

Good News through Music!

April 22, 2018

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Gathering

Prelude Nora Miller, pianist

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

Call to worship and prayer..... Pastor Anita Kehr
Scripture: Psalm 92:1-4

Praising

Songs of faith: *Shout to the Lord*
Great is thy faithfulness..... *H 327

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Sheralyn Goering

Sharing God's Good News

Scripture: Psalm 149:1-4 Polly Carlson

Woven: *Saints Bound for Heaven* Arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

Sharing..... DrewAnne Gatlin

Woven: *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* Arr. Stacey Gibbs
You Gotta Do Right Anonymous

Offering: Local Mission
Offertory

Pastoral prayer..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

Song of faith: *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*..... H 71

Scripture: Psalm 33:1-5 Kylee Schunn

Woven: *Ain'-a That Good News* by William Dawson
Foreign Lander Arr. Red Molly

Piano Dedication Service

Sharing: Dewayne Pauls, Chair of Piano Committee**
Warren Ewert from the Marvin and Alma (Baker) Ewert family

Song: *Italian Concerto Movement 1* by J.S. Bach Amanda Entz

Litany of dedication (insert)

Prayer

Song: *Improvisation on Balm in Gilead* Arr. Martin..... Jyl Ewy

Sending

Sending song: *May the Road Rise to Meet You* Arr. Stephen Calgareo

Blessing

Postlude

**Piano Committee members: Dewayne Pauls, chair; Greg Bontrager, Melody Bontrager, Amanda Entz, Jyl Ewy, Nora Miller, Amanda Rempel, Donna Stucky, Pastor Kay Schroeder.

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book

Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder; Musicians: Woven from Bethel College

Childcare: Chris Weaver, Melody Enns, Sarah Koehn

Ushers: Alan Entz, Ryan Nye, Jan Groves, Wenda Black

Audio Tech: Tim Regier

Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner

Visuals: Carol Hiebert

Property Committee: Jordan Miller

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 22—Good News through Music: Woven and Piano Dedication

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
12:00 PM Potluck—FH
6:30 PM Catechism

Monday, April 23

6:30 PM Prayer Meeting—Room 224
7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

Wednesday, April 25

6:30 PM Area-wide Youth Event

Thursday, April 26

7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

Friday, April 27

4:00 PM Safety Team Meeting—Warkentin Room

Saturday, April 28

9:30 AM Community Service Day—Outreach, Missions and Peace Commission

Sunday, April 29—Good News

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
12:00 PM Potluck—Fellowship Hall
12:30 PM Congregational Meeting—FH

Upcoming Worship Services

May 6—Good News
May 13—Good News

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

April 22, 2018
First Mennonite Church

SR. HIGH YOUTH

*With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:
Faith-Focused, Mission-Minded, Community-Connected*



CATECHISM—TODAY! Sunday (4/22) @ 6:32 pm

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

YOUTH GROUP - Wednesday (5/2) @ 7:02 PM

Please pray! The FMC Sr. High Youth are hosting an area-wide youth night at FMC this week on Wednesday, April 25. We hope to have around 100 youth coming together in worship, games (fellowship), and food! Please keep this event in your prayers.

SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Spring Congregational Business meeting will be held on Sunday, April 29, beginning at 12:30 PM. The agenda will include an Audit Committee report, new policy adoption information for the Care of Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Care and Accountability of Sexual Abusers, an update on the GRACE recommendations, a HU Team report with recommendations, term reviews and vote for another term for Pastors Joel and Kay, and a presentation for courtyard and Sunday School class renovations with a vote for approval. Please plan on attending this opportunity to share in congregational decision making.

The Church Board has approved two policies presented by the Caregiving and Membership Commission. Policy for the Care of Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Policy for the Care and Accountability of Sexual Abusers will be presented at the congregational meeting on Sunday, April 29. The commission felt it would be helpful if both were shared prior to the meeting and were sent out via email earlier this week. There will be an opportunity for questions to be asked at the end of the report on both policies during the business meeting. If a written or electronic copy is needed, please contact the church office.

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

The Men's Ministry Leadership Team has begun a new 21-day on-line devotional called *Undaunted Life: A Man's Devotional*. All men who want to participate can email Pastor Joel at joelschr46@gmail.com.

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.

Do you have music in your heart? The Worship Commission believes that a wonderful way to worship God is through music and song. If you have been given the gift to play an instrument or sing, we invite you to share this talent as "special music" with the congregation during a worship service this spring or summer. It can be a piece that has been prepared for a school contest, a group or a family that just loves to sing together, or a visiting relative who can offer a song! All ages are welcome to share. Please contact Pastor Kay and let us know which Sunday works for you!

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. T-shirts with the new FMC logo are available (whether or not you plan to participate in this event) for a requested donation of \$5.

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

New Kitchen Dedication! Camp Mennoscah will be dedicating the new kitchen today, 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.

The Walton Weekday Bible School year end program will be April 24, 7:00 PM, at the Walton Methodist Church. Come support the children from our church who attend.

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.

The FloraKansas Fall Native Plant Festival will be held April 27-30 at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. As Kansas' largest native plant sale, FloraKansas offers many species of wildflowers and grasses many of which are rare in cultivation. Memberships to the Arboretum can be obtained on the day of the sale. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount at all arboretum plant sales and may participate in the members-only pre-sale on Thursday, April 26, 8:00 AM-7:00 PM. For more information, call 620-327-8127 or visit www.dyckarboretum.org.

Hesston College will host the second annual "Pen to Paper to Performance" playwriting festival with a production of the eight selected original plays at 7:00 PM, April 27 and 28 in the Keim Center Black Box Theatre on the Hesston College campus. Tickets will be sold at the door starting at 6:15 PM, with doors to open at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$8 for adults and seniors and \$4 for students. Seating is limited, so early arrival is encouraged. Each playwright will receive a portion of the box office earnings. Go to hesston.edu to see a list of plays and playwrights.

Grab your paring knives and aprons! Camp Mennoscah has a brand new kitchen and we're looking for kitchen helpers to test it out. We need kitchen staff for June 24-30, July 8-12, July 15-21, and July 29-August 3. No great skills are needed—just a willing heart, listening ears, and a love of camp and youth. Parent discounts up to full camp fees are available. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org. Free t-shirt, too!

Save the date! September 27–29, 2018: Rooted and Grounded: A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. Imagine and embody alternative ways of relating to the land that cultivate *shalom* among human beings, the rest of creation and God. This three-day event will weave together worship, theology, biblical study and praxis. Keynote speakers: Valerie Bridgeman, Ph.D., and Karenna Gore. For more information contact: ambs.edu/rootedandgrounded.

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—240 Visitors—18 Sunday School—187

Welcome to Woven, a women's acapella group from Bethel College, who is sharing in word and song during our worship service today! Members are: Stephanie Brown—Newton, Kansas; Polly Carlson—Freeman, South Dakota; DrewAnne Gatlin—Broadus, Montana; Madison Hofer-Holdeman—Wichita, Kansas; Emily Knight—Moundridge, Kansas; Michelle Schrag—Moundridge, Kansas; Rebecca Schrag—Newton, Kansas; Kylee Schunn—Whitewater, Kansas; Kaci Wilson—Sterling, Kansas. All are invited to a carry-in dinner in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service today.

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$10,793. The offering for April 29 is for Western District.

Receiving or has received care—Betty Bartel will be temporarily living at Progressive Recovery Academy at Schowalter Villa.

Property Committee would like to thank the volunteers that painted the basement storage room. Thank you for helping our ministry of maintaining this facility!

THANK YOU!! Our church donated many items and offered various services at the MCC Sale. A special thanks to the Women's Fellowship for the many items they donated. Thank you to ALL who donated food and gave of their time and energy making verenika, serving food, singing, running, etc. The Sunday coin bucket collection total was \$539.86. Thanks again!
~Ruby & Gary Moore

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.

A carry-in dinner is planned for next Sunday, April 29, prior to the spring congregational meeting. Please bring food dishes to share and your tableware. Drinks will be provided.