

Youth Mission Sunday

July 22, 2018

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Welcome to YOUTH MISSION SUNDAY!

2018 Youth Mission Trip Participants

YOUTH: Maria Alatorre, Kaitlyn Black, Seth Bontrager, Emily Brandt, Derek Entz, Ethan Entz, Schyler Entz, Lia Groves, Anna Harder, Bentley Hiebert, Payton Hiebert, Josh Kennell, Zach Kennell, Kit Kingsley, Levi Knopp, Wade Nye, Eli Regier, Alan Rodriquez

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We had a fabulous week working hard and playing hard in God's glorious creation at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp (Divide, CO)!

Our focus scripture was Colossians 2:6-7 which states:

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

We look forward to incorporating our experiences with the opportunity to lead you in worship today of our truly amazing God!

WORK HARD - PLAY HARD - PRAISE HARD

Childcare: Chris Weaver, Melody Enns, Sarah Koehn

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The office of International Student Support invites you to an informational reception at 4:00 PM, Sunday, July 29, in the community center of Hesston Mennonite Church. If you've ever considered hosting a Hesston College international student, here's a chance to learn more and hear from those who have first-hand experience. The occasional challenges of hosting are greatly outweighed by the many rewards. Often the student-host relationship continues beyond graduation. Current international student host families will be on hand to share their experiences with each other and with prospective individuals/families. All previous, current and prospective host family members are encouraged to attend. For more information and to RSVP, contact Carlota Ponds, Director of International Student Support at 620-327-8210 or carlota.ponds@hesston.edu.

Opportunities to learn about immigration and respond with MCC. MCC works with the issue of migration around the world and walks with people who migrate, people who struggle not to migrate and people who provide hospitality to migrants in many places. **Learn:** Consider participating in the MCC Migration Learning Tour to Guatemala and Honduras on November 7-17. **Pray:** Pray for the migrants who made the difficult choice to leave their home communities in the hope of a better life, for the detained immigrants as they wait in detention and for the border portal agents to execute their job justly and humanely. **Advocate:** Contact your elected officials to express your desire for more humane immigration policies. **Serve:** Become an immigration court watcher through the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants. **Give:** Support our work to support the reunification of families on the South Texas Border. Within the coming weeks, 1500-2000 families are expected to be released from detention. MCC is working with local partners to support families with locally purchased grocery gift cards, clothing and housing assistance. Checks made out to MCC with "Central States Immigration" in the memo line will go directly to support this response. Checks should be sent to MCC U.S., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501. Or you can Donate money to MCC for ongoing work with issues surrounding immigration. For more information on how you can get involved, visit mcc.org/immigration.

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 Karenn Gore. For more information contact: ambs.edu/rootedandgrounded.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 22—Youth Sunday

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Youth Group—Senior Farewell

Monday, July 23

7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

Tuesday, July 24

7:00 PM Property Work Day

Wednesday, July 25

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

Thursday, July 26

7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH
7:00 PM Property Work Day

Sunday, July 29—Journey Forward: Identity and Context—Psalm 24:1-6;

Ephesians 3:14-21

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

Upcoming Worship Services

August 5—Journey Forward: Follow Jesus—John 13:34-35 and others

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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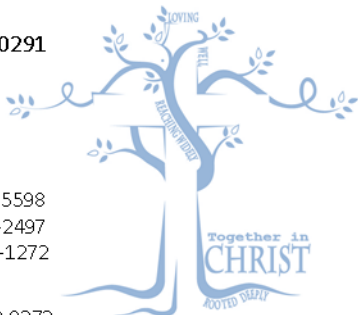
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WELCOME TO EVERYONE who has come to worship and especially to those who are here for the first time. May you experience the loving embrace of God today.

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 BJ and Kim Stahly and family (Court Area display case); Phil and Linda Gaertner and family (Library display case) and Shannon Bartel and family (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

•Worship—203 Visitors—7 Sunday School—149

Offering: Last week’s offering for Local Mission was \$7,232. The offering for July 29 is for the Scholarship Fund.

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 Senior Center. Next Sunday, July 29, the speaker will be Eric Murphy.

Receiving or has received care—Belva Unruh and Walter Koehn, NMC

In Sympathy—Sally Fleming (97) passed away on Friday, July 13. Her memorial service was held on Wednesday, July 18, at Schowalter Villa Chapel. We extend our condolences to Elvera Suderman and the rest of the family.

Property Committee will have two work days this week. They are looking for 5-10 volunteers each evening to help with painting the Court Area. They will be painting Tuesday, July 24 and Thursday, July 26, 7:00-9:00 PM both evenings.

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

Have you seen me? A white dry erase board and tripod is missing from the archive room of the FMC Historical Committee. The white board is approximately 2’ x 3’. The tripod is aluminum, has telescoping legs and stands about 6 ft. high. If you have me or know where I am, please return me to the FMC archive room or contact Ron Dietzel. Thank you.

Ladies Exercise is on Monday and Thursday at 7:00 PM, for about an hour, at the north end of the Fellowship Hall. This is low impact exercise, using DVD’s. Please bring an exercise mat and use the gravel parking lot entrance. Contact Melody Enns at mel@jeff-mel.com, or 288-1041 with questions.

A new membership exploration class is being formed. If you have interest in learning more about First Mennonite Church and in exploring the possibility of membership, please talk to Anita Kehr. The class schedule will be made around participants’ schedules.

You're invited to use the Journey Forward “Pathways” study guide with your Sunday School class or small group. Join in the Journey Forward church-wide renewal process and then explore and highlight ways that God is working in your life and congregation. Available at: mennoniteusa.org/pathways. **During morning worship July 29-August 19,** we will be exploring some of the Journey Forward themes. The group study enlarges on these themes.

Cards are available in the pews for you to share your thoughts, prayer requests, ask for a visit, or whatever you would like to communicate. Remember to sign them and put them in the offering plate.

At the recommendation of the Safety Team, the Property Committee is asking for your help to keep our facility safe for all who use it. Please check in with the church office if you arrive during business hours. Please also let the church office know ahead of time when you are using the building in the evening, and keep doors locked at all times. You may need to wait by the door until all in your group arrive. If you have questions about this, please contact the church office (and then Tracy can call me!). Thank you.

~Jordan Miller for the Property Committee

Community Announcements

Dementia Caregivers Support Group at Kidron Bethel Village: On the last Thursday of each month at 3:00 PM, in Menno Hall Chapel, Kidron Bethel holds a support group meeting for persons who are caring for loved ones living with dementia. This is an ongoing group which meets on the last Thursday of every month. The group is open to participants from the wider Newton community and has affiliation with the Alzheimer’s Association of Central and Western Kansas. Eric Massanari, KBV Chaplain, and Beth Penner, Associate Director of Independent Living, serve as group facilitators. Please contact Eric Massanari with any questions: 316-836-4829.

Young Adult Retreat at Camp Mennoscah, August 3-5! All young adults (18 years old and older) are invited to spend a few days at Camp Mennoscah, doing favorite camp activities and luxuriating in nature and the camp community. Register online at campmennoscah.org and pick your own level of scholarship! It's a grand time for all!

We have a lot to celebrate this summer at Camp Mennoscah! On August 12, 6:30 PM, we'll gather together at Hesston Mennonite Church to celebrate a summer of friends and faith with our annual Camp Sing. There will be joyous singing followed by popcorn and generic pop—a camp standard! Add Camp Sing to your calendar and we'll see you there!

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.