

# Spiritual Companions: Walking Together July 8, 2018

**Focus statement:** When practicing our faith, we need guides and peers with whom we can speak the (sometimes stumbling) language of our faith, and with whom we can learn together on the journey.

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## Gathering

**Gathering song** ..... Amanda Entz, organist/pianist  
*Hamba nathi (Come Walk with Us)*

**Welcome and announcements**  
(Please pass the welcome pads)

**Prelude:** *Beach Spring* ..... Peter Buller, oboe (grandson of Helen Entz)

**Call to worship** ..... Wendy Funk Schrag, worship leader

Leader: Jesus says, Come, follow me.

**People: Follow where?**

Leader: It could be anywhere.

**People: Follow when?**

Leader: It will be every day.

**People: Follow how?**

Leader: Never alone. Never truly alone. We are the body of Christ.

**People: We will love one another as Christ loves us.**

**Opening prayer**

## Praising

**Songs of faith:** *Bless'd be the tie that binds* ..... (stanzas 1,3,6) \*H 421  
*Help us to help each other* ..... H 362

**Greet one another; children come forward**

**Children's focus**.....Peter Wintermote

**Kingdom sharing:** Sitha Mpofu  
Prayer of blessing

**Offering:** Local Mission

**Offertory:** *In the bulb there is a flower* ..... Sitha Mpofu and Amanda Entz

## Hearing God's Word

**Scripture:** Ruth 1:15-18; John 15:12-17; 2 Timothy 1:5-14

**Sermon:** *Together* ..... Pastor Anita Kehr

## Responding to God's Word

**Song of faith:** *Will you let me be your servant* ..... H 307

**Pastoral prayer** ..... Pastor Kay Schroeder

## Sending

**Sending song:** *Heart with loving heart united* ..... H 420

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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\*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: Pastor Kay Schroeder

Musicians: Joan Entz, Nora & Woody Miller, Ben Regier, djembe.

Childcare: Stephanie Weaver, Lynette Erb, Brooklynn Black

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

Audio Tech: Tim Regier

Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy

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## WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

2 Timothy 1:5-14

7:07 AM Youth Group load and leave for Colorado

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

**Monday, July 9**

6:30 PM Prayer Meeting—Room 224

7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

**Thursday, July 12**

7:00 PM Ladies Exercise—FH

7:00 PM Church Board

**Saturday, July 14**

Youth Group return late afternoon

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

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

**Upcoming Worship Services**

July 22—Youth Sunday

**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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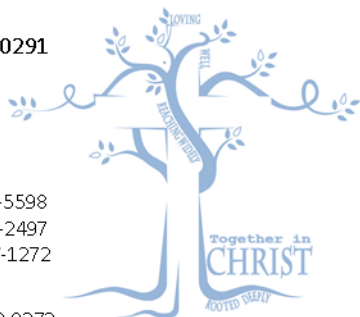
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# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH PRACTICING FAITH



July 8, 2018  
**Spiritual  
Companions**

Faith Practices—Prayer  
Gratitude—Hospitality  
Scripture Study  
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—228 Visitors—17 Sunday School—154

**Offering:** Last week’s offering for Mennonite Mission Network was \$1,903 and \$6,852 for Local Mission. The offering for July 15 is for Local Mission.

**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 ReUse It Center. Next Sunday, July 15, the speaker will be from MCC.

**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 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 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 (dentz608@icloud.com) or Joel Schroeder (joelschr46@gmail.com).

**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 217-4570 or at jordanmiller795@gmail.com.

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

## **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.

**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.

**Urgent need for a nurse!** Camp Mennoscah is looking for a nurse for the week of July 15-21. Please contact us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org. We’d love to have a nurse for the full week, but let us know if you’d be able to do a partial week, too.

**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 Karena Gore. For more information contact: [amb.edu/rootedandgrounded](http://amb.edu/rootedandgrounded).