

## Focus statement:

The Holy Spirit is God's transforming power. The Spirit is the flame of God's love, the unseen wind of God's movement within the church and world. Transformation is rarely smooth, simple or easy. Transformation is often disruptive. Worship is intended as a sacred space where we encounter the transforming and disruptive power of the Spirit.

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## Gathering

**Gathering song:** *Brethren, we have met to worship* ..... \*H 8

**Welcome and the work of the people**

**Prelude** ..... Donna Stucky, organist/pianist

**Call to worship and prayer** ..... Kevin Miller, worship leader

One: Holy Spirit, dwell among us.

**Many: Holy Spirit, dwell within us.**

One: Holy Spirit, come as fire.

**Many: Holy Spirit, come as wind.**

One: Holy Spirit, ignite us with passion.

**Many: Holy Spirit, blow upon the embers of our hearts.**

One: Holy Spirit, gather us as one.

**Many: Holy Spirit, send us forth into the world.**

## Praising

**Song of faith:** *Holy Spirit, come with power* ..... H 26

**Greet one another; children come forward**

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

**Offering:** Local Mission

**Offertory**

(Please pass the welcome pads)

## Confession

**Prayer of confession**

**Assurance of forgiveness:** John 3:8

**Song of faith:** *Spirit of God! descend* ..... H 502

## Hearing God's Word

**Scripture:** Mark 1:9-11, Titus 3:4-7

**Prayer of illumination**

**Sermon:** *Growing Up* ..... Pastor Anita Kehr

## Responding to God's Word

**Song of faith:** *Lord, I am fondly, earnestly* ..... H 514

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

## Sending

**Sending song:** *Rain down*

**Sending blessing**

**Postlude**

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

Chorister: Paul Schrag

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: Tyler Shelly

Visuals: Carol Hiebert

Property: Rod Schmidt

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## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### 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

### Monday, August 20

- 7:00 PM Property Committee

### Tuesday, August 21

- 7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission

### Wednesday, August 22

- 7:00 PM Emergency Plan review for greeters, ushers, and Sunday School teachers

### Sunday, August 26—Worship in the Park—*Some Glad Morning*

- (No Sunday School)
- 10:30 AM Worship Service

### Upcoming Worship Services

September 2—

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

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018**

**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.

**The Caregiving and Membership Commission** has completed the review of John Sommer, including a professional risk assessment, as required by the policies adopted by our church. As a result of our review and with the approval of the Church Board, John is welcomed to attend all activities of the congregation. John has also signed a Limited Access (Participation) Agreement. If you have any questions, please talk with a member of the Caregiving and Membership Commission.

**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**. Please bring finger food to share and bring your lawn chairs/blankets. A carry-in picnic lunch will follow the service.

**The Caregiving and Membership Commission** is counting on you to bring extra food next Sunday to provide for "Additional Members and Friends" who are invited to attend our Worship in the Park and church picnic next week. We will also be providing nametags for EVERYONE to wear, to help us get better acquainted or re-acquainted with those attending. See you next Sunday!

## SR. HIGH YOUTH

*With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:  
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### FIRST MENNONITE YOUTH MINISTRY IS BACK!!



**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)



**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.

### Community Announcements

**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!

**MCC needs your help** to gather 75 more prisoner care kits by August 24 so our local partner Offender/Victim Ministries, Inc. can distribute kits to men at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility. These kits are tangible reminders to inmates that they are loved and not forgotten. The most needed items are: men's deodorant (2.25 oz or more), men's white crewneck t-shirts (size L or XL- new only), men's white briefs (size L or XL- new only). Please bring these items or completed kits (full list of kit contents, [mcc.org/mrc/kits](http://mcc.org/mrc/kits)) to the MCC Material Resources Center at 121 East 30th Street, North Newton, KS by August 24. Thank you for making a difference here in Kansas! Questions, please contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org), 283-2720.

**Potential Giving Project:** Is your Sunday School or another group in your church looking for a giving project for fall? Does your family have a tradition of giving to an organization instead of giving gifts to each other each Christmas? Prairie View, one of WDC's Institutional Partners, has a wish list of recreation equipment They would appreciate it if you would donate cash, so they may purchase the items to "appropriate need and specifications." Please go to [www.prairieview.org](http://www.prairieview.org).

**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.

**Everence will host an all-inclusive** retirement planning workshop on Saturday, September 8, 9:00-11:30 AM. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will take place at MCC Central States Office, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

**2018 Inaugural Bluestem Communities 5K PACE Race**—Saturday, September 15, 9:00 AM. Register now at bluestemks.org. The race will benefit the Bluestem PACE Good Neighbor Fund.

**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 or call us at 620-297-3290.

**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 Celebration pictures from August 5 (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

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

#### **Attendance:**

•Worship—206 Visitors—10 Sunday School—143

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Local Mission Fund was \$5,883. The offering for August 26 is for Local Mission.

**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 today, 8:15 AM (donuts and coffee provided) or Wednesday, August 22, 7:00 PM.

**KIPCOR Process Funding**—The Church Board thanks all of you who 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.

**Free firewood**—Harland and Oneta Unruh had a large tree cut down at their house. If you are interested in the wood, you are welcome to come and take some. The pieces are large and you will need to split and haul your own. If you have any questions call Harland at 283-2843.