

Prayer

June 10, 2018

Focus statement: God is always present and active in our lives and in the world. Prayer is a practice of becoming aware of God's presence that surrounds and moves among us.

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Gathering

Prelude Amanda Rempel, organist/pianist; Faith Wenger, pianist
He watching over Israel Mendelssohn arr. James R. McNeil
If with all your hearts Mendelssohn arr. Mary C. and Louis Ball
I sing the mighty power of God arr. Larry Shackley

Gathering song: *Lord, listen to your children* *H 353

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

Call to worship and prayer Nancy Waltner, worship leader
(based on Matthew 6:7-15)

Leader: Jesus taught his disciples to pray.

All: *We are Jesus' disciples!*

Leader: So we pray . . .

All: *God, we remember who you are, and what is yours.*

Be in charge of everything we pray about

and everything we forget to pray about.

Hear what we need, and remind us of what we don't need.

We're sorry—you know what for.

Help us mend our other relationships too.

Don't let anything come between us and you.

It's all about you.

Leader: Amen.

Praising

Song of faith: *Sweet hour of prayer* H 11

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus..... Andrea Regier

Song of faith: *What a friend we have in Jesus* **CS 90

Kingdom celebration: Vacation Bible School

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory: *Down to the river to pray* arr. John Carter

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:11-13; Matthew 6:7-15 Dwayne Abrahams, reader

Sermon: *When you are praying* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Open, Lord, my inward ear* H 140

Pastoral prayer Pastor Joel Schroeder

Sending

Sending song: *Renew your church* (stanzas 1 & 3) H 363

Blessing

Postlude: *Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah* arr. Fred Bock

*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

Chorister: Carol Entz

Childcare: Stephanie Weaver, Lynette Erb, Brooklynn Black

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

Audio Tech: Joey Menninga

Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering

Visuals: Mary Lou Schmidt, Carol Hiebert

Property Committee: Rod Schmidt

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 10—Prayer—I Kings 19:11-13; Matthew 6:7-15

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

4:00 PM Casa Betania 10th Anniversary Celebration

Monday, June 11

6:30 PM Prayer Meeting—Room 224

7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

Thursday, June 14

1:00 PM Safety Team—Warkentin Room

6:30 PM Church Board

7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

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

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

Upcoming Worship Services

June 24—*Hospitality: Reaching Outward, Drawing Inward*—Genesis 18:1-15;
Luke 14:7-14

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

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH PRACTICING FAITH



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PRAYER

Faith Practices

Gratitude—Hospitality

Scripture—Spiritual Companions

Fasting—Celebration

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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!

Sr. High Youth Mission Trip (July 8-14) - Registration info has been emailed, put on Facebook, and put in your church mailboxes. Please complete all registration forms and pay \$150 by June 24. Please plan to attend prep meetings on Thursday, June 28 and July 5.

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 jordanmiller795@gmail.com or at 217-4570.

Community Announcements

You are invited to join the celebration of Casa Betania’s 10th anniversary **today, 4:00 PM** here at FMC. There will be a reception meal to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

The West Zion Mennonite Church, Moundridge will continue their concert series with an event today, at 7:00 PM. Performers will include Christopher Shaw, organ; Joey Menninger, viola; RoJean Loucks, celtic harp; the Flannelbacks, a men’s vocal ensemble; and Donna Stucky, piano. During the free concert a free-will offering will be received. After the concert, there will be a time of fellowship, with refreshments served.

MCC seeks volunteers for Monday, June 11, 1:00 PM to repalletize boxes of canned meat! Repalletize? Yes, 1000 boxes of MCC canned meat need to be transferred from one size of pallet to another. This is one shipping container worth of canned meat! We are hoping for at least 10-15 people to get this work done on Monday afternoon so the shipment can go out on Tuesday. Please call MCC with questions, 283-2720. You’ll find the warehouse at the MCC Material Resources Center at 121 E. 30th St. in North Newton.

Calling all MCC volunteers! Join us for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on June 13, 5:00-7:00 PM, at MCC in North Newton. All relief sale volunteers, all meat canning volunteers, participants in the Flatlander Bicycle Ride

or the Harvest Giving Walk, all of you who make comforters on your own or at a Comforter Blitz, if you’ve packed a kit at MCC or volunteered your time at an MCC thrift shop or in the MCC Warehouse – YOU’RE INVITED! We want you to join us, enjoy a delicious meal of burgers, hot dogs, salads, chips and ice cream for dessert! **Please RSVP by June 11** to patsydirksen@mcc.org at 283-2720.

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.

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)

The Bethel College Women’s Association invites everyone to “An Evening with the President,” on Monday, June 18, 7:00 PM, Administration Building chapel at Bethel College. Come meet Bethel President Jon Gering and his wife, Deborah. President Gering will speak on his vision for the college, followed by refreshments and conversation.

Kitchen staff for the week of July 15-21 is still needed. We have this amazing new kitchen and we'd love to share it with you. Our fearless head cooks will be there to help you create great meals! Contact camp to volunteer. Parent discounts are available for up to full camp fees.

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 mzuерcher@bethelks.edu.

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.

MCC Mini Comforter Blitz—June 22 and 23 at MCC in North Newton! Join in the fun at this Mini Comforter Blitz on Friday, June 22, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, and Saturday, June 23 from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM. Come and go as you are able, bring your friends and family! Bring snacks to share if you'd like. Please bring a sack lunch/supper, drinks will be provided. Contact katemast@mcc.org with questions and visit mcc.org/comforter-blitz for details!

Family Weekend is June 30-July 1! It's a weekend focused on giving you the most time to spend with your family and friends. Our time together is loosely scheduled and you can choose what to do--worship, river play, swimming, crafts, or even just talking with each other! Register online at campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290!

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 originally 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.

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 Kent and Lynette Erb and family (Court Area display case); Vernon and Velma Frey (Library display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

•Worship—210 Visitors—21 Sunday School—159

Offering: Last week's offering for Bethel College was \$1,115 and Local Mission was \$3,776. The offering for June 17 is for Local Mission.

We welcome Faith Wenger who is joining Amanda Rempel in leading us in worship through the sharing of her musical gifts at the piano. Faith's home congregation is Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston. Welcome Faith, and thank you for sharing your God-given gifts with us!

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 The Salvation Army. Next Sunday, June 17, the speaker will be from Circle of Hope.

Volunteer opportunity: Drivers needed to take folks who no longer drive to various appointments. If you enjoy visiting with others, have a car and can drive, this opportunity is for you! Interested? Please contact Pastor Kay at kays@firstmennonitewton.org.

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!