

# Eastertide: Reflecting

## June 2, 2019

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### Gathering

**Gathering song:** *Come, Thou Fount*

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

**Opening words** ..... June Thomsen, worship leader

**Centering**

**Prayer**

### Praising

**Songs of faith:** *I Will Always Bless the Lord*  
*Psalm 16: I Will Not Be Shaken*

**Greet one another; children come forward**

**Children's focus** ..... Keith Knopp

**Song of faith:** *Wait Alone in Stillness*

**Offering:** Bethel College

**Offertory:** *Take My Whole Heart*  
(Please pas the welcome pads)

**Offering response:** *Praise God from whom* (stanza A).....H 119

## Hearing God's Word

**Scripture** ..... Bruce Rosario, reader  
2 Corinthians 3:12-18; Matthew 28:16-20

**Sermon:** *One Degree to Another* ..... Pastor Anita Kehr

**Responding**

### Responding to God's Word

**Song of faith:** *I Love to Tell the Story*

**Pastoral prayer**

### Sending

**Sending song:** *This Little Light*

**Sending words**

**Postlude**

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\*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book    \*\*CS denotes Companion Songbook  
Chorister: Carol Entz; Bluegrass Band: Ben Regier, Ken Regier, Dwayne Abrahams, Tim Regier, Austin Regier.  
Childcare: Amanda Menninga, Chuck Regier, Camryn Entz  
Nurse: Shirley Dietzel, Kathleen Andres  
Ushers: Rick Ortman, Rod Schmidt, John Good, Janice Good  
Audio Tech: Ryan Goertzen-Regier    Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy  
Visuals: Michelle Claassen    Property Committee: John Good

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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, June 2—Eastertide—Reflecting

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:06 PM Youth Group Bible Study

### Tuesday, June 4

- 7:00 PM Nurture Commission

### Thursday, June 6

- 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study

### Sunday, June 9—Pentecost

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:06 PM Youth Group Bible Study

### Upcoming Worship Services

- June 16—VBS Worship at Athletic Park; Potluck lunch
- June 30—Baptism and Communion

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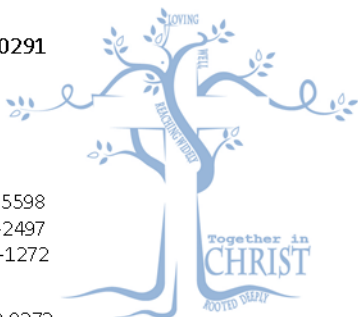
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# Our Unfolding Story:

- ⇒ *Responding to the Word*
- ⇒ *Renewing Hearts*
- ⇒ *Reflecting Hope*

Responding

**Recognizing**

**Reflecting**

Redeemed

Rejoicing

Renewed  
Restored

**First Mennonite Church**

June 2, 2019

**VBS will be held June 12-16**—Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 6:00-8:00 PM, and Saturday, 9:00 -11:00 AM at Shalom Mennonite Church, with Worship in the Park on Sunday. This year, we are joining Shalom Mennonite, Faith Mennonite and New Creation. The theme this year is "Who is My Neighbor?" Each night will begin with worship and then students will move to four stations. The stations are Bible response, crafts, active response, and snack. The evening will end with a large gathering and ending song. Students will be divided into four age groups: Pre-Kindergarten (must be age 4 to attend) through Sixth Grade. We are needing helpers for the four age groups in each of the stations, as well as someone for drama and for the worship band. Please sign up in the Gathering Area next week or let one of the Nurture Committee members know of your interest.

**Children's Time Helpers**—We are looking for people to help with child care for our young children during the church service each Sunday. This is a blessing to our families with small children who may not be ready to sit through the church service yet! It is typically a once-a-month commitment. There are two adults and one youth playing with and caring for children ages 2-5 during church. No prep is required, just a love of our children. Safe Sanctuaries training and a background check are required (if interested but you haven't had these—let me know). Please contact Stephanie Weaver (stephweaver@live.com or 316-772-0731).

**Summer Sunday School teachers**—We are looking for a few more people to teach the summer SS class for our 2nd-6th graders. You can volunteer to teach just one Sunday, or more. This format for our summers gives our regular teachers a short break from teaching and allows more people a chance to teach our children for a Sunday or two, even if it's not something you want to do on a regular basis. Our curriculum provides all that you need, including many various ideas and projects! Please consider and if interested, contact Betty Pauls, Deb Ratzlaff, Bryan Kehr, or Stephanie Weaver.

**NT CRISPR Challenge 44.4** (Week 25)—**June 2** Revelations 13:1-14:20; **June 3** Revelations 15:1-16:21; **June 4** Revelations 17; 18; **June 5** Revelations 19:1-21; 20:1-15; **June 6** Revelations 21:1-27; **June 7** Revelations 22:1-21.

## SR. HIGH YOUTH



Sunday (6/2) @ 9:15 am—Sunday School

@ 6:06 pm—Song/Study/Solo+supper at Bethel College trailhead

Sunday (6/9) @ 6:06 pm—Song/Study/Solo+supper

Sundays (6/16, 23, 30)—MennoCon19 PREP!

July 2-6—MENNOCON19 (Mennonite Youth Convention)

July 11—Youth Sunday!



## Community Announcements

**Centering Prayer continues to meet** most Mondays from noon to 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 necessary. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com, or Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu.

**The Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group** will meet in Menno Hall on Tuesday, June 4, 2:00 PM. Mike and Debbie Dennis will share their journey with Parkinson's Disease.

**We're in search of a new Program Director** for Prison Ministries! This part-time position coordinates our M-2 Prison Visitation and Prison Arts programs at Hutchinson Correctional Facility. Check out the complete job listing on our website at [offendervictimministries.org](http://offendervictimministries.org). Reviewing applications until position is filled.

**Summer Youth Camps at Camp Mennoscah** still have openings! Gather your friends and tell them about the great things we do—campfire, river play, crafts, singing, nature, friendship bracelets, and more fun stuff! Camp is the sort of thing to share with everyone. Our summer theme is Peace Works: Empowering Peacemakers. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org)!

**Opportunities to serve with MCC Nicaragua and Honduras**—Do you excel in an administrative support role, helping to create and implement plans? Want to contribute to MCC's community development work in the Central America context? ¡Entonces, venga! Bring your organizational expertise, assessment tools, accompaniment experience, Spanish language skills and a desire to learn—right this way! MCC has 2 opportunities for you to consider, starting either **July 15, 2019** (in Nicaragua) or **January 6, 2020** (in Honduras). Visit [mcc.org/serve](http://mcc.org/serve), or contact [heidihuber@mcc.org](mailto:heidihuber@mcc.org) for more information.

**It's time to sign up for Summer 2019 Story Hour.** Story hour is a fun, free activity and a wonderful way for parents/grandparents to bond with children while having delightful book adventures. Enroll your children ages 3-8 for story hour now! Call/ email: 316-283-6300, [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org) or register online at [forms.gle/AnSemnebkm8xr8gg6](http://forms.gle/AnSemnebkm8xr8gg6). Dates and times are Mondays, June 17-July 22 at 9:30 AM.

**Mennonite Mission Network**, an international faith-based mission agency, is seeking a full-time interim (1 year) program director for Mennonite Voluntary Service. This position requires a collaborative leader who will work closely with young adults, hosting congregations and MVS staff in financial and unit administration. A bachelor's degree and prior inter-cultural experience in service is

preferred. Fluency in Spanish language is a plus. View the position description at [MennoniteMission.net](http://MennoniteMission.net). Send cover letter and resumé to [StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net).

**The West Zion Mennonite Church Concert Series** continues on Sunday, June 9, 7:00 PM, at the church in Moundridge, KS. Featured performers: Christopher Shaw, Organ; Andrew Thiesen, Trombone; and Family & Friends, a vocal quartet (members: Doug Huxman, Steve & Amy Sherbenou, and Jan Gilmore, accompanied by Donna Stucky). No admission charge, however a free-will offering will be received. Fellowship, with refreshments served after the concert.

**Camp cooks needed!** Camp Mennoscah is looking for 1-2 kitchen helpers for June 9-15 and one kitchen helper/cook for July 14-20. These are fun times with lots of camaraderie and silliness! All you need is love, willing hands, and a smiling face (after your morning coffee or tea). Camper discount available to parents who work as kitchen staff. Contact [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290 to sign up!

**Mennonite Mission Network** is looking to fill the following Service Adventure positions. Youth ages 17-20 can apply today at [MennoniteMission.net/SERVE](http://MennoniteMission.net/SERVE): **Art store assistant in Anchorage, AK:** Anchorage re: MADE is a resale store, helping people help themselves by repurposing donated and landfill-rescued items. Come volunteer with others to sort, clean, repurpose, paint or repair items to be sold. **Easter Seals assistant in Johnstown, PA:** Easter Seals is a non-profit organization that works with hearing impaired persons. Volunteer responsibilities would include administrative office duties, customer service, event planning and development. **Mentorship program assistant in Albuquerque, NM:** First Nations Community Healthsource is a clinic that is committed to providing health services to American Indian families and other under-served populations residing in Albuquerque and surrounding areas. Volunteers will help to facilitate the mentorship program at First Nations.

**Save the Date**—June 26 for our annual Volunteer Appreciation event at Mennonite Central Committee in North Newton from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. We will celebrate all the work our volunteers do by enjoying an indoor summer picnic together!

**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!

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

##### **Attendance:**

•Worship—175; Sunday School—No Sunday School; Visitors—8

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$5,066. The offering for June 9 is for Local Mission.

**For the five-month period through May 31** we have a loss of \$33,106.09. This means that we spent that much more than we received. If each giving unit would have given \$245 more for this period of time, we would have met our expenses.  
~Dewayne Pauls, Treasurer

**A special thank you to** Pastors Anita and Kay for their constant concerns while I was at Wesley, Newton Medical Center, and Sedgwick Care Center. Also for the cards, visits, and food that was given to us. One year has been a long time to be down. Everything was appreciated. God bless each of you.  
~Willis and Anna Marie Harder

**Pastor Joel and Pastor Kay are** taking some vacation time and will be out of the office Friday, May 31–Monday, June 3.

**Mark your calendars!** Madelynn Hamm will be baptized on June 30 during the worship service. As a part of that service we will also partake of communion with Madelynn, Payton, Emily, Anna and Derek for the first time!

**Prayer Places:** If you're interested in scheduling an extended prayer time in either the "upper room" balcony prayer room or in the Warkentin Room, please coordinate with the church office. We hope you will!

**Can one person or one small group accomplish anything?** To get the answer, view the new exhibits which give glimpses into the lives of Sister Frieda Kaufman and the Deaconess Sisterhood. Who were they? Did they impact our congregation? ...the wider community? Compiled by the Historical Committee, the presentations are located in the corner display cabinets at the west end of the Gathering Area.