

Good News: Fruitful and Growing

May 6, 2018

Focus statement: The gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ not only transforms lives, it bends the trajectory of our world towards God's goodness. "The gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world." -Colossians 1:6

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Gathering

Prelude Amanda Entz, organist/pianist
Go Tell it on the Mountain arr. Kerr
Sonatina in F Major by Beethoven (duet with Amanda Rempel)

Gathering song: *God of the Bible* **CS 91

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

Call to worship.....June Thomsen, worship leader

Opening prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *On the Wings of an Eagle*
Psalm 16: I Will Not Be Shaken

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Keith Knopp

Song of faith: *Wait Alone in Stillness*

Offering: Camp Mennoscah
Offertory: *Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates* arr. Shackley

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Colossians 1:3-14Seth Bontrager and Schyler Entz

Sermon: *Good News: Fruitful and Growing*..... Clarence Rempel

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Heart with loving heart united* *H 420

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *Thuma mina* H 434

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Matt Graber; Worship Band: Ben Regier, Ken Regier, Tim 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: Tyler Shelly
Visuals: Cindy Unruh Property Committee: Rod 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, May 6—*Good News: Fruitful and Growing*

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

Monday, May 7

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

Wednesday, May 9

7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, May 10

7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH
7:00 PM Church Board

Friday, May 11

6:00 PM Men's Grilling—South Parking Lot

Sunday, May 13—*Good News*

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service/Parent-Child Dedication/Baptism Testimonies

Upcoming Worship Services

May 20—Pentecost

8:00 AM—Baptism at East Lake

10:30 AM—Worship

May 26-27—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 6, 2018
First Mennonite Church

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 June Thomsen and Jyl Ewy. Please enter the church using the south doors.

THIS 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.

The Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary graduation exercises will be live-streamed at goshen.edu/live-stream today, May 6, 1:30 PM Central time.

Men Be Grilling! ALL men are invited to gather in the south parking lot on Friday, May 11, 6:00 PM for a burger fry and some guy bonding time! See you there!

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.

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.

SR. HIGH YOUTH *With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:
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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 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!



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!

Dillons Community Rewards Program—Thank you to our supporters (38 households) who shopped at Dillons between 12-31-17 and 3-30-18. You have contributed \$280.95 to our church funds so far this year.

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!

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! More info will be in your church mailbox soon.

Community Announcements

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 at 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

On Tuesday, May 15, 7:00-8:30 PM, the Offender Victim Ministries-organized choir at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility East Unit will be giving a concert for outside guests! This is a great opportunity to hear choral music and support the volunteers and men at HCF who have been working hard on their music. Please contact Ben Kreider by Tuesday, May 1, if you would like to attend: ben@offendervictimministries.org or (316) 281-5244.

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.

Jazz on the Green at Bethel College—Wednesday, May 9, 8:00 PM (Krehbiel Auditorium if it rains)

Bethel College Steel Drum Band concert—Thursday, May 10, 7:00 PM, in Memorial Hall

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!

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 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 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—198 Visitors—6 Sunday School—169

We welcome Clarence Rempel to our pulpit again this morning. Clarence served as a Mennonite pastor for 32 years, including 15 years here at First Mennonite Church from 1994 to 2009. He then served as Western District Conference Minister for six years and retired in 2015. He currently serves on the Mennonite Men Board of Mennonite Church USA and part-time as a Regional Conference Minister for South Central Mennonite Conference and is a member of FMC.

Offering: Last week's offering for Western District Conference was \$1,564 and Local Mission was \$6,930. The offering for May 13 is for Local Mission.

ACTIONS TAKEN AT SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: We are very pleased to announce that per the votes taken on three ballots at the April 29 congregational business meeting: Pastor Joel received a 100% yes vote, and Pastor Kay received a 99% yes vote to be offered new four-year terms. Both Kay and Joel accepted their calls at the meeting. (The reports from Marvin Zehr on the term review process are available in the office.) Courtyard renovations were approved with a 94% vote. Thank you to all who participated in this important-decision making meeting of our church 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 **starting today**.