

Pentecost

May 20, 2018

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Gathering

PreludeDonna Stucky, organist/pianist

Gathering song: *Like the murmur of the dove's song* *H 29

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

Call to worship..... Judy Murphy, worship leader

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *Holy Spirit, come with power*H 26

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focusPeter Wintermote

Proclaiming Faith

Reception into membership: Paige Frye

Congregational response.....H 777

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

Song of faith: *New earth, heavens new* (stanza 1).....H 299

Sharing of testimony: Ethan Entz

Song of faith: *New earth, heavens new* (stanza 2)..... H 299

Sharing of testimony: Lia Groves

Song of faith: *New earth, heavens new* (stanza 3)..... H 299

Sharing of testimony: Zach Kennell

Song of faith: *New earth, heavens new* (stanza 4)..... H 299

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: John 14:15-31

Meditation: *Indwelling Word*..... Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Spirit divine, inspire our prayers* H 30

Pastoral prayer..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

Sending

Blessing

Postlude

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

Chorister: Daryl Unruh

Childcare: Greg or Laura Myers, Amanda Menninga, Brooklynn Black

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

Audio Tech: Tim Regier

Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering

Visuals: Pat Litsey

Property Committee: Casson Schmidt

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

Monday, May 21

- 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting—Room 224
- 7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH
- 7:00 PM Property Committee
- 7:00 PM Worship Commission—Cora Voran's house

Thursday, May 24

- 7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH
- 1:00 PM Safety Team Meeting—Warkentin Room

Saturday, May 26

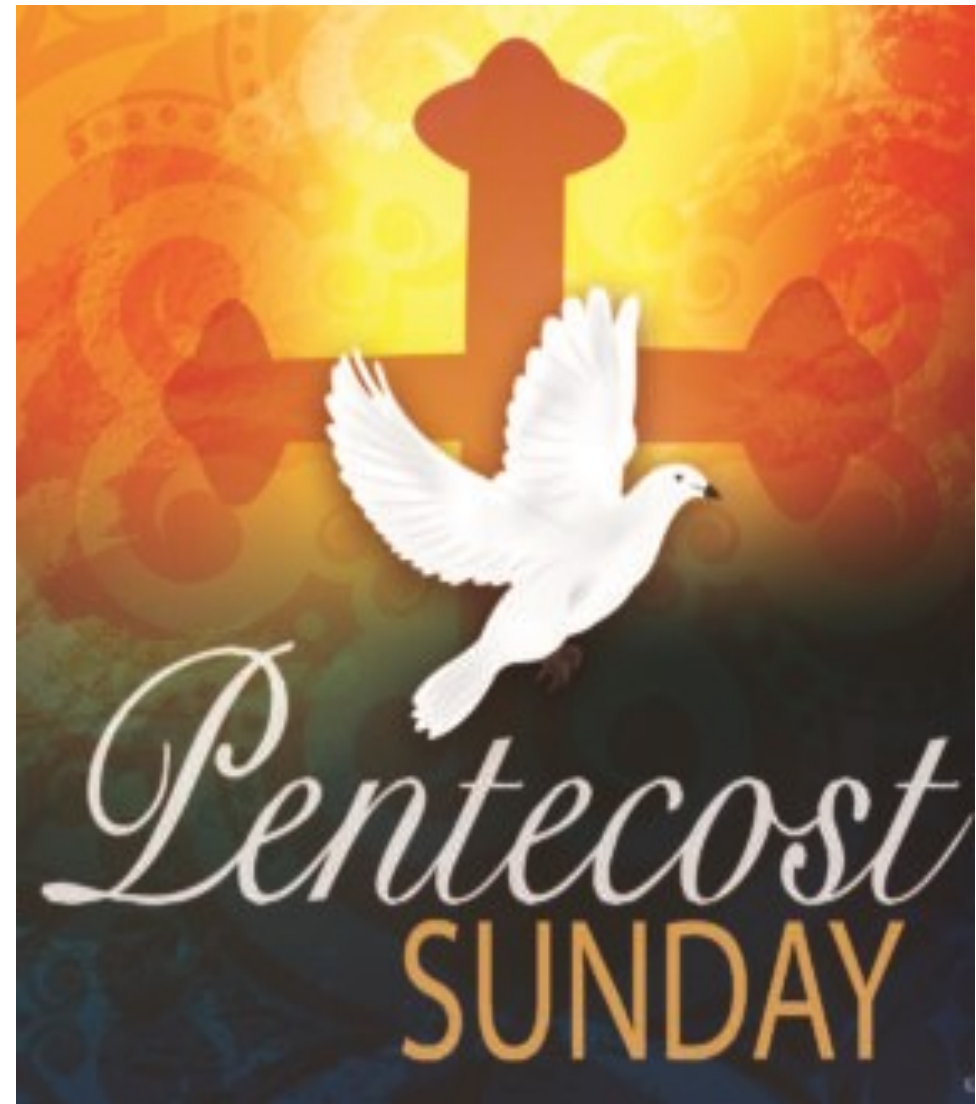
- 2:00 PM Celebration of Faith Weekend at Camp Mennoscah

Sunday, May 27—Celebration of Faith/Baptisms at Camp Mennoscah

- 10:00 AM Baptisms at Camp Mennoscah
Bus transportation to Camp will be available on Sunday morning.

Upcoming Worship Services

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



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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!

For your awareness, in accordance with our Policy for the Care and Accountability of Sexual Abusers, the Caregiving and Membership Commission is reviewing John Sommers' listing on the Mennonite Abuse Prevention (MAP) website. This reflects a situation that occurred in 1992 and was addressed then through a deliberate process. But in order to follow our policy, a review is warranted at this 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!

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.

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

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 sent out soon. All participants will need to register on the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp website plus upload a recent physical and immunization records. Also, each participant will need to complete the regular FMC release form plus a form for whitewater rafting plus pay \$150!

FMC's week at the New Hope Shelter is May 30-June 5. Contact Lee Penner or Ruby Moore (316-837-4876) if you can help with meals or staffing.

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.

Ladies Exercise is on Monday and Thursday at 7:00 PM, for about an hour, at the north end of the Fellowship Hall. This is low impact exercise, using DVD's. Please bring an exercise mat and use the gravel parking lot entrance. Contact Melody Enns at mel@jeff-mel.com, or 288-1041 with questions.

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!

Community Announcements

Everence will host an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, June 2, 9:00-11:30 AM. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will take place at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at michelle.ramer@everence.com or 283-3800 or (877) 467-7294.

Join us for Summer Story Hour at the Conference Resource Library! This summer, ages 3-8 will have fun with the theme of Creepy Crawlies: Bugs and More! Led by Marjie Warkentine, we'll meet at the library in North Newton on Mondays, June 4-July 9 at 10:00 AM. Register by May 31 at goo.gl/forms/wlzeX9FZbFoNYBW32 or by calling the library at 283-6300.

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.

Construction of the Whale playground at Camp Mennoscah began on May 18! Volunteers are needed to make this possible. If you'd like to be a part of the action, contact us at office@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. Work days are May 25-26, June 1-2, and during the week of June 3. Let us know which days you can be there, and we'll get back to you with more details. We're really excited to get this project started and hope you are, 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.

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.

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 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—215 Visitors—16 Sunday School—173

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$6,158. The offering for May 27 is for Local Mission.

Wow! That was close...We have a positive amount for the month of \$63.48; however we are short for the year by \$12,743.30. Did you find some extra money spring cleaning and don't know what to do with it? How about the Local Missions Fund? Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help shrink the shortfall.

~Financial Stewardship Committee

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.

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!

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 tomorrow, May 21.**

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