

Wisdom and Justice

September 9, 2018

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Gathering

Gathering song: *God of grace and God of glory*.....*H 366

Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)

Prelude: *The Heart of Worship* by Matt Redman Nora Miller, pianist

Call to worship and prayer..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

Praising

Songs of faith: *This is a story full of love* (stanzas 1,4,5,6) H 315
Help us to help each other H 362

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focus Keith Knopp

Song of faith: *God, whose giving* H 383

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; James 2:1-17

Sermon: *Favorites* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *For the healing of the nations*..... H 367

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *Praise with joy the world's Creator*

Sending blessing

Postlude

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

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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 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

Wednesday, September 12

7:00 PM Youth Group
7:00 PM Choir

Thursday, September 13

7:00 PM Church Board

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

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

Upcoming Worship Services

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

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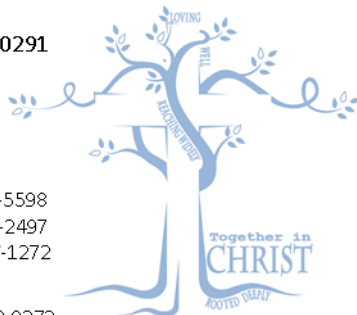
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First Mennonite Church
Pursuing the Wisdom of God

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**) 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

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.

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.

SR. HIGH YOUTH *With Jesus as the center, we are called to be:
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Hi "C" focus + September = "C"OMMUNITY 
YOUTH GROUP—Wednesday, Sept. 12 @ 7:03 pm in Youth Room!
We'll be doing a Newton community wide scavenger hunt. It will be a **BLAST!**
(Invite friends! We want to be a welcoming community and grow together on our faith journeys!)

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. There will be a class for Preschoolers, ages 3 and 4, in room 234. Jr. High will be meeting in room 126, High School 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!

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

KIPCOR Film Series presents two short films about immigration, *To Breathe Free* and *Locked in a Box*, today, 3:00 PM. There will be a talkback with Harold Schlechtweg, advocacy director, International Rescue Committee, Wichita in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.

Centering Prayer continues to meet most Mondays, noon-1:00 PM, in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. Try it once, come occasionally or join us regularly—all are welcome, with no previous experience with Centering Prayer required. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com, or Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu.

Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring an evening clerk and 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 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.

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.

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!

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!

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—198 Visitors—18 Sunday School—165

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission Fund was \$6,087. The offering for September 16 is for Local Mission.

MISSING FROM FELLOWSHIP HALL: A quilted wall hanging that has been on the east side of Fellowship Hall is missing. It is approximately four feet square with red, burgundy and gold colors and features a bouquet of flowers. If you have any information as to its location, please contact Janice Good or Neva Frey. Thank you!

Hear ye! Hear ye! Choir begins this Wednesday, September 12 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.

Come help us celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of Reed and Alice Graber, today, September 9, 2:00-4:00 PM. The come and go reception will take place in the Fireside Room, Sunshine Meadows Retirement Community, Buhler.

~Kelson and Kenna Graber