

Gratitude-Giving Thanks

June 17, 2018

Focus statement: A posture of gratitude orients us toward Jesus and the transformation he works in our lives.

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Gathering

Prelude Donna Stucky, organist/pianist

The work of the people (announcements)

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Call to worship and prayer Kevin Miller, worship leader
(based on Philippians 4:4-7)

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always!

People: When you say always, do you mean *always*?

Leader: Again I will say, rejoice!

People: Sometimes we don't feel like rejoicing.

Leader: The Lord is near.

People: Be near, Lord.

Leader: In everything by prayer and supplication—with *thanksgiving*
let your requests be made known to God.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Praising

Songs of faith: *I owe the Lord a morning song*..... *H 651
In the bulb there is a flower..... H 614

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus.....Ryan Koehn

Special music.....Joey Menninga, viola; Donna Stucky, piano
Concerto in B minor - G.F. Handel/H. Casadesus
II. Andante ma non troppo

Offering: Local Mission
Offertory

Song of faith: *God, whose giving*H 383

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19

Sermon: *Ultimate Gratitude*..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Rain Down*

Pastoral prayer Pastor Anita Kehr

Sending

Benediction:

Leader: Some days will be days for shouting in joy:

People: Thank you, God!

Leader: Some days will be days for whispering in awe:

People: Thank you, God . . .

Leader: And some days will be days when we just need to hold on,
until we look back and find where we could have said it all along:

People: Thank you, thank you, thank you, God.

Leader: Go forth with gratitude in your whole being.

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

Chorister: Matthew Graber

Childcare: Greg or Laura Myers, Amanda Menninga, Madelynn Hamm

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

Audio Tech: Tim Regier

Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy

Visuals: Mary Lou Schmidt, Carol Hiebert

Property Committee: Kevin Hamm

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

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

Monday, June 18

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

Tuesday, June 19

9:30 AM Women's Fellowship—FH
7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission
7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

Wednesday, June 20

7:00 PM Worship Commission—Cora Voran's house

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

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

Upcoming Worship Services

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

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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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH PRACTICING FAITH



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GRATITUDE

Faith Practices—Prayer

Hospitality—Scripture

Spiritual Companions

Fasting—Celebration

Senior High Youth Summer Mission Trip UPDATE: This is the final week to register for the mission trip to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, July 8-14. Please complete FMC liability form, RMMC on-line registration, Noah's Ark (whitewater rafting) on-line waiver and pay \$150 by June 24. Please plan to attend prep meetings on Thursday, June 28 and Thursday, July 5. And finally, prepare yourself to "re-connect" with God, nature, and others on this awesome trip!

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!

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!

Women's Fellowship meeting—Tuesday, June 19, 9:30 AM. We will stitch binding and knot comforters in the cool basement. Please bring a sack lunch for the noon meal. Jennie Wintermote will have devotions. Our offering will be for our mission workers. Come and share your ideas for any meetings you would like to have.

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!

PROPERTY COMMITTEE needs your help to maintain our facility. Can you help with: painting a few sanctuary walls or repairing various window hardware, glass, and glazing? If so, please contact Jordan Miller at jordanmiller795@gmail.com or at 217-4570.

SAVE THE DATE—Worship in the Park will be Sunday, August 26.

Community Announcements

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. First Mennonite is one of seven congregations in Western District Conference with facility projects that are 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.

The Bethel College Women's Association invites everyone to "An Evening with the President" on Monday, June 18, 7:00 PM, KIPCOR, 2515 College Ave. 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.

The Whale playground at Camp Mennoscah is so very close to completion! Next Friday and Saturday, June 22-23, at 9:00 AM, work will continue on final dirt preparation, landscape fabric, and spreading mulch. Please bring a sack lunch. If you have already helped or even if you have not, contact camp at 620-297-3290 if you're interested and let us know you'll be there!

The Allies Group, which supports people with various sexual identities and their families and friends, will be meeting at the Kidron Cottage on the Bethel College campus (across from Mojo's) on Sunday, June 24, 6:00 PM. Please plan on a picnic potluck (bring sandwiches or some sort of main dish and a side or dessert). Those who want to can play disc golf, walk the trails at Bethel or just visit at the cottage. Drinks and paper goods (plates, napkins, etc) will be provided.

Kitchen staff needed for July 15-21. Camp Mennoscah still needs 2-3 people for the week of July 15-21. Kitchen helpers do things like scoop pudding into bowls, peel potatoes, discuss deep and meaningful topics over making bierocks, laugh uproariously, and help make a great camp week with amazingly good meals. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org! This is a fun time!

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 mzuercher@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 at Camp Mennoscah 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.

Girls ages 13–18 and women of all ages, please join Mennonite Women USA and Dove's Nest July 26-27, 2018, in Omaha for "Empowering Women: Claiming Healthy Personal Boundaries," an intergenerational gathering to provide practical resources and support on healthy boundary management. Find out more at dovesnest.net/Claiming-Healthy-Personal-Boundaries or call 402-577-0866.

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 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—198 Visitors—12 Sunday School—164

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$12,122. The offering for June 24 is for Local Mission.

Congratulations to Casson Schmidt and Kacie McGee who were married here at FMC yesterday, June 16. May God grant them many years together.

We had a great day of Bible stories, crafts, and activities at VBS last weekend and acknowledge it would not have been possible without those who volunteered to spend the day with the children. Our prayer is that each of us comes to understand what it means to be joined, "together in Christ" as we are rooted deeply, reaching widely and loving well. Thank you, teachers and helpers, for your preparation, time, and care. We appreciate you!

~VBS Committee: Gail Pryce, Bryan Kehr, and Deb Ratzlaff,

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 Circle of Hope. Next Sunday, June 24, the speaker will be Austin Regier.

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@firstmennonitenewton.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.