

## Focus statement:

Peace permeates the New Testament and the story of Jesus. It is a central teaching of the Anabaptist tradition. Peace is not the mere absence of war, but encompasses the call to justice and reconciliation. Peace and justice are inextricably intertwined. According to the prophet Micah and other prophets, worship of God is empty without the presence of justice.

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## Gathering

**Gathering song:** *We are people of God's peace* ..... \*H 407

**Welcome and the work of the people**

**Prelude** ..... Amanda Rempel, organist  
*Meditation on a Welsh hymn tune* arr. by Carl Simone

**Call to worship and prayer:** Micah 6:6-8 ..... Carol Entz, worship leader

One: "With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?

**Many: Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?**

One: Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

**Many: Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"**

One: He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you

**Many: but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?**

## Praising

**Song of faith:** *What does the Lord require* ..... H 409

**Greet one another**

**Songs of faith:** *House of Peace*  
*The Lorica*

**Offering:** Local Mission

**Offertory** ..... Amanda Rempel and Amanda Entz, organ duet  
*My Shepherd will supply* arr. by David N. Johnson  
(Please pass the welcome pads)

## Hearing God's Word

**Scripture:** Ephesians 2:13-22

**Meditation:** *Deconstruction* ..... Pastor Anita Kehr

## Responding to God's Word

**Service of Communion**

**Invitation**

**Prayer of confession**

*Kyrie eleison* ..... H 144

**Assurance of forgiveness**

**Words of institution**

**Serving the bread and cup**

**Blessing the children**

**Prayer of thanksgiving and pastoral prayer**..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

## Sending

**Sending song:** *You shall go out with joy*..... H 427

**Sending blessing**

**Postlude:** *Sent forth by God's blessing* arr. by John Behnke

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\*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book    \*\*CS denotes Companion Songbook

Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder; Musicians: Ben Regier, Ken Regier, Dwayne Abrahams,  
Tim Regier

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: Carol Hiebert

Property: Kevin Hamm

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## WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, August 12—Journey Forward: Witness to God's Peace**—Micah 6:6-8,  
Ephesians 2:13-22

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

**Monday, August 13**

3:00 PM Worship Commission—Cora Voran's house

**Sunday, August 19—Journey Forward: Experience Transformation**—Mark 1:9-11

8:15 AM Emergency Plan review for greeters, ushers, and  
Sunday School teachers  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship Service

**Upcoming Worship Services**

August 26—Worship in the Park—*Some Glad Morning*  
(No Sunday School)

**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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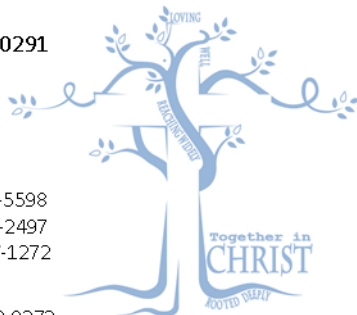
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- Identity and Context
- Follow Jesus
- **Witness to God's Peace**
- **Experience Transformation**

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018**

**FIRST MENNONITE YOUTH MINISTRY IS BACK!!****LEADERSHIP RETREAT—Saturday, August 18 2:00-7:00 pm**

- ▶▶ WHO? Student Action Leadership Team (S.A.L.T.), Youth Sponsors and Teachers!
- ▶▶ WHY? Discern and plan for the coming year!
- ▶▶ Where? Dyck Arboretum (Hesston, KS). Carpool from FMC at 1:38 pm.

**YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF —Wed., August 29 7:00 pm**

- ▶▶ More info to come!

**YOUTH FALL RETREAT—Sat., Sept. 1—Mon., Sept. 3**

- ▶▶ Westminster Woods near Fall River, KS
- ▶▶ FRIENDS WELCOME!! Invite them!!
- ▶▶ Cost: \$75 (friends and/or siblings = \$50)



**Scholarship Fund update.** The July offering gave a nice boost to the fund balance. On behalf of the students and their parents, the Scholarship Committee says *thank you*. A large group of our young adults continue to pursue higher education at a Mennonite Christian school. For the 2018 Fall semester, a total of \$5,875 was paid out for 13 scholarships at five schools. The young adults are blessed by a congregation that believes in and supports them. The students and their parents plus the Scholarship Committee appreciate the past and current generosity of the congregation.

**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.

**ONE GLAD MORNING** is the theme for this year's Worship in the Park, Sunday, August 26, at Athletic Park. The Flannelbacks will be leading us in a morning of gospel music. Bring your family and friends as we enjoy creation and sing praise to our Creator. The worship service will start at the normal 10:30 AM and there will be no Sunday School. Bring your lawn chairs/blankets. A carry-in picnic lunch will follow the service.

**Just a reminder that the Caregiving and Membership Commission** has invited 105 individuals from the "Additional Members and Friends" list in our church directory to Worship in the Park and potluck lunch on August 26. Your extra food and friendliness will go a long way toward making this a great day for those who are able to attend!

As you notice increasing numbers of "Back-to-school" sales, don't forget to catch some of the bargains for the shoeboxes we'll be packing this fall for Operation Christmas Child! As a reminder, all items that fit in a shoebox are welcome, not just crayons and pencils.

**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

**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.

**Community Announcements**

**We have a lot to celebrate** this summer at Camp Mennoscah! Today at 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!

**An extra huge thanks** to the many generous and amazing people who came out to Camp Mennoscah this summer! We had a stunning group of volunteers who greatly contributed to the amount of fun and faith shared this summer with our incredible number of campers. Thank you so much—and we'll see you soon!

**Mental Health Spiritual Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah, September 2-3! This retreat is for individuals affected by mental illness, including family members and friends. Come support each other, have fun and enjoy being at camp. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or call us at 620-297-3290 for a brochure.

**Offender Victim Ministries** is offering a FREE training for new and current volunteers to learn more about Neighborhood Accountability Boards in Harvey and McPherson counties. Join us **Saturday, September 8, 9:30 AM-4:00 PM** at the Harvey County Courthouse Community Room (lower level), 800 N. Main, Newton. Lunch included.

**Join us for the grand opening and dedication** of Mullet Place, Schowalter Villa's new addition in Hesston, on September 7, 10:00 AM (200 W. Cedar, Hesston, KS 67062). Schowalter Villa is also now taking reservations for assisted living homes in Mullet Place. Call 888-388-7445 for more information about living options. Schowalter Villa belongs to Bluestem Communities, a nonprofit organization in central Kansas made up of several retirement communities and programs dedicated to serving individuals 55 and better.

**Be Brave, Be Bold, Be You!** Women & Girls Retreat 2018. The schedule and registration forms for the 2018 Women & Girls Retreat, September 7-9 at Camp Mennoscah, are now available in the church office. Rachel Ringenberg Miller, pastor of Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton, will be the featured speaker. Many interesting and fun seminars are planned, along with plenty of time to relax and connect with nature and friends. This retreat is open to all women and girls grade 3 and older. Registration forms are due August 27.

**The annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride** will be held on Saturday, September 15, originating at the MCC offices in North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for a MCC water development project in Guatemala. You can register on the MCC website. Both bikers and contributors are needed.

**Work and Play Camp at Camp Mennoscah!** Everyone is invited to join us September 21-25 (or any part of those days) as we work on fun projects and spend time building up camp and our community of faithful volunteers. No fee required; donations welcome! Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or call us at 620-297-3290.

**Save the date! September 27–29:** 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](http://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 Darby and Kiley McCord and family (Court Area display case); Cal and Jo Frye, Ben Frye, Lindsay McDonald, and family (Library display case) and Sunday's Celebration pictures (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

### **First Mennonite Church by the numbers**

#### **Attendance:**

•Worship—200 Visitors—13 Sunday School—152

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Mennonite Mission Network was \$2,055 and Local Mission Fund was \$6,499. The offering for August 19 is for Local Mission.

**In Sympathy**—Betty Bartel (83) passed away on Wednesday, August 8. Her funeral service was held here at FMC on Saturday, August 11. Please keep Bev, Chuck, and the rest of the family in your thoughts and prayers.

**KIPCOR Process Funding**—The Church Board thanks all of you that have supported the KIPCOR Process and the Hope Through Understanding Team through prayer and financial support. We need to raise an additional \$5,000 to complete our current commitment with KIPCOR. Please prayerfully consider supporting our journey to healing and wholeness.

**Most of the FMC families have told us** about their lives in the showcases. It appears that we are nearing completion. We have a few more families to contact. If you have not been contacted and would be open to telling us your story, please call Delora Decker or Betty Pauls at 316-283-6512.

**All greeters, ushers, and Sunday School teachers are invited and encouraged** to attend one of two meetings to review the emergency plans that have been developed by the Safety Team. Your two options are Sunday morning, August 19, 8:15 AM (donuts and coffee provided) or Wednesday, August 22, 7:00 PM.