

Good News – Living in Hope!!!

April 29, 2018

Focus statement: God’s Good News makes living in hope possible.
“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ...” 1 Peter 1:3

Gathering

Prelude Nora Miller, pianist

The work of the people (announcements)

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Call to worship..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *Hosanna*
Happy Day

Greet one another; children come forward

Children’s focus Andrea Regier

Kingdom Report: CASA Jim Gilmore

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: Western District

Offertory: *Oceans*

Responding to God

Scripture: Psalm 33:1-5 Josh Kennell

Sharing of Testimony Eli Regier

Scripture: Psalm 33:18-22 Ehtan Entz

Sharing of Testimony Zach Kennell

Songs of faith: *Blessed be Your name*

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture: Romans 5:1-5 Eli Regier

Sermon: *Living in Hope*..... Pastor Kay Schroeder

Going Forth

Sending song: *In the bulb there is a flower* H 614

Blessing

Postlude

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

Band: Joey Menninga—guitar, vocals; Michelle Regier—vocals; Joan Entz—vocals; Tim Regier—bass guitar; Seth Bontrager—drums; Melody Bontrager—piano

Chorister: Carol Entz

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

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

Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn

Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering

Visuals: Pat Litsey

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 29—Good News

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

Monday, April 30

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

Wednesday, May 2

- 7:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Rooms)

Thursday, May 3

- 7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH
- 7:00 PM Nurture Commission

Sunday, May 6—Good News

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

Upcoming Worship Services

- May 13—Good News

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

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First Mennonite Church



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!

PROPERTY COMMITTEE is introducing a new facility use and work order program to aid in enhanced communication about needs throughout our facility. If you have regular or special events that are held at the church we would like them to be on the church calendar. Please pick up and return the reservation forms to the church office. If you are aware of a maintenance, setup or cleaning need, please pick up a form from the foyer, fill it out, and return to the church office. Thank you for helping us by communicating in this way!

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.

SR. HIGH YOUTH

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NO YOUTH GROUP— Wednesday (5/2)

S.A.L.T.— Wednesday, (5/2) @ 7:04 pm

FINAL Youth Group (for now) - Wed. (5/9) @ 7:02 PM

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS —

➤ Sunday, May 20 at 8:00 am Paige Frye will be baptized at East Lake!

➤ Sunday, May 27 at 10:30 am Seven youth will be baptized at Camp Mennoscah



Community Announcements

Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert today, at 3 :00 PM *Memorial Hall*. The program is titled "A Change is Gonna Come" and is a tribute to the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It includes a number of works by African-American composers as well as spoken-word performances by Bethel students Akiyaa Hagen-Depusoir and Joshua Clay.

Newton Community Children's Choir will have a Spring concert today, at 3:00 PM, at Shalom Mennonite Church (800 E. First Street, Newton). Admission is free. A donation offering will be collected.

Open Road concert, tonight at 7:00 PM, *Memorial Hall at Bethel College*

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.

Kidron-Bethel Parkinson's Support Group will meet in Menno Hall Tuesday, May 1, at 2:00 p.m. Emilie Rains and Vernon Lohrentz will share treatment experiences in PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care of the Elderly). All are welcome.

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!

This year's Masterworks at Bethel College will be Mozart's *Requiem*, on Sunday, May 6. The chorus is open to any interested singers, with rehearsals taking place in the two weeks before the concert. If interested, contact Dr. William Eash, 284-5316 or weash@bethelks.edu, for more information, including a complete rehearsal schedule.

Everence will hold an informative workshop on Monday, May 7 at 6:30 PM *Social Security and retirement income planning* will cover when to begin taking Social Security, risks that can impact your savings and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. The workshops are presented by Everence staff and held at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Mennonite Central Committee is offering a series of free webinars this spring for churches and individuals who want to learn more about how to address sexualized violence within the congregation and how to encourage healthy sexuality and healthy masculinity among members. Each webinar will be led by church leaders and others with expertise in the topics. All three webinars are free and begin at 2:00 PM and end at 3:00 PM. Please join us on Wednesday, May 9 for *Sexualized violence- How should churches respond?* Speakers Cyneatha Millsaps and Silvia Rios will lead the discussion about what we mean when we talk about sexualized violence and what we can do when our congregations experience sexualized violence. The final webinar will be on June 13, *Healthy masculinity*. **Learn more and register for the webinars at mcc.org/wwso.** Contact karinkauffmanwall@mcc.org with questions.

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.

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 Karenn 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 Richard and Pat Denno (Court Area display case); Jerry and Delora Decker with extended family (Library display case); and Paul and Fern Koehn (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

•Worship—187 Visitors—12 Sunday School—134

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$4,943. The offering for May 6 is for Camp Mennoscah.

Property Committee would like to thank the volunteers that fixed the playground fence, thank you for helping the ministry of maintaining this facility!

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 June Thomsen and Pastor Kay. Please enter the church using the south doors.

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

SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Spring Congregational Business meeting will be held today, 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.

NEXT WEEKEND – May 4-7: Pastors Kay and Joel will be in Elkhart, IN where Kay will be participating in the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary graduation exercises on Sunday afternoon, May 6. Pastor Anita will be out of town for a family commitment. For any caregiving needs, please contact June Thomsen.

Property Committee is planning to have a work day Saturday, May 5 from 9:00-12:00 AM. Projects will include mulch in the flower beds, interior and exterior painting and maybe some spring cleaning!