

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 15—Fasting: Making Room—John 6:25-35; Isaiah 58:1-9a

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

Monday, July 16

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

Tuesday, July 17

7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission

Wednesday, July 18

12:00 PM Worship Commission—Cora Voran's house

Thursday, July 19

7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

Sunday, July 22—Youth Sunday

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

Upcoming Worship Services

July 29—*Journey Forward: Identity and Context*—Psalm 24:1-6; Ephesians 3:14-21

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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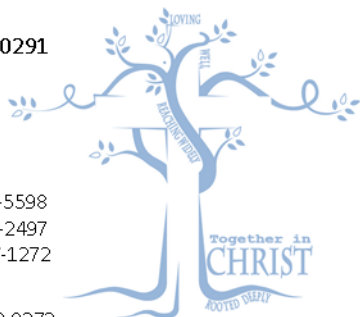
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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH PRACTICING FAITH



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July 15, 2018

Fasting

Faith Practices—Prayer

Gratitude—Hospitality

Scripture Study

Spiritual Companions

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—192 Visitors—12 Sunday School—126

Offering: Last week’s offering for Local Mission was \$3,937. The offering for July 22 is for Local Mission.

At the end of June we are \$39,598 short of expenses. Please prayerfully consider giving to our Local Mission fund so that we have sufficient funds to pay for our needs.

~Financial Stewardship Committee

In Sympathy—Elda Schmidt (97) passed away on Friday, July 6. Her memorial service was held on Tuesday, July 10, here at FMC. We extend our condolences to Don Schmidt.

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 MCC. Next Sunday, July 22, the speaker will be from the Senior 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. Please enter the church using the south doors.

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 record 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).

The support group for survivors of sexual abuse will meet Tuesday, July 17, 7:00 PM. Please call June Thomsen at 316-239-8747 for more information.

Casa Betania will be selling tamales and burritos Sunday, July 22, to benefit volcano survivors in Guatemala. Church members have felt deeply about the plight of

Guatemalans who have lost family members, homes and livelihoods due to the eruption of the Fuego Volcano in June and are inviting our participation in a fund-raiser. They will have the burritos and tamales ready in the FMC Fellowship Hall to take home after the FMC service on Sunday, July 22. Funds will go to EPIC where Violeta Ajquejay has close connections: epicprojects.org/product/volcano-relief-to-mujeres-en-accion/. Suggested minimum donation for Mexican chicken tamales is \$15.00 per dozen, \$7.50 half dozen. For burritos \$30.00 per dozen, \$15.00 half dozen. (When requesting burritos, please order chicken, pork or bean/cheese.) Those who wish to write checks should write them to EPIC. Orders will be very helpful for knowing how many to make. **Please notify Linda Shelly by Monday, July 16: lindajs81@gmail.com , 316-734-5947.** (Note: MCC and the Guatemalan Mennonite churches helped immediately after the eruption of the volcano, but they do not have partners on location prepared to work longer-term in this zone.)

Community Announcements

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.

All women are invited to the Western District Women in Mission annual meeting at WDC’s 2018 Annual Assembly. We will share lunch together (\$12), 12:30-1:30 PM, on Saturday, July 28, at Eden Mennonite Church, 401 18th Ave, Moundridge, KS. Following a brief business meeting, we will hear from Karen Mascho as well as have the opportunity to meet the incoming Executive Director of Mennonite Women USA. To register, send your name and \$12 to WDC, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117 by July 13.

The 2018 issue of *Mennonite Life*, Bethel College’s annual online journal, is now live at ml.bethelks.edu.

Bluestem Communities invites you and your family to the Innovations in Living with Dementia Community Forum on July 18, 6:00 PM, at Hesston Mennonite Church (309 S. Main). The event will feature interactive booths, resources for caregivers and a Q&A session with a gentleman who has been diagnosed with early dementia and his wife.

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.