

Scripture Study: Digging Deeply

July 1, 2018

Focus statement: Digging deeply into Scripture, we discover the story of the movement of God among the people of God, a story that is still being lived and told to this day.

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Gathering

Gathering song: *God of the Bible* (stanzas 1,2,5) **CS 91
Carol Entz, chorister; Melody Bontrager, pianist

Welcome and announcements
(Please pass the welcome pads)

Prelude: *Sí Bheag, Sí Mhór* by Turlough O'Carolan Ben Regier

Call to worship and prayer Pastor Joel Schroeder

(inspired by 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Hebrews 4:12-13)

Leader: Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed.

People: Push the edges of what you have questioned and wondered about.

Leader: All Scripture is breathed by the Spirit of God, moving in the world.

People: All Scripture is breathed into the people of God, living in the world.

Leader: God's Word is a lamp.

People: God's Word is a sword.

Leader: We look for a word to teach and challenge us.

People: We look for a word to sharpen and strengthen us.

All: We look for a word to equip us for the kingdom of God.

Praising

Songs of faith: *I Love to Tell the Story*

Psalm 16: I Will Not Be Shaken

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus..... Keith Knopp

Offering: Mennonite Mission Network

Offertory

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Psalm 19:7-11; John 5:39-40

Sermon: *The Gift of Scripture* Pastor Kay Schroeder

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Thy Word* CS 43

Pastoral prayer Pastor Anita Kehr

Sending

Kingdom happening: Youth Group Commissioning for Summer Service Trip to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

Sending song: *If I Stand*

Benediction

Postlude

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

Bulletin cover: "Spiritual disciplines are nothing more and nothing less than ways to create a room where Christ can invite us to feast with him at the table of abundance." – Henri Nouwen

Musicians: Dan Miller, harmonica; Ben's band: Ben Regier, Tim Regier, and Ken 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: Cindy Unruh

Property: Jordan Miller

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 1—Scripture Study: *Digging Deeply*—Psalm 19:7-11; John 5:39-40

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

4:22 PM Youth Group Mission Trip Meeting

Monday, July 2

6:30 PM Prayer Meeting—Room 224

7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

Wednesday, July 4

Church Office Closed

Thursday, July 5

7:00 PM Ladies Exercise

Saturday, July 7

8:00 AM Work day at church

Sunday, July 8—Spiritual Companions: *Walking Together*—Ruth 1:15-18; John 15:12-17;

2 Timothy 1:5-14

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

Upcoming Worship Services

July 15—**Fasting: *Making Room***—John 6:27-35; Isaiah 58:1-9b

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

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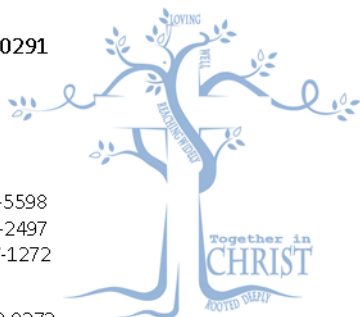
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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH PRACTICING FAITH



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**Scripture
Study**

Faith Practices—Prayer
Gratitude—Hospitality
Spiritual Companions
Fasting

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 Greg and Melody Bontrager and family (Court Area display case); Jeremy and Jyl Ewy and family (Library display case) and Barry and Darlene Bontrager (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

•Worship—160 Visitors—11 Sunday School—154

Offering: Last week’s offering for Local Mission was \$4,890. The offering for July 8 is for Local Mission.

Congratulations to Madeline Black and Daniel Dick who were married yesterday, June 30. May God grant them many years together.

“**With my recent** cancer diagnosis we are filled with many questions. We want to thank you for the generous outpouring of support we are receiving! We are grateful for your prayers in our making important decisions at this time.” ~Kathleen and Dana Neff

In Sympathy—Dale Friesen (71), Laura Friesen’s step-son, passed away on Tuesday, June 26. We extend our condolences to Laura.

Pastors Joel and Kay will be on vacation Monday, July 2 through Thursday, July 5.

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 Jeremy Ewy. Next Sunday, July 8, the speaker will be from ReUse It Center.

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 Pastor Kay Schroeder. Please enter the church using the south doors.

Property Committee will be organizing a work day on Saturday, July 7, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM. We will be completing the demolition and some painting for the foyer renovation.

The Western District Conference Annual Assembly is July 27-28 at Eden and Tabor churches with Bryan Moyer Suderman as the resource. If you are willing to serve as a delegate for FMC (that session is Saturday morning) please contact Ryan Koehn or Anita Kehr. Thank you!

The Legacy Project: Sharing Our Stories is a new initiative to share and document our faith stories as individuals and as a congregation. A Legacy Project Team is being formed to discuss format and begin making arrangements to video interviews with persons sharing their personal faith stories, their stories of faith at FMC, and/or their stories of alternative service or short-term missions. If you are interested in joining this team, contact Derek Entz (dents608@icloud.com) or Joel Schroeder (joelschr46@gmail.com).

SR. HIGH YOUTH

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SUMMER MISSION TRIP—July 8-14

- ▶▶ Registrations (FMC Med Form, RMMC on-line form, on-line whitewater rafting waiver form) plus \$50 payment DUE NOW!
- ▶▶ Group Covenant discussion TODAY (July 1) during Sunday School.
- ▶▶ “MANDATORY” PREP GATHERING (TODAY) Sunday, July 1 4:22—7:35 PM
 - ▶▶ Helpful and important camp and work information.
 - ▶▶ Supper provided.
 - ▶▶ Prayer stations for trip and mission work to be done.
 - ▶▶ Parents welcome!
- ▶▶ Sunday, July 8 (next Sunday) at 7:07 AM—Load and leave for Colorado!
- ▶▶ Saturday, July 14 around 6:06 PM—Return to FMC

YOUTH SUNDAY- On Sunday, July 22, we (youth and sponsors) have the opportunity to lead the congregation in worship plus share about our mission trip week in Colorado. Please plan to participate. Invite family and friends to join us!

Community Announcements

Kidron Bethel Village invites you and your family to the annual Fireworks Extravaganza at 7:00 PM, on July 4. Enjoy live music, games, food and fireworks. There will be a quilt drawing at 9:00 PM.

Former Bethel Professor Julie Hart will be giving a presentation at KIPCOR on July 17, 7:00-8:30 PM, on her new book entitled *Pathways to Pacifism and Antiwar Activism among US Veterans: the role of moral identity in personal transformation*. Julie taught sociology and peace studies at Bethel College from 1994 to 2006 and is presently teaching at Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, Ohio. The book is a result of interviews with 114 US veterans including 12 current Mennonites and answers the question: how do significant changes from pro war to antiwar occur? She will also discuss recommendations for the church and the military based on the study.

The Whale Playground at Camp Mennoscah is complete! Thanks to Jordan Miller of Miller Construction, lots of volunteers, and your support, campers are currently playing on the new structure. It's amazing! A generous donation is allowing us to add the slides and climbing net much sooner than we expected. We'll get those in as soon as possible!