

Wisdom and Speech

September 16, 2018

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Gathering

Gathering song: *New earth, heavens new*.....*H 299

Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)

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

Call to worship and prayer John Good, worship leader
Proverbs 15:1-7 Jenna Ratzlaff, reader

Praising

Songs of faith: *This is a story full of love* (stanzas 1,2,3,4)H 315
Lord, speak to me..... H 499

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Sheralyn Goering

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Song of faith: *Taste and see*

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: James 3:1-12..... Pastor Joel Schroeder, Jenna Ratzlaff

Sermon: *Taming the Tongue*..... Pastor Kay Schroeder

Responding to God's Word

Pastoral prayer Pastor Anita Kehr

Sending

Sending song: *There are many gifts*..... H 304

Blessing

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Paul Schrag; Musicians: Joan Entz, Renee Hamm, Dan Miller, Rannie Goering, vocal-
ists; Ted Krehbiel, drums; Amanda Entz, bass; Donna Stucky, organist/pianist.
Childcare: Greg or Laura Myers, Amanda Menninga, Evelyn Gaertner
Ushers: Gus Dorado, Dave Goering, Mike Garcia, Andrea Regier
Audio Tech: Joey Menninga Video/Lighting Tech: Tyler Shelly
Visuals: Connie Claassen Property: Kevin Hamm
Bulletin Cover: "Mother Root" @ Jan Richardson, janrichardson.com

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**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 16—*Wisdom and Speech*—James 3:1-12;
Proverbs 15:1-7

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

Monday, September 17

7:00 PM Worship Commission
7:00 PM Property Committee

Wednesday, September 19

3:30 PM Safety Team Meeting
7:00 PM Youth Group
7:00 PM Choir

Saturday, September 22

9:00 AM Safe Sanctuaries Training—Jr. High Room

Sunday, September 23—*Wisdom and Action*—Proverbs 1:20-33;
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Grocery Shower for Casson and Kacie Schmidt—FH
10:30 AM Worship Service

Upcoming Worship Services

September 30—*Wisdom and Truth*—Selections from Proverbs 12;
James 5:13-20

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First Mennonite Church
Pursuing the Wisdom of God

SR. HIGH YOUTH

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Hi "C" focus 4 September = "C"OMMUNITY
YOUTH GROUP—Wed., Sept. 19 @ 7:03 pm in Youth Room!
"Why is it important for us to open our "community" circles to others?" Come to youth group and find out how passion for God and compassion for others change lives unexpectedly!



Safe Sanctuary Training—Do you have a desire to volunteer with our youth ministries and haven't attended Safe Sanctuary training? We will offer training for any FMC attendees that have not yet been trained on Saturday, September 22, 9:00-11:00 AM, in the Jr. High classroom. This training will be by reservation only, so please email or call Marsha Schmidt at rmkkschmidt@gmail.com or 316-288-6386 to reserve a spot.

It appears that Phase Three of the renovation project (lobby, windows, lights, etc.) is nearing completion. For efficiency purposes, it would be helpful to continue on with Phase Four which includes the classrooms and windows, etc. on the main floor. We, however, have a minor problem. We need \$100,000 before we begin Phase Four. We are currently accepting contributions and pledges for the Phase Four project. Please contact Kent Erb or Dewayne Pauls with your questions, concerns or donations. Thank you! ~The Capital Fund Development Committee

Grocery Shower—Join us in celebrating the marriage of Casson and Kacie (McGee) Schmidt which took place on June 16. The Fellowship Commission will host a grocery shower on **Sunday, September 23**, between Sunday School and the worship service (10:00-10:30 AM) in the Fellowship Hall. The congregation is invited to come greet the couple, enjoy some punch and cookies and offer a grocery gift. We will also be having a card/money basket shower at that time as well to celebrate Kaven and Crystal Denno's wedding that took place on June 1. They are currently living in Highland Ranch, Colorado. If you are unable to attend but would like to offer a gift, you may bring your gift to the church office.

~The Fellowship Commission

Safe Hope is in need of food donations. Their food pantry is extremely low. The pantry provides survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault with food and basic need items. If you would like to donate, please bring non-perishable food items to 316 North Oak Street in Newton between 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Monday-Friday.

Church Family Night will once again be sponsoring a shoebox packing party for Operation Christmas Child. The children will be packing shoeboxes for children all

around the world. Please start saving shoeboxes and other donations for the boxes. The collection box is in the Court Area.

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.

CHURCH 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.

Mark your calendars for Fall Church Family Night, beginning Wednesday, September 26. Supper will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Following supper, there will be activities for all ages. All kids (including preschoolers) will meet in room 123 for singing at 6:45 PM. The Preschoolers, ages 3 and 4, will then meet in room 234 after singing. K-6th grade will meet in room 123. Jr. High will meet in room 126, High School will be in room 122-124, Adult Bible Study in room 224, and Choir will meet in the Sanctuary. Please join us and bring your friends for Fall Church Family Night!

The Allies Group, which supports people with various sexual identities and their families and friends, will meet Sunday, September 30, at FMC in room 224 on the main floor to hear Rachel Waltner Goossen speak on the topic, *Finding a Denominational Home: Queer Mennonites and Their Allies Seeking Justice*.

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.

Community Announcements

M-2 Prison Visitation Volunteer Opportunity—Jesus calls us to visit the prisoner! At Hutchinson Correctional Facility (HCF) there are over 50 inmates who are waiting for a visit. Through Offender/Victim Ministries' M-2 Program, you have the opportunity to visit an inmate one evening a month. New volunteer training for

M-2 will be on Monday, September 17, 12:00 PM, at HCF or Thursday, September 20, 7:00 PM, at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. Please contact Ben Kreider for more information at ben@offendervictimministries.org or (316) 281-5244.

Fun times at Work & Play Camp, September 21-25! This is our service-oriented retreat with tasks for all skill levels and ability. All ages are invited to come for a full or partial retreat. No fees but donations are welcome. Register online at campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290!

Join Hesston College and thousands of others around the world in celebration of International Day of Peace, September 21, with several days of activities promoting peace. The cornerstone event will be the *Grant Us Peace* masterworks concert at 7:00 PM, Saturday, September 22, at Hesston Mennonite Church. The free program will feature Ralph Vaughn Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem* by a college/community choir and professional orchestra. Go to hesston.edu/peaceday to see more Peace Day activities in which the public is invited to participate.

Generosity and Estate Planning workshop—Everence, alongside 14 sponsoring agencies, will host a workshop on Tuesday, September 25, 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Topics will include the spiritual call to generosity and intentional planning, tax and estate planning tools, and insights into planning a move to a life plan community. Speakers will include Michele Hershberger, attorney Cynthia Wiens, Arlan Yoder CPA, and representatives from Bluestem communities. This workshop will take place at The Meridian Center, 1420 E. Broadway Ct, Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Sandy Popp at 316-283-3800; 877-467-7294 or sandy.popp@everence.com.

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.

Camp Mennoscah will have a booth at Bethel College's Fall Festival on October 6. The booth will feature monstrous monster cookies, water, and camp souvenirs for sale. Stop to say howdy, buy a cookie (or t-shirt) and head off to your next Fall Fest adventure!

Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats are October 26-28 and November 2-4. Register online at campmennoscah.org! Further questions? Call 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 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—204 Visitors—5 Sunday School—167

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission Fund was \$6,974. The offering for September 23 is for Local Mission.

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow! The August financials are done, we only over spent by \$71.13! However, we are still behind for the year by \$44,895.45. God is Good and He has blessed us! Please prayerfully consider how you can pass on your blessings. ~ Financial Stewardship Committee

THANK YOU for all the words, cards, and notes of encouragement in celebration of my 20th Anniversary of my ordination into ministry! ~Pastor Joel

Pastor Anita will be on vacation September 20-24.

Correction: When we had the Christian Education dedication two weeks ago, we missed putting Cal Frye on the list, who is serving as a Sunday School statistician!

Hear ye! Hear ye! Choir began last Wednesday. We meet at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. You are invited to participate! Seasoned and still marinating singers alike are welcome! Questions? Contact Pastor Kay at kays@firstmennonitenewton.org.

A support group for primary survivors of sexual abuse will meet on Tuesday, September 18. Please contact Sean Claassen, member of Caregiving Commission, for necessary details if you are a survivor and would like to attend. Sean can be reached at 541-729-0517.