

# Wisdom and Action

## September 23, 2018

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### Gathering

**Gathering songs:** *Like a Lion*  
*In Christ Alone*

**Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)**

**Opening scripture:** Proverbs 1:20-22, 24-28, 32-33

**Prelude**.....Melody Bontrager, Amanda Entz, pianists

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

### Praising

**Songs of faith:** *Your Grace is Enough*  
*One Thing Remains*

**Greet one another; children come forward**

**Children's focus** ..... Erin Graber

**Kingdom report** .....Sharon Harder, mission worker

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

**Offering:** Local Mission

**Offertory**

(Please pass the welcome pads)

**Song of faith:** *This is a story full of love* (stanzas 1, 3, 5) ..... \*H 315

### Hearing God's Word

**Scripture:** James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

**Sermon:** *Wisdom Works* .....Pastor Joel Schroeder

### Responding to God's Word

**Active response**

**Song of faith:** *Reckless Love*

### Sending

**Sending blessing**

**Postlude**

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\*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book \*\*CS denotes Companion Songbook  
Chorister: Matthew Graber; Musicians: Melody Bontrager, Amanda Entz, pianists; Joey Menninga, Joan Entz, Michelle Regier, Bryan Kehr, Seth Bontrager, Tim Regier.  
Childcare: Chris Weaver, Sarah Koehn  
Ushers: Alan Entz, Ryan Nye, Jan Groves, Wenda Black  
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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
- Community-Connected

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, September 23**—*Wisdom and Action*—Proverbs 1:20-22, 24-28, 32-33;  
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

**Wednesday, September 26**—**Church Family Night**

- 5:30 PM Meal served by Christian Fellowship  
Menu: Ham Loaf, Scalloped Potatoes, BBQ Green Beans, French Bread,  
Dessert
- 6:45 PM Children—ages 2 years to 6th grade—Gather in Room 123
- 6:45 PM Adult Bible Study—Room 222-224  
2018 Theme—FMC's 12 Foundational Scriptures
- 6:45 PM Choir (Sanctuary)
- 6:45 PM Jr. High (Room 126)
- 6:45 PM Youth Group (Youth Rooms)

**Thursday, September 27**

- 7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission

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

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

**Upcoming Worship Services**

**October 7 at 4:00 PM (note the time change)**—Joint Worship and Communion  
Service with Casa Betania.

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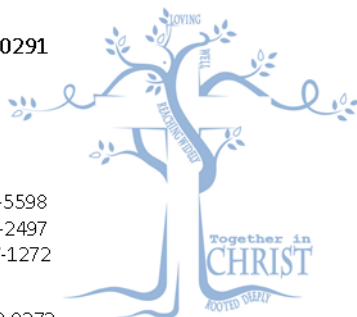
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**First Mennonite Church**  
**Pursuing the Wisdom of God**



**Hi "C" focus 4 September = "C"OMMUNITY**  
**YOUTH GROUP**—Wed., Sept. 26 @ 6:13 pm in Youth Room!  
It's **WORSHIP** night! We'll worship in community at the Bethel College trailhead (east of tennis courts) with singing, fire, and food! If you prefer, meet us at the trailhead at 7:03.



**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.

#### From the FMC Safety Team:

- REMINDER: Safety at FMC is everyone's responsibility.
- Safety Monitors are **needed** for Church Family Nights. Please contact Pat Denno.
- FMC is hosting an A.L.I.C.E. (active shooter) training on Saturday, October 27, 10:00AM. Everyone is welcome.

**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.

**Mark your calendars for Fall Church Family Night**, beginning this 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, 4:00 PM, 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*.

**The Life Sharing Class** has accepted the opportunity to use the supplies and equipment in their sewing and quilting group. God is Good! A big thank you to Kevin Miller for

cleaning the closet for Women's Fellowship! Women's Fellowship will meet for coffee fellowship in October.

**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

**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.

**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.

**Come to Hesston College for Homecoming 2018:** Celebrating 60 years of Lark Intercollegiate Athletics. The weekend, September 27-30, will be filled with events for all ages for alumni, friends and the public. Highlights include alumni athlete and coach presentations, recognition of Kansas City General Hospital nursing graduates, Two-Mile Run/Walk: The Manickam Mosey, a free picnic meal and kids' festival, naming of Sieber Field soccer field and headline entertainment by bluegrass favorites, The Steel Wheels. See the full weekend schedule and register for events at [hesston.edu/homecoming](http://hesston.edu/homecoming). Buy Steel Wheels tickets at [hesston.edu/bookstore](http://hesston.edu/bookstore).

**Bethel College Wind Ensemble** season premiere concert, Friday, September 28, 7:30 PM, featuring guest composer Cait Nishimura, as well as works by Stephen Montague, Gustav Holst, George Gershwin and Arturo Marquez in Memorial Hall.

**Everence will offer its popular retirement workshop, *Your Medicare options***, on Tuesday, October 2, at 6:30 PM. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will be held at MCC Central States Office, 121 E. 30th, North Newton, Kansas. Refreshments will be served. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at 283-3800; 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

**Hesston College Theatre** presents its fall comedy, *The Misanthrope*, with four performances October 4-7. The play, by Moliere, is a 17th century comedy with a playful 21st century twist. Showtime on October 4-6 is 7:00 PM and 2:00 PM on October 7. All performances are in the Keim Center Black Box Theatre on the Hesston College campus. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, and can be purchased in advance through the Hesston College Bookstore at 620-327-8105.

**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!

**Prayers for Peace**, a service planned by the Newton Mennonite churches, will take place on **Sunday, October 7, 7:00 PM**, at New Creation Mennonite Fellowship. You are all invited to this time of scripture, prayer, music, and reflection.

**Entrepreneurship—You're Invited.** MEDA-Kansas Chapter will have a meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 6:00 PM, Journey @ Yoder. Registration is free. Meal catered by Carriage Crossing in Yoder. RSVP by September 28 at [meda.org/Kansas](http://meda.org/Kansas).

**KIPCOR Core Skills: Communication Skills for Tense Times**—Join us for KIPCOR's new Continuing education Series for Everyone! You will engage with local and regional experts each month to gain the everyday skills you need to lead and thrive in a diverse, changing, and polarized world. Take home skills for use in your families, workplaces, and communities. The first session is on October 11, 6:00 –8:30 PM, at the Kaufman House. Register online at [kipcor.org](http://kipcor.org) and registration cost is \$25.

**Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats** are October 26-28 and November 2-4. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org)! Further questions? Call 620-297-3290.

**The worst monsoon flooding** in a century has damaged roads, homes and sources of income for hundreds of thousands of people in the Kerala state of India. As displaced people are returning to their homes, Mennonite Central Committee is working with Gilgal Mission Trust in India to provide tarps, food baskets, cooking utensils, and cleaning and hygiene items. Donations to support the response can be given online at [mcc.org/india-flooding](http://mcc.org/india-flooding); by phone at 888-563-4676; or by mail to MCC U.S., 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

**SEE THE WORLD-FAMOUS OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY** in Bavaria, Germany in 2020. Join tour host Pastor Weldon Martens of Grace Hill Mennonite Church on a ten-day tour to Germany, France, and Switzerland for the **Oberammergau Passion Play**, August 15-25, 2020. The *Passion Play* first held in 1634 is held every ten years. We will see the Swiss Alps, the Black Forest, German Castles, and enjoy a Rhine River Cruise. Daily devotions led by Pastor Weldon. The tour is limited to 25 travelers. See the tour brochure and register at [www.travelwithweldon.com](http://www.travelwithweldon.com) or contact Pastor Weldon for a brochure or information at 402-202-9276 or [weldon.martens@gmail.com](mailto:weldon.martens@gmail.com).

**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 Delores Yoder (Court Area display case); David and Elena Wiebe (Library display case); Rannie and Carol Goering (Court Area display case); and various pictures from the Preschool Sunday School class (Court Area display case). Take a look at these display cases and learn more!

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

##### **Attendance:**

•Worship—259 Visitors—13 Sunday School—151

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Local Mission Fund was \$5,382. The offering for September 30 is for Western District.

**In Sympathy**—Melba Woelk (91), Harland Unruh's sister, passed away on Monday, September 10. We extend our condolences to Harland and Oneta.

**In Sympathy**—Elizabeth Bitikofer (84), Kathleen Neff's mother, passed away on Friday, September 14. We extend our condolences to Kathleen, Dana, and Darnell.

**In Sympathy**—Kenneth Pulaski (78), Betty Roth's brother passed away on Friday, September 14. We extend our condolences to Betty.

**In Sympathy**—Esther L. Harms (99), Larry Becker's mother-in-law, passed away on Monday, September 17. Her funeral service will be held at Countryside Bible Church in Meade on October 1. We extend our condolences to Larry, Bryan, Kathy and the rest of the family.

**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

**For your information and planning**—A joint worship and communion service with Casa Betania will be held on October 7 at 4:00 PM with a potluck supper following.