

Wisdom September 2, 2018

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Gathering

Gathering song: *Farther Along* Ben's Band

Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)

Prelude: *Psalm 40*

Call to worship and prayer.....Pastor Kay Schroeder
Selected verses from Proverbs 8

Praising

Song of faith: *God of Wonder*

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Ken Frey

Special musicKenna Graber, flute; Amanda Rempel, piano
In Heavenly Love Abiding by Felix Mendelsson arranged by Brent Olstad

Christian Education Workers Dedication Litany (insert)
Led by Betty Pauls, Nurture Commission

Song of faith: *O God, your constant care*H 481

Offering: Mennonite Central Committee

Offertory: *Be thou my vision* arr. Dale Wood
(Please pass the welcome pads)

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: I Corinthians 1:18-24; James 1:17-27

Sermon: *Wisdom Calls*..... Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *This is a story full of love* (verses 1, 2, 4, 7) H 315

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *Holy Spirit, come with power*

Sending blessing

Postlude: *Little fugue in B flat* J. S. Bach

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

Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder

Musicians: Amanda Rempel, organist; Ben's band: Ben Regier, Dwayne Abrahams, Tim Regier, Ken Regier, Austin Regier

Childcare: Amanda Menninga, Camryn Entz

Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, John Good, Janice Good

Audio Tech: Ryan Koehn

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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
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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 2—*Wisdom*—Proverbs 8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-24;
James 1:17-27

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

Monday, September 3

Church Office Closed—Labor Day

Wednesday, September 5

7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, September 6

7:00 PM Nurture Commission

Sunday, September 9—*Wisdom and Justice*—Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9,
22-23; James 2:1-17

7:45 AM Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service

Upcoming Worship Services

September 16—*Wisdom and Speech*—Selections from Proverbs;
James 3:1-12

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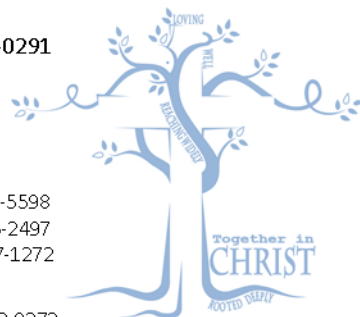
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First Mennonite Church
Pursuing the Wisdom of God

SR. HIGH YOUTH

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YOUTH FALL RETREAT—Sat., Sept. 1 (2:02 pm) —Mon., Sept. 3 (1:33 pm)

▶▶ NO Sr. High Sunday School TODAY (8-2-18)

September's Hi "C" focus = "C"OMMUNITY

YOUTH GROUP—Wednesday, Sept. 5 @ 7:03 pm in Youth



FAMILY NIGHT SAFETY MONITORS NEEDED—The Safety Team and Safe Sanctuaries Committee are needing volunteers to serve as Safety Monitors during Church Family Nights beginning September 26. Safety Monitors will help ensure safety for all who gather at FMC. There will be two shifts (5:30-7:00 PM and 7:00-8:30 PM) each Wednesday evening. For more information or to volunteer, contact Pat Denno.

The Safety Team is exploring new avenues to inform persons during an emergency situation. We are currently needing a data entry person. If you have interest, please contact Pastor Joel.

Here's an opportunity. The Women's Fellowship is offering equipment and supplies to anyone interested in starting a quilting/sewing group at FMC. If interested call Geraldine Wiebe (283-1309) or Kathryn Penner (283-2231) by October 1, after which further decisions will be made. Women's Fellowship will meet for coffee fellowship in October.

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

The Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group will meet in Menno Hall on Tuesday, September 4, 2:00 PM. We will view inspirational videos featuring persons with Parkinson's Disease, followed by small group discussion and response. All are welcome.

Help us finish the playground at Camp MennoScah! The new slides and cable climber for the Whale playground have arrived, and we need your help! We will install them on Friday, September 7, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Please

help us by volunteering for the day or half a day! Contact camp at 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoScah.org. Bring a friend!

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 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.

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.

Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring an evening clerk & housewares manager for 30-40 hours/week. In cooperation with the larger management team, this person receives and processes donations; trains and supervises volunteers; prepares volunteer projects and work spaces; helps manage the sales floor; and participates in regular system evaluation and store planning. We're also hiring a clothing sorter & receiver for 12-16 hours/week. Both job descriptions and applications are available at the store (619 N. Main), via e-mail at generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com, or at newtonetceterashop.com. Applications are due Monday, September 10, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail. Newton Et Cetera Shop is an equal opportunity employer, committed to employment equity. Newton Et Cetera Shop values diversity and encourages all qualified candidates to apply.

Be Brave, Be Bold, Be You! Women & Girls Retreat, September 7-9 at Camp Mennoscah—there's still time to register. There's something for everyone. Yoga, swimming, art, spiritual direction and much more! Don't miss it! Open to all women and girls grade 3 and older. Registration information at: mennowdc.org/women-girls-retreat/.

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.

Camp Mennoscah is 70 years old—and thriving! Come to camp on Sunday, September 23, as we dedicate The Whale playground and celebrate Camp Mennoscah's 70th Anniversary at the Annual Meeting! All are welcome to attend. Events are part of the Work & Play Camp starting on September 21. Annual Meeting events begin with worship at 10:00 AM on Sunday with the Whale playground dedication at 5:00 PM and annual meeting following. Register online at campmennoscah.org to let us know you're coming to celebrate with us!

Area singers are invited to join a mass choir for Hesston College's Masterworks concert Saturday, September 22. The concert, entitled "Grant Us Peace," will be a performance of Vaughan William's "Dona Nobis Pacem" in celebration of the International Day of Peace. The rehearsal schedule can be found at hesston.edu/peace. Choir members are requested to make a \$20 donation if possible to help cover the cost of music. Contact russell.adrian@hesston.edu or 620-327-8143 to join the choir or for questions.

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 Loren, Nancy, and Derek Entz, Nathan and Christina Stang (Court Area display case); Sam and Barbara Claassen (Library display case); and Rannie and Carol Goering (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

•Worship—173 Visitors—12

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission Fund was \$7,649. The offering for September 9 is for Local Mission.

Receiving or has received care—Kathleen Neff, Via Christi St. Francis Hospital.

The Caregiving and Membership Commission would like to thank everyone who "went the extra mile" last Sunday by bringing extra food and extending a warm welcome to our "Additional Members and Friends" guests.

You are invited to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of Reed and Alice Graber next Sunday, September 9, with a come and go reception from 2:00-4:00 PM, in the Fireside Room, Sunshine Meadows Retirement Community, Buhler. No gifts requested.

Save the date—On October 14, we will have a presentation on bullying during the Sunday School hour for all individuals, Junior High through Senior Adults. More details will follow.