Remembrance Sunday Sunday, November 5, 2017

Gathering

Gathering song: Farther Along

The work of the people (announcements)

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Call to worship Nancy Waltner, worship leader

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: God Believes in You

Behold What Manner of Love

Greeting one another; children come forward

Offering: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Offertory: Hark! A voice says all are mortal J. S. Bach

Hearing God's Word

Song of faith: What mercy and divine compassion.....*# 524

Scripture: 1 John 3:1-3

Meditation: Now and Then......Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Acts of remembrance: lighting candles, signing names

Pastoral prayer Pastor Joel Schroeder

Sending

Sending blessing

Postlude: For all the saints Charles Callahan

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

Chorister: Carol Entz; Worship Band: Ben Regier, Dwayne Abrahams, Ken Regier, Tim Regier

Childcare: Amanda Menninga, Camryn Entz

Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, John Good, Janice Good
Audio Tech: Larry Becker Video/Lighting Tech: Tyler Shelly

Visuals: Cindy Unruh

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, November 5—Remembrance Sunday Daylight Savings Ends—turn your clocks back one hour

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

12:00 PM Usher/Greeter lunch—FH

Wednesday, November 8—Youth Group Turkey Dinner

5:30 PM Meal served by Youth Group

Menu: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Vegetable, Cranberry

Salad, Dinner Rolls, Pumpkin 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)

Sunday, November 12—500 Years

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

12:00 PM Potluck/Fall Annual Meeting—FH

Upcoming Worship Services

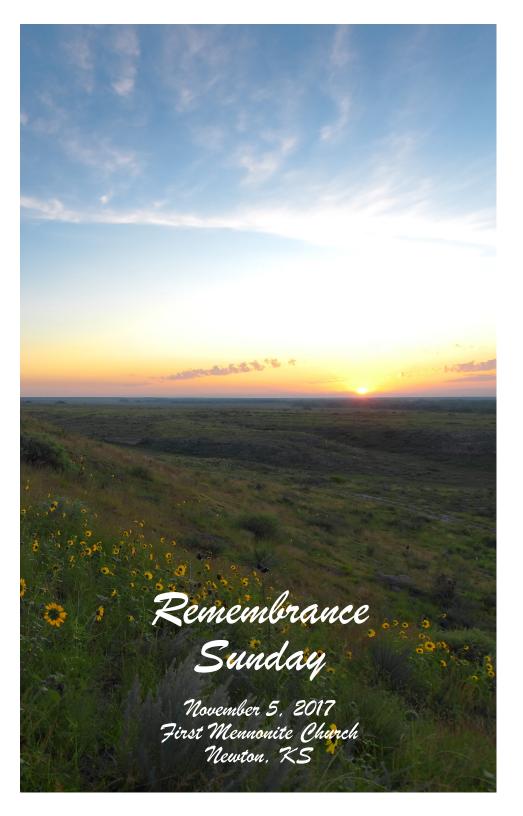
November 19—Thanksgiving, Part 1

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





SR. HIGH YOUTH

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S.A.L.T. - Sunday, Nov. 5 (TODAY) at noon

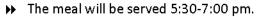
<u>Turkey Dinner Prep — Tuesday, November 7</u>



→ 3:33-7ish—All youth are asked to help prepare food and set up for the Turkey Dinner Fundraiser.

Turkey Dinner FUNDRAISER — Wed., November 8

▶ All Youth and available parents are needed at 3:33 pm to help prepare, serve, and clean-up after this huge fundraiser.





Bible Study - Sunday, Nov. 12 Catechism - Sunday, Nov. 19 @ 4:00 pm

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).

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! Only two more Sundays 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 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!

Congregational Carry-in Dinner—There will be a carry-in dinner following the worship service next Sunday, November 12, prior to the Fall Congregational Meeting. Please bring food to share with others and tableware. Drinks will be provided. Please join us in this fellowship time.

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 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.

Dillons Rewards Update: Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the Dillons Rewards fund-raiser. We had 39 households who shopped at Dillons between July 1 and September 30 (Quarter 3 of 2017) and through their involvement with Dillons Rewards have contributed **\$344.89** total donation to FMC. This money goes to the local missions fund of FMC. If you have not signed up for the Dillons Rewards program and would like to, please let me know and I'll send you information on how to be involved. Thank you for your participation.

~Lori Kingsley, Fellowship Commission Chair

Christmas Eve is only 50 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

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.

Josh Kennell, Eli Regier and Seth Bontrager will be participating in a marathon Jazz and Choir Concert today, 1:00-7:00 PM, at Newton High School. They are raising funds for a Spring Break Jazz and Choir tour. You can come and go and stay as long as you like. If you wish, you may make a donation to the music group, or to an individual member. Come to hear some great jazz!

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, Monday, 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.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP—The next Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group will meet November 7, 2:00 PM, in Menno Hall at Kidron Bethel Village. Marwa Buser, PharmD, BCPS, will give a "General Overview on Parkinson's Disease: What Parkinson's Disease is and how it affects the brain, symptoms and

disease progression, and the medications used to treat Parkinson's Disease." You are invited to bring a list of Parkinson's medications and dosages. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Please join the Hesston community for a fundraiser for refugee resettlement! On Sunday, November 12, 12 noon, there will be a lunch featuring Congolese food served at the Hesston Mennonite Church. All proceeds will benefit the Hesston Area Refugee Resettlement Committee and Episcopal Migration Ministries, our supporting organization.

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 call 316-587-7244 or email kathywiens59@gmail.com This training is free and open to the public. Registration is helpful, but don't let that stop you from coming.

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.

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—224 Visitors—7
- ●Sunday School—186

Offering: Last week's offering for Western District Conference was \$1,931 and Local Mission was \$3,436. The offering for November 12 is for Local Mission.

Receiving or has received care—Dennis Good, NMC

Last week's "Great Day of Singing" was in response to and preparation for a new Mennonite hymnal that is in the works. Many of the songs we sang (including all of them on the song sheet) are being considered for the new hymnal.

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, starting today, 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!

Primary Survivors of Sexual Abuse Support Group will meet Tuesday evening, November 7. Please contact Nancy Waltner at 283-3245 for more information.

Turkey Youth Group Dinner—this Wednesday, November 8, 5:30-7:00 PM. If you are homebound and would like to have a meal delivered to your home, call the church office and put in your request to Tracy, our church office administrator, by Wednesday, 3:30 PM. The youth will be happy to deliver it around 5:00 PM on November 8.