

Good News: Freedom

May 13, 2018

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Gathering

PreludeAmanda Rempel, organist/pianist

Jewels arr. Dale Wood

Beautiful Savior arr. Dale Wood

Gathering song: *Je louerai l'Éternel (Praise, I will praise you, Lord)* *H 76

The work of the people (announcements)

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Call to worship.....Pastor Kay Schroeder

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *Jesus shall reign*H 319

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Sheralyn Goering

Kingdom Celebration: Parent and Child Dedication

Xander James Bartel, son of Shannon Bartel

N.R. "James" Murphy, son of Nathan and Marissa Murphy

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory: *Jesus loves me* arr. Marilyn Reimer

Proclaiming Faith

Sharing of testimony: Schyler Entz

Song of faith: *Sanctuary* (stanza 1 only)**CS 65

Sharing of testimony: Paige Frye

Song of faith: *Sanctuary* (stanza 2)CS 65

Sharing of testimony: Josh Kennell

Song of faith: *Sanctuary* (stanza 1 only)CS 65

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Galatians 3:23-4:7, 5:1 Lia Groves, Kit Kingsley, readers

Sermon: *The Freedom of the Gospel* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *In Christ there is no East or West*..... H 306

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Blessing

Postlude: *Allegro Maestoso* from Sonata II Mendelssohn

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

Chorister: Paul Schrag

Childcare: Stephanie Weaver, Lynette Erb, Madelynn Hamm

Ushers: Bob Schmidt, Brian Walker, Heath Kerr, Donnie Kingsley

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Visuals: Pat Litsey

Property Committee: Alan Entz

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 13—*Good News*—Galatians 3:23-4:7, 5:1

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

Monday, May 14

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

Tuesday, May 15

7:00 PM Caregiving Commission
7:00 PM Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission

Thursday, May 17

7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

Friday, May 18

6:00 PM Petra Restaurant Fundraiser—FH

Sunday, May 20—Pentecost—John 14:15-31

8:00 AM Baptism at East Lake
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service

Upcoming Worship Services

May 26-27—10:00 AM—Celebration of Faith/Baptisms at Camp Mennoscah.
Bus transportation to Camp will be available on Sunday morning.

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

May 13, 2018
First Mennonite Church

SR. HIGH YOUTH

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

NO YOUTH GROUP - Youth will take a break and regroup in the near future. Stay tuned!

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS —

- ▶ Sunday, May 20 at 8:00 AM—Paige Frye will be baptized at Harvey County East Lake!
- ▶ Sunday, May 27 at 10:30 AM—Zach, Eli, Schyler, Lia, Kit, Josh, and Ethan will be baptized at Camp Mennoscah as part of the Faith CELEBRATION Weekend!



Summer Mission Trip (July 8-14) - Details and registration info will be emailed soon. All participants will need to register on the camps website plus upload a recent physical and immunization records.

The Petra Restaurant Fundraising Dinner will be on Friday, May 18! Buy your tickets now to enjoy an evening of delicious food from the owners of the Petra Restaurant in Wichita. There will be live music by the Flannelbacks. All proceeds minus the online fee will go to Petra Restaurant, which was destroyed by arson last November. Tickets are \$20 and available through the church office, in the Court Area on Sunday mornings, or online at petrarestaurantfundraiser.myevent.com/ for \$22.05.

The Automated External Defibrillator (AED) recently purchased and donated by the Ewert Memorial has been installed. It is located in the west hallway just outside the sanctuary. Our CPR representatives—Melody Bontrager, Jyl Ewy, Rannie Goering, Kevin Hamm, Haleigh Machmer and Lori Shelly—have been trained on AED administration.

The Nurture Commission is looking for people who love children, want to nourish their faith, and have had Safe Sanctuaries training. Right now we are looking for teachers and helpers for our combined summer class, grades 1-5. This would be a great time to try it out! We will also soon be looking for people to help next fall. **Your commitment can be as little as once a month.** If you want to volunteer to help, please contact any one of the Nurture Commission members, and we will gladly find a place for you!

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!

Vacation Bible School will take place on June 8 and 9. The theme will be “Together in Christ.” Children will have an opportunity to take a closer look at our church logo, using scripture, stories, songs, and activities to discover what it means to be rooted deeply, to reach widely, and to love well. Adults may pre-register children by writing their name on the sign-up sheet in the Court Area. The VBS Committee is seeking volunteers to help with all or part of Saturday. A sign-up sheet is also available for that in the Court Area. If you have a question, please contact one of the committee members: Deb Ratzlaff, Bryan Kehr, or Gail Pryce.

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

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! Registration forms are due in the Church Office by May 21.

Community Announcements

Woven concert—today, 7:00 PM in Memorial Hall at Bethel College.

Bethel College Graphic Design Student Show will be Monday, May 14, 5:00-7:00 PM in the Mantz Library lounge. Featured students: Chuy Alba, Joshua Clay, Nicholas Collins, Broderick Green, Katrina Heinrichs, Jordan Hill, Donté Powell, Austin Prouty, **Rebecca Schrag**, Anna Wiens and Lauren Woodward.

New Hope Shelter’s 2nd Annual Kickin’ & Screamin’ Kickball Tournament Fundraiser will be June 2. Register by May 18 to join the fun of food, games and more. Registration forms can be found at newhope-shelter.org/kickin-screamin.

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.

Mark your calendars—You are invited to join the celebration of Casa Betania's 10th anniversary on Sunday, June 10, 4:00 PM here at FMC. There will be a reception meal to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Camp Mennoscah plans to start construction of the new playground, "The Whale," soon and we'll be looking for volunteers to come out and help! Stay tuned to your church bulletins, e-mail, and social media for the types of work we'll be doing, dates, and times. With your help, we'll have it ready to go for summer youth camps!

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.

New Look, Same Address! The Camp Mennoscah website (campmennoscah.org) is looking brand new. It has the same address and information, but a different format and image.

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.

MCC is looking for new canner operators! This two-year service term is unique and offers the opportunity to travel around the U.S. and Canada, working as a team while meeting new people! Check out mcc.org/canning for details, or contact heidihuber@mcc.org.

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.

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—211 Visitors—7 Sunday School—165

Offering: Last week's offering for Camp Mennoscah was \$1,576 and Local Mission was \$6,237. The offering for May 20 is for Local Mission.

In Sympathy—Edith Harms (102) passed away on Friday, May 4. Her funeral service was held here at FMC on Friday, May 11. We extend our condolences to Edith's family.

In Sympathy—Donald L. Yoder (83) passed away on Wednesday, May 9. His funeral service will be held here at FMC on Tuesday, May 15, 11:00 AM. Donald was a member here at FMC in the early 1950's. We extend our condolences to Donald's family.

The Caregiving and Membership Commission is once again sponsoring the much-appreciated Adopt-A-Month congregational caregiving program. We are asking Sunday School classes, families, or individuals to adopt a month for a period of one year. During the month you adopt, you will visit individuals who can no longer attend church on or near their birthday. You can take them a birthday card, cookies, or just visit. Months have between one and four people to visit. Sunday School classes are encouraged to sign up for the larger months. The sign-up sheets will be in the Court Area **today**.

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.

Women's Fellowship—Join us at the MCC Center, 121 E. 30th, North Newton on Tuesday, May 15. We will work on various projects starting at 9:00 AM. Devotions and offering for MCC will be mid-morning. We will decide in the morning where to go for our noon lunch.