

Practicing Faith

June 3, 2018

Focus statement: Spiritual practices focus our vision so that the rest of life can come into perspective.

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Gathering

Prelude Donna Stucky, organist/pianist

Gathering song: *Jesus, be the center*

The work of the people (announcements)

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Call to worship (inspired by Psalm 63)..... Pastor Kay Schroeder

Leader: Are you thirsty?

People: **Our souls are thirsty for God.**

Leader: Are you sure?

People: **We thirst as if there's no water in this land.**

Leader: Lift up your hands and call on God's name.

All: ***Our souls will be satisfied as with a rich feast,
for God has been our help,
and in the shadow of God's wings we sing for joy.***

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *I Will Always Bless the Lord
In Lonely Mountain Ways*

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus..... Erin Graber

Song of faith: *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*..... *H 324

Offering: Bethel College

Offertory

Kingdom celebration: Faith Celebration Weekend (video)

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 6:19-25, 33; Colossians 3:1-4Michelle Claassen, reader

Sermon: *Changing MY Perspective* Pastor Joel Schroeder

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Take My Whole Heart*

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *Do It All*

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder; Musicians: Ben's Band: Ben Regier, Dwayne Abrahams,
Ken Regier, Austin Regier
Childcare: Amanda Menninga, Camryn Entz
Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, John Good, Janice Good
Audio Tech: Ryan Goertzen-Regier Video/Lighting Tech: Eugene Waltner
Visuals: Mary Lou Schmidt, Carol Hiebert Property Committee: Kevin Hamm

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, June 3—*Practicing Faith*—Psalm 63; Matthew 6:19-25,33

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

Monday, June 4

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

Thursday, June 7

7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH
7:00 PM Nurture Commission—Warkentin Room

Friday, June 8

5:45 PM VBS Cookout
7:00 PM Swimming at the public pool

Saturday, June 9

8:30 AM VBS

Sunday, June 10—*Prayer: Tuning In*—Matthew 6:7-15

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

Upcoming Worship Services

June 17—Gratitude: *Giving Thanks*—Luke 17:11-19; Colossians 3:14-17;
Philippians 4:4-7

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH PRACTICING FAITH



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**FAITH
PRACTICES**

Prayer—Gratitude—Hospitality
Scripture—Spiritual Companions
Fasting—Celebration

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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 this week by Dennis and Dorcas Good and Pastor Kay Schroeder. Please enter the church using the south doors.

Visual artist volunteer opportunity: Do you enjoy worshipping God through what you see? Would you be interested in using your creative gifts to enhance worship services visually? There is an opening on the visual artists team to help enhance worship during the months of February, June, and October. Please contact Pastor Kay if you are interested!

A group for survivors of abuse will meet on June 5. Please contact June Thomsen at 316-239-8747 for time and place or for more information if you are a survivor and have interest in attending.

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!

Vacation Bible School is next weekend, June 8 and 9. There is a sign-up sheet for parents to pre-register their children in the Court Area. Children and parents are invited to attend a cook-out at the church from 5:45 to 6:45 PM, followed by an opportunity for swimming at the Newton pool in Athletic Park. VBS will take place on Saturday. Preschoolers will attend in the morning only, from 8:30 to 11:30, and children in grades K through 5 will have activities from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Weather permitting, there will be water games at the end of the day. Children should dress accordingly and might want to bring a towel. Contact Deb Ratzlaff, Bryan Kehr or Gail Pryce if you have questions.

The Church Board, based on a Hope through Understanding Team (HUT) recommendation, is giving Cindy Combs an opportunity to share her experience and apologies following Michael Combs abuse, in a voluntary small group setting. If you did not have a chance to sign up through the Sunday School Classes, there will be a few more opportunities, if you are interested. Please notify Carol Entz at laeaentz@gmail.com regarding all of the following dates that would work for you: Friday, June 15 (7:00 PM), Saturday, June 16 (7:00 PM), Tuesday, June 26 (7:00 PM). We hope to schedule meetings on two of the three dates.

SAVE THE DATE—Worship in the Park will be Sunday, August 26.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE needs your help to maintain our facility. Can you help with: painting a few sanctuary walls or various window hardware, glass and glazing repairs? If so, please contact Jordan Miller at 217-4570 or jordanmiller795@gmail.com.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE is introducing a new facility use scheduling 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!

Community Announcements

Mark your calendars—You are invited to join the celebration of Casa Betania’s 10th anniversary **next Sunday, June 10, 4:00 PM** here at FMC. There will be a reception meal to follow in the Fellowship Hall. If you plan to attend the reception, please RSVP by **today**, to Pastor Jaime at 316-212-1824 or by email at jsczares@cox.net.

JoinHands, a ministry of Mennonite Men, is challenging congregations with building projects to give a "fair share" to help new congregations buy their first meeting place. You will find a letter in your mailbox introducing six churches currently approved for grants by Mennonite Men. First Mennonite is one of seven congregations in Western District Conference with facility projects that is being challenged to give an extra gift. For more information talk to Clarence Rempel, a Mennonite Men board member, or Brent Voran, a past Board member.

Kidron Bethel Parkinson’s Support Group will meet Tuesday, June 5, 2:00 PM in Menno Hall. Dennis Schmidt will share “My Journey with Parkinson’s.” All are welcome.

Summer is here and the Newton Et Cetera Shop is a great place to spend your time! You're invited to become a summer volunteer if you've got a few hours to give back to our community once a month or once a week. Students, educators and everyone else is welcome to pick up a volunteer application, download at newtonetceterashop.com/volunteer, or fill one out at our new volunteer orientation on Tuesday, June 5, 6:00 PM. We need volunteers to help with clothing, dolls, electronics, bikes, housewares and as clerks. Evening and Saturday spots are available, as well as weekday shifts. Newton Et Cetera Shop is an MCC Thrift Shop and gives away 100% of its proceeds.

Harvey County Circle of Hope is in need of 10 new volunteer allies. Please contact Peace Connections at 284-000 or attend our upcoming information night on June 12, 6:30-8:00 PM, at First United Methodist Church (801 N. Main Street, Newton)

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.

Dementia Caregivers Support Group at Kidron Bethel Village: On the last Thursday of each month at 3:00 PM, in Menno Hall Chapel, Kidron Bethel will hold a support group meeting for persons who are caring for loved ones living with dementia. This is an ongoing group which will meet on the last Thursday of every month. The group will be open to participants from the wider Newton community and will have affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association of Central and Western Kansas. Eric Massanari, KBV Chaplain and Beth Penner, Associate Director of Independent Living will serve as group facilitators. Please contact Eric Massanari with any questions: 316-836-4829.

MUSEUM DIRECTOR: Kauffman Museum, an affiliate of Bethel College, North Newton, seeks an inter-disciplinary, entrepreneurial full-time director. Non-profit or private sector leadership experience required, museum and/or appropriate teaching, library or business experience preferred. Minimum Masters degree in related field. Reviews begin May 8 and continue until position filled. EOE/AA For job description and application go to kauffman.bethelks.edu/Director-Search-2018.

Centering Prayer continues to meet most Mondays, noon-1:00 PM, in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. Try it once, come occasionally or join us regularly – all are welcome, with no previous experience with Centering Prayer required. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz at 2nathankoontz@gmail.com, or Melanie Zuercher at mzuercher@bethelks.edu.

Be a part of the fun! Camp Mennoscah's new kitchen is open and ready for our summer youth camps. We're looking for people who want to bask in the luxury of the new kitchen for the weeks of June 24-30 and July 15-21. No special skills are needed, just willing hands and the ability to follow directions. Call 620-297-3290 or email olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org! Parent discounts are available.

How Then Shall We Live? is a week-long immersion in the wild to bring out the deep wisdom, fierce joy and sacred strength of men. Come wade into the wilds of New Mexico! Highlights include homemade meals in an adobe hacienda, visiting Taos Pueblo, plunging into the waters and canyons of the Rio Grande Gorge, wilderness solos, songs and campfires, morning meditations and biblical analysis in wild places—all designed to open radically new possibilities for men seeking a wilder way of fierce love for God, humanity and our precious earth. Guided by Todd Wynward for adventurous men 18+ in Taos, New Mexico, September 8-15, 2018. For registration information on this Mennonite Men experience, visit www.mennonitemen.org.

Supplies are running low in the MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton and we could use your help! The current material resources needs are: shampoo for relief kits (1-2 bottles, totaling more than 20 oz), toothbrushes for relief and hygiene kits (in original packaging), small metal pencil sharpeners (one or two holes) for school kits, dark-colored hand or bath towels for hygiene and relief kits. Visit mcc.org/mrc/kits for full kit information and from there click through to our Amazon Wish List for easier shopping and shipping. Just bring or ship kit items to MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th St., North Newton. Contact katemast@mcc.org or call with questions at 283-2720.

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 Henry and Marilyn Nickel (Court Area display case); Marvin and Carol Gerbrand (Library display case); and Jim and Mary Gillmore (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

•Worship—194 Visitors—36 Sunday School—No Sunday School

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$2,625. The offering for June 10 is for Local Mission.

The Living Stones Sunday School Class will have speakers during the Sunday School hour for the summer. Everyone is welcome to come and listen. Today the speaker is from New Hope Homeless Shelter. Next Sunday, June 10, the speaker will be from the Salvation Army.

We want to thank all of you who were a part of the weekend celebration. Even though the temperature was hot the fellowship was great. Thank you to all who volunteered to help on committees, fix food and clean up. It is especially exciting when we can celebrate the baptism of young people. Thank you so much for the affirmations that we have received concerning the weekend. It is truly exciting to see how God leads us through events like this. **"GOD IS SO GOOD!"** He gives us many blessings. We can plan a celebration, but without your presence there it would not be possible.

~The Faith Celebration Committee

In Sympathy—Edna Anderson (91), Donna Stucky's mother, passed away on Wednesday, May 30. Her memorial service will be in mid-June. We extend our condolences to Donna and the rest of the family.

Congratulations to Kaven Denno and Crystal Rehmert who were married here at FMC on Friday, June 1. May God grant them many years together.

The floral arrangement up front is in honor of Vernon and Velma Frey celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary June 2. The flowers are from their children Ron Frey, Bryan and Megan Frey, Lynette and Kent Erb and grandchildren.

Pastor Anita will be out of the church office from June 2-9, attending a training on trauma at Eastern Mennonite University.