Luminary Walk will be from 5:30 to 8:00 PM on November 24 and 25, and December 1 and 2. Admission to the event is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3 to 15, or advanced tickets can be purchased at dyckarboretum.org or at the Arboretum office for \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 3 to 12.

We need your help! Camp Mennoscah is seeking volunteers to help prepare the kitchen for renovations beginning Saturday, December 2, and continuing Monday-Saturday, **December 4-9**, until the kitchen is completely gutted. Both women and men are welcome to come out and help, and we will have a variety of tasks to complete. All work will be inside, so don't worry about cold temperatures! If you wish to volunteer multiple days, that's great! We can arrange lodging and meals for you. Carpooling to camp may be available on some or all of the days. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Jim Yoder at 316-284-3890 (call or text), jdyoder@cox.net, or Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290, office@campmennoscah.org. Bring a friend, or bring multiple friends! Thank you for considering this opportunity!

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 Justin and Angela Black and family (Court Area display case); Bill and Wenda Black (Library display case); and Travis and Amanda Black and family (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

- Worship—225 Visitors—8
- Sunday School—180

Offering: Last week's offering for Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary was \$1,317 and Local Mission was \$6,030. The offering for November 19 is for Local Mission.

Thank You! October income was good. We had an excess of \$7,505.73 which means that our year to date shortfall is now only \$27,114.87. We have two months left for our fiscal year. Please help in shrinking this shortfall.

~ Financial Stewardship Committee

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! The youth served 343 people on Wednesday at the Turkey Dinner Fundraiser and raised over \$4,700 (before expenses). Thank you for your support!

Congregational Carry-in Dinner—There will be a carry-in dinner following the worship service today, prior to the Fall Congregational Meeting. Please join us in this fellowship time.

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is called for today, 12:30 PM, following a carry-in dinner. Reports will be given by our pastors, treasurer, and Financial Stewardship Committee. 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.

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