

Eastertide: Responding

May 5, 2019

Gathering

Gathering song: *Lord, speak to me*..... *H 499

Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)

Opening words Peter Wintermote, worship leader

Centering: *Create in me a clean heart, O God*
Seth Bontrager, vocalist; Melody Bontrager, accompanist

Prayer

Praising

Songs of faith: *Psalms 40*
If I Stand

Greet one another; children come forward

Children's focusErin Graber

Song of faith: *I am thine, O Lord*.....H 505

Kingdom celebration: Blessing of Prayer Places

Offering: Camp Mennoscah

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

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

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40

Sermon: *Prevenience* Pastor Anita Kehr

Responding

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *Zephaniah 3:17*

Pastoral prayer Pastor Kay Schroeder

Sending

Sending song: *Do It All*

Sending words

Postlude

*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book **CS denotes Companion Songbook
Chorister: Daryl Unruh, Musicians: Jyl Ewy, pianist; Ben's Band: Ben Regier, Austin Regier, Tim Regier, Dwayne Abrahams
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: Eugene Waltner
Visuals: Connie Claassen Property Committee: Kevin Hamm

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, May 5—Eastertide—Responding

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

Monday, May 6

3:45 PM Worship Commission—Warkentin Room

Thursday, May 9

7:00 PM Church Board

Saturday, May 11

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast—Room 224

Sunday, May 12—Eastertide—Redeemed

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

Upcoming Worship Services

May 19—Eastertide—Rejoicing

May 25-26—Camp Mennoscah Weekend—Renewed and Restored

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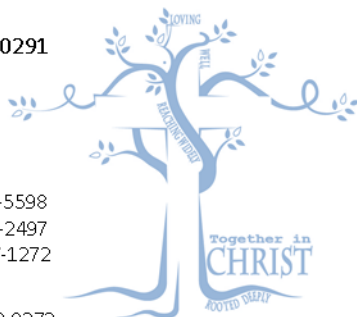
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Our Unfolding Story:

⇒ Responding to the Word

⇒ Renewing Hearts

⇒ Reflecting Hope

Recognizing

Redeemed

Reflecting

Rejoicing

Responding

Renewed Restored

First Mennonite Church

May 5, 2019

code. Also, when you come in, if you have a church key we ask you bring it with you and show it to Tracy so she can verify it with her list of who has keys.

~Property Committee

For security, the church office doors have been re-keyed. If you need something from the office, please come to the church during office hours or contact the office staff during office hours to make other arrangements. The office will be open at 8:00 AM on Sunday mornings. ~Property Committee

The Caregiving and Membership Commission is once again sponsoring the much-appreciated Adopt-A-Month congregational caregiving program. We are asking Sunday School classes, families, or individuals to adopt a month for a period of one year. During the month you adopt, you will visit individuals who can no longer attend church on or near their birthday. You can take them a birthday card, cookies, or just visit. Months have between one and four people to visit. Sunday School classes are encouraged to sign up for the larger months. The sign-up sheets will be in the Court Area **today**.

Attention men—All men are invited to a potluck breakfast in Room 224 on Saturday, May 11, 8:30 AM for a time of sharing, eating, and devotional.

SEAK 2.0 Summer Outreach Opportunity: Please sign up in the Court Area if you're interested! We are eating lunch and providing activities for children in our neighborhood in the yard behind New Creation Fellowship Church on Wednesdays and Fridays between June 10-July 26. Come visit with us in the Court Area for more info!

Homeless Shelter—Our next week to serve the Harvey County Homeless Shelter is May 15-21. If you are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 316-284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

Baptism Celebration—We celebrate with Emily Brandt, Derek Entz, Madelynn Hamm, Anna Harder, and Payton Hiebert who have all requested baptism at this time and will be baptized at Camp Mennoscah on May 26! They will be sharing their testimonies during worship on May 12 and 19.

NT CRISPR Challenge 44.4 (Week 21)—**May 5** Titus 1:1-3:15; **May 6** Philippians 1:1-25; **May 7** Hebrews 1:1-2:18; **May 8** Hebrews 3:1-4:16; **May 9** Hebrews 5:1-6:28; **May 10** Hebrews 7:1-8:13; **May 11** Hebrews 9:1-28. **May NT CRISPR Calendars** are available in the office.

VBS this summer will run conjointly with Shalom Mennonite Church, Faith Mennonite Church, and New Creation Fellowship. **The dates for VBS are June 12-16.** The 16th is at Athletic Park with combined worship and a strong children's component, followed by a carry-in meal. Watch for announcements about ways that you can be involved.

Community Announcements

The Parkinson's Support Group at Kidron Bethel Village will meet Tuesday, May 7, at 2:00 PM, in Menno Hall. Carole Stevens, head nutritionist for Bluestem Community, will present the program. All are welcome.

Love Crosses Borders: A Mennonite Men immersion experience with immigrants. Love is the greatest of all virtues. But what does love look like in times of cynicism and polarization? Borders are not only social constructs, they're also spiritual ones. Who's included? Who's excluded? How do we reconcile God's call to welcome the stranger with so much fear-filled rhetoric and policies? July 28-August 3, Mennonite Men will provide a week-long immersion experience with immigrants to engage these issues. To register or for more information, visit MennoniteMen.org or contact Steve Thomas at SteveT@Mennonites.org.

Mennonite Mission Network is looking to fill the following Service Adventure positions. Youth ages 17-20 can apply today at 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.

Looking for a way to save some money while you attend MCUSA Convention in Kansas City this summer? Do you like working with children in an upbeat environment? The Children's Program for MCUSA Convention held in Kansas City, MO July 1-6, is looking for eager volunteers to spend part of their convention time volunteering with children 5th grade and under. We need people willing to work with elementary-aged children, toddlers and infants, or

willing to lead interest stations. Both associate and part-time volunteers are still needed. If you are interested in any of these lovely opportunities, please email Renee Reimer at: ReneeEReimer@gmail.com with your interest

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!

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. Send cover letter and resumé to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net.

Friends, moms, dads, neighbors, grandparents, and other random volunteers welcomed! Camp Mennoscah is looking for kitchen helpers for the week of June 23-29. No great skills are needed; following directions is all that is necessary (bring your sense of humor and flexibility). Contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. Parents receive a camper discount up to full camp fees! It's going to be an amazing summer with amazing volunteers!

Two nurses are needed for Summer Youth Camps! Camp Mennoscah is looking for a camp nurse for the weeks of June 9-15 and June 23-29. Nurses receive a stipend or a full camper discount. Contact us at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290 to become one of our much adored nurses!

I was a stranger and you took me in. Matthew 25:35. The International Guest House in Washington DC (under the auspices of Allegheny Mennonite Conference) seeks to put these words into action through its mission of Christian hospitality. Volunteers are needed for short stints of four to six weeks this summer and beginning in January to help the hosts in cleaning, cooking, gardening, and interacting with guests who may come from all parts of the world. Room and board provided with two days off each week. The house is located near bus routes, bike paths, and there are ample parking spaces. For inquiries or an application, please call (202-726-5808) or email sfretzgoering@yahoo.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!

First Mennonite Church by the numbers

Attendance:

•Worship—205; Sunday School—144; Visitors—6

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$5,468. The offering for May 12 is for Local Mission.

Thanks to everyone who attended and donated for our youth group auction last Wednesday. It was a huge success with all the creative donations and monetary generosity! This will go a long way in funding our trip to the Mennonite Youth Convention this summer! With thanksgiving for such a supportive church family! ~FMC Youth Group and Sponsors

A reminder: If you are hurting or carrying heaviness in your heart, mind, or soul, you are invited and welcome to call the church office to schedule a time with one of the pastors or Caregiving Commission members for listening and prayer.

SAVE THE DATE! FMC is planning another fun weekend at Camp Mennoscah on May 25-26. Please plan on joining us on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. More information is in your church mailbox. **Registration begins today in the Court Area and payment is due at the time of registration.**

FMC's Story in Photos—What are the origins of First Mennonite in Newton? Within the 140-year existence of the congregation, what challenges have occurred? What highlights? Get familiar with FMC's story by viewing the photo exhibit which is now in the display cabinets. Start at the cabinet outside the Church Office, go to the two corner units and then finish at cabinet outside the Library.

New church codes—We are ready to hand out church door lock codes. Each family is assigned a code; if you would like to have a code to be able to get into the church, you need to come to the Church Office and Tracy will give you your