

Good News!

April 15, 2018

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Gathering

Prelude Jyl Ewy, pianist

Choral introit: *Jesus has done so much for me* arr. Booth and Bailey

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

Call to worship..... Amanda Rempel, worship leader

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *I know not why God's wondrous* *H 338
Jesus loves me, this I know H 341

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Bryan Kehr

Scripture: Matthew 10:29-33

Songs of faith: *God sees the little sparrow fall*
Knowing You

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory: *I want to know you (In the secret)* by Park

Pastoral prayer..... Pastor Anita Kehr

Choral anthem: *Ain'-a That Good News* arr. Dawson

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Zach Kennell, Paige Frye, readers
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-14; Mark 15:33-39

Sermon: *KNOWN* Pastor Joel Schroeder

Going Forth

Sending song: *My hope is built on nothing less* H 343

Blessing

Postlude

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

Chorister: Matthew Graber

Childcare: Greg or Laura Myers, Amanda Menninga, Madelynn Hamm

Ushers: Gus Dorado, Dave Goering, Mike Garcia, Andrea Regier

Audio Tech: Ryan Goertzen-Regier Video/Lighting Tech: Tyler Shelly

Visuals: Carol Hiebert

Property Committee: Casson Schmidt

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, April 15—Good News—Mark 15:33-39; Psalm 139; John 14:8-14

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

Monday, April 16

- 12:00 PM Worship Commission
- 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting—Room 224
- 7:00 PM Property Committee
- 7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

Tuesday, April 17

- 7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission

Wednesday, April 18

- 7:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Rooms)

Thursday, April 19

- 7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

Sunday, April 22—Woven (women's acapella group-Bethel College) leads in worship; Piano Dedication

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 Noon Potluck—Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Catechism

Upcoming Worship Services

April 29—Good News

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Are **YOU** ready for some
**GOOD
NEWS**
TODAY?

April 15, 2018
First Mennonite Church

SR. HIGH YOUTH

*With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:
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BIBLE STUDY - TODAY! Sunday (4/15) @ 4:04 pm

YOUTH GROUP - Wednesdays (4/18) @ 7:02 PM

CATECHISM - Sunday (4/22) @ 6:32 pm

AREA-WIDE YOUTH GATHERING - Wednesday (4/25) @ 6:30 PM



A backup Administrative Assistant is needed to fill in for Tracy on her days off and for time away for vacation. It might be possible to have several people "on call" to serve a day or two at a time, or even partial days. Qualifications include having a pleasant and responsive personality, must be well organized and have the ability to multi-task, must be proficient with Microsoft Office products such as Outlook, Excel, Word and especially Publisher. If you feel called to serve in this role, please contact Tracy in the office to request an application for employment.

KIPCOR Process Funding—The Church Board thanks all of you who have supported the KIPCOR Process and the Hope Through Understanding Team through prayer and financial support. We need to raise an additional \$5,000 to complete our current commitment with KIPCOR. Please prayerfully consider supporting our journey to healing and wholeness.

Women's Fellowship—Tuesday, April 17, 9:30 AM. We will be knotting and binding blankets. Please bring a salad for lunch. Devotions will be by Kathryn Penner and the offering is for Mennonite Women USA.

You are invited to join Living Stones Sunday School class next Sunday, April 22. They have invited Steve and Lynn Schmidt from Maize to share with us about his heart miracle in 2004. God gave them joy in difficult circumstances. Come and hear how you can have that joy in whatever situation you are facing as well. Steve's father is a brother to Don Schmidt, and his mother is a sister to Betty Bartel.

The sexual abuse survivor support group will meet the evening of Tuesday, April 17. If you are a primary survivor you are welcome to attend. Please call June Thomsen, 316-239-8747, for location and time.

Do you have a small job around your home that you are not able to accomplish on your own? Your church family may be able to help! The Caregiving and Membership Commission's "Small Jobs" ministry has a list of church members who have indicated the specific type of jobs to which they are willing to occasionally offer their time and ability including: minor plumbing or electrical repair, minor auto repair, outdoor maintenance, light carpentry, IT, and transportation to and from medical appointments. Just contact the church office or a Caregiving and Membership Commission member, and a volunteer will be in contact with you!

Come join us on April 28, 9:30-11:30 AM—Outreach, Missions and Peace Commission is hosting FMC's first (of several) Love Newton Community Service experience! We will be splitting up into small groups and picking up trash in various Newton parks and helping an

FMC neighbor-in-need with painting and yard work. Pizza lunch will follow! Please sign up in the Court Area, or call Andrea Regier at 283-9427. All participants get a free FMC t-shirt with our NEW logo!

PROPERTY COMMITTEE needs your help to maintain our facility. Can you help with: painting of a few sanctuary walls or playground fence repairs? If so, please contact Jordan Miller at 316-217-4570 or jordanmiller795@gmail.com.

The Allies Group, which supports people with various sexual identities and their families, will meet at 4:00 PM, Sunday, April 22, at the home of Frances Schrag, 520 W. 9th, Newton. Anyone interested is welcome.

Save the Date: Petra Restaurant Fundraiser Dinner at FMC Fellowship Hall on Friday, May 18. Mark your calendars! More information will be coming out soon.

Camp Mennoscah time is approaching! Over the last few years, First Mennonite has offered scholarships of \$100 per student for children in both our congregation and in Casa Betania. This experience has been a vital part of the faith formation of those who attend. Last year, the number of students we supported was 36. We still need approximately \$2,000. The Nurture Commission would be grateful for any help you can give toward supporting our children in this way. Please talk to any member of the commission for more information. Thank you!

Camp Mennoscah Scholarship sign up! The church will again be offering a \$100 scholarship per camper to the children from our congregation and from Casa Betania. If your child is planning to go to summer camp, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Court Area as soon as possible, by May 1, at the latest. Early registration is due at camp on May 1. Please talk to Stephanie Weaver or any other Nurture Commission members if you have any questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! You are invited to a special *FAITH CELEBRATION* weekend at Camp Mennoscah on Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27. Come for the whole weekend (overnight accommodations available) or just some of it! There will be activities for all ages, amazing food and incredible life-giving fellowship, plus on Sunday, there will be a celebration of faith through baptism! More info will be in your church mailbox soon.

Community Announcements

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus will be in concert at Bethel College in North Newton today, 7:00 PM.

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is proud to be a partner with KIPCOR for Restorative Kansas: A Vision for Justice on April 19-20 at KIPCOR in North Newton. Register now to learn about restorative justice practices in schools, communities and workplaces. Come to learn about ways to engage in restorative justice practices and network with some of the premier restorative justice practitioners in the United States. For more information and to register go to kipcor.org/event/restorative-justice-conference/.

Men and Boys Retreat is April 20-22 at Camp Mennoscah. This retreat for men and boys of all ages requires no pre-registration. Lodging options include the cabins, staff houses, tents, bringing an RV, or just sleeping under the stars, available on a first come, first served basis. The optional meals available are Saturday supper through Sunday lunch, and will cost about \$6.00 apiece. Activities include fishing, canoeing, horseshoes, basketball, ping pong, walking trails, or just relaxing. Adam Voth Unruh will be our speaker on Sunday and will be sharing about "Trusting God on your faith journey." For questions about the retreat please contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515 or kevinneufeld2@gmail.com.

The Pastor Wears a Skirt is Dorothy Nickel Friesen's new book, just published. Dorothy is a previous conference minister for the Western District Conference. StoryTellers of the Great Plains is sponsoring a Book Signing on Saturday, April 21, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. More information on writinglink.org.

New Kitchen Dedication! Camp Mennoscah will be dedicating the new kitchen on April 22 at 2:30 PM (after Men and Boys Retreat). You'll have a chance to walk through the new space and staff will be on hand to answer questions.

Offender Victim Ministries in Newton seeks a full-time executive director to provide dynamic vision and overall strategic leadership for OVM's programs, development, promotion and constituency engagement. Qualifications include excellent communication, management and organizational skills, and a strong commitment to restorative justice principles. Send resumes and inquiries to Becky Nickel, board chair, offendervictimministries@gmail.com by April 20.

Camp Mennoscah will give the following items to the person with the highest offer: two upright freezers, the stove/griddle with 2 convection ovens, and the double-decker conventional oven. The items are as is, and you are responsible for transporting them. The bidding ends on April 30. Contact us at office@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290 to make an offer or get an update on the current bid. Pictures will be on Facebook shortly.

We've got 8 weeks! Camp Mennoscah has 8 summer camps for youth in grades 3-12 (fall 2018), and we want you to come. We're discovering amazing adventures in God's love and seeking God in creation and community. Register for your adventure at Camp Mennoscah—campmennoscah.org. Early registration discount until May 1 when full camp fees are paid!

Join the upcoming MCC Haiti Learning Tour from September 22 to 27. Learn from Haitian farmers, artisans, community organizers and human rights advocates about how they—with your support—are building a brighter future for their communities. Contact Jordan Penner at jordanpenner@mcc.org or 316-727-6837 for more information.

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 Graham and Rachel Unruh (Court Area display case); Daryl, Cindy and Mason Unruh (Library display case); and Otis Unruh (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

•Worship—196 Visitors—7 Sunday School—139

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$6,566. The offering for April 22 is for Local Mission.

The purpose of our announcements is to keep you informed. The March financials are done and we spent \$3,346.29 more than we brought in for the month, which makes a shortfall of \$12,806.78 for the year. In essence, we are taking from our savings to cover the shortfall. Please carefully consider how your household can help.

~Financial Stewardship Committee

In Sympathy—Joseph Penner (90), Don Penner's brother, passed away on April 9. We extend our condolences to Don, Kathryn and their family.

Receiving or has received care—Betty Bartel, NMC.

All are invited to a time of prayer for the vitality of our congregation on Mondays at 6:30-7:00 PM in room 224 led by Dennis Good and Pastor Kay. Please enter the church using the south doors.

College scholarship money is available—If during the 2018-2019 school year you will be attending (or are considering) a Mennonite college or university for undergraduate study or a Mennonite seminary, you are invited to apply for scholarship funds from FMC. **Today is the last day** to submit the completed application to either Jyl Ewy or Ron Dietzel. For each school year, an FMC application must be completed. Some Mennonite colleges provide matching funds so your monies would be doubled when enrolled in one of those schools. Eligibility criteria for the FMC funds are provided on the application. The form is available in the Court Area at FMC.

Potluck next Sunday (April 22). *Woven*, a woman's vocal group from Bethel College, will be leading us in worship next Sunday. In good Mennonite fashion, we would like to host them, other guests, and each other over a carry-in meal at noon. Please bring food to share and your own tableware. (Please be aware that we will have another carry-in meal for the Congregational Meeting on April 29.)