

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 21—Promises

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

Wednesday, July 24-30

Homeless Shelter Week

Sunday, July 28

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

Upcoming Worship Services

August 4—Bruce Rosario will be preaching

August 11—9:00 AM—Morning of worship, sharing and activity as one group (no separate Sunday School classes). We will begin with a light breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

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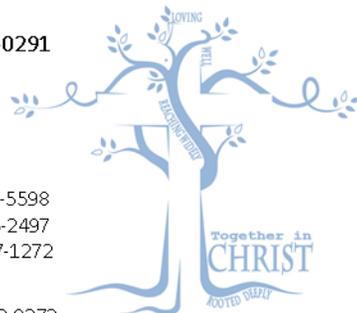
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First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
July 21, 2019

from Tracy in the church office. **Many thanks to Larry Becker for his help on this project.**

On Sunday, August 11, we will be having a morning of worship and sharing and activity, all together as one group, so there will be no separate Sunday School classes (adults or children) on that morning. We will begin at 9:00 AM with a light breakfast in the Fellowship Hall and go from there. Plan to come, and invite others to join you!

Thanks to all those who helped volunteer at SEAK 2.0 this summer! We were able to make contact and build relationships with over 60 children and their parents in our neighborhood over the past 7 weeks as we ate lunch and played together over the lunch hour at New Creation park. The program will continue for the next week. A big thanks to Peace Connections for initiating this project and to Shalom Mennonite and New Creation for helping us to serve our community and show our neighbors God's love.

The FMC Jail Ministry account is in need of replenishing. There has been a higher than usual demand for new Bibles in the jails. If you are able and willing, please consider giving to this very important fund! Checks can be made out to FMC with "Jail Ministry" written in the memo line. Thank you!

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!

Community Announcements

Tom and Lois Harder and their three daughters ("Five Times Harder") will perform a concert of folk and bluegrass music at First Mennonite Church of Hillsboro, KS on Wednesday July 24, 7:30 PM.

If you haven't registered yet for Western District Conference Annual Assembly, you can still register, but please make your own meal arrangements, as the catering headcount has been finalized. Please join us July 26-27 at Bethel College, North Newton, for "We Are Witnesses!" For more information, go to mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2019annualAssembly.

The Resource Library will be open Saturday, July 27, during Annual Assembly, 2:30-5:30 PM. Everyone is invited (whether attending assembly or not) to stop by for a scoop of ice cream and to tour the library. It's also a great opportunity to check out the beautiful artwork on loan from WDC congregations!

Family Festival—As a wrap-up to WDC Annual Assembly, on Saturday, July 27, 5:30-9:00 PM, there will be a gift of food, inflatables for the young and young of heart, music, and more at Bethel College. See the flyer in your church mailbox for more details.

Dementia Caregivers Support Group at Kidron Bethel Village: On the last Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM in Menno Hall Chapel, Kidron Bethel holds a support group meeting for persons who are caring for loved ones living with dementia. The group is open to participants from the wider Newton community and has affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association of Central and Western Kansas. Eric Massanari, KBV Chaplain, and Beth Penner, Associate Director of Independent Living, serve as group facilitators. Please contact Eric Massanari with any questions: 316-836-4829.

Experience the sights and sounds of a virtual tornado, and learn how Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) brings hope to survivors of disasters. Hesston College will host MDS's *The Storm Encounter* mobile theatre on Sunday, July 28, 3:00- 7:00 PM, on the northeast area of the Hesston College campus near Keim Center. The "encounter" experience takes about 30 minutes with groups of eight rotating into the exhibit every 15 minutes. Reserve a spot for your family, friends, youth group, Sunday School class or any other group by calling Cleo Koop at 316-282-0797. Walk-ups are also welcome.

Christopher Shaw will present an organ recital at Bethel College Mennonite Church, on Sunday, July 28, 3:00 PM. The recital will feature works by Bach, Clerambault, Krebs, Reger, and Vierne. There will be a hymn with settings by David Cherwien. Shaw will be joined by trombonist Andrew Thiesen for a piece composed by Schiffman.

Camp Mennoscah Young Adult Weekend on August 2-4! Young adults (18 and older) are invited to spend a weekend enjoying camp activities, worship, and fellowship. Attendees will share in preparing simple meals. Scholarships are available online in the registration process or contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 for information. Register at campmennoscah.org!

Mennonite Central Committee is now collecting Immigration detainee care kits. When people who have been placed in immigration detention centers are released, they often have nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Kits containing clothing and hygiene products can help to rebuild their dignity as they are taken to bus stations and airports to reconnect with their families in the U.S. Please visit mcc.org/immigrationkit for all the details of what goes into the kit and how the kits will be distributed. It is one small way we can share Christ's love with our neighbors. All kit supplies should be sent to MCC Central States 121 E. 30th, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117. Questions? Please contact MCC at 283-2720.

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.

Mennonite Mission Network is searching for a Marketing and Communication Assistant. If you love organization and are naturally gifted at customer service, we'd love to hear from you! And if you aren't but you know someone who is please encourage them to contact us. This position is for .75 FTE. Check out the job description here or send your resumé to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net.

Sing for Camp Mennoscah! We're having our annual Camp Sing celebration of a stunning summer of youth camps on August 11 at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church in Inman, KS. We'll start with a story time from 5:45-6:05 PM, followed by joyous singing at 6:30 PM. After joyfully worshiping in camp songs and hymns, we will share in popcorn, pop and conversation. All are invited, whatever your age or skill!

The Mental Health Spiritual Retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be September 1-2. The theme for the retreat is Living Peacefully! Come support each other and enjoy fellowship, music, and worship. This retreat is for individuals affected by mental illness, including family and friends. Register online at campmennoscah.org.

The 2019 issue of *Mennonite Life*, Bethel College's annual online journal, is now live at ml.bethelks.edu, with articles and reviews by Brad Born, Sarah Balzer, Rachel Waltner Goossen, Mark Jantzen, Donald Kraybill, Alec Loganbill, Jacob Miller, Weldon Schloneger, Keith Sprunger and Melanie Zuercher.

Are you looking for a summer sewing project? Mennonite Central Committee is running low on school kit bags! You can review the guidelines and instructions at mcc.org/get-involved/kits/bag. Please contact Kate Mast at katemast@mcc.org or 316-283-2720 with any questions.

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—210; Sunday School—151; Visitors—4

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$8,228. The offering for July 28 is for Local Mission.

In Sympathy—Alice Funk, Wendy Schrag's mother, passed away on Wednesday, July 17. We extend our condolences to Wendy, Paul, Rebecca, Abby, and Evan.

Homeless Shelter—Our next week to serve New Hope Homeless Shelter is July 24-30. If you are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 316-284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

Anita Kehr will be on vacation from July 24 through July 30.

Video person needed for Sunday morning worship services. If you are interested in being on the Video Team, please contact Eric Murphy. There is a rotating schedule and it takes about two hours of prep work when it's your Sunday.

For the next number of months we will be featuring the celebrations that we have had at FMC. The first celebration was in 1990. In the Library Showcase are pictures of our first celebration with the theme of "Celebrating God's Blessings." The banners from the first celebration are displayed in the Court Area. The Office Showcase is featuring the 1991 celebration of the "New Directions." Hopefully, these pictures will bring back memories of exciting times from the past.

~The Showcase Committee of Deckers, Goods, and Pauls

We would like to make available to those who are interested old videos of the church celebration on February 10 and 11, 1990, and the New Directions Reunion on July 12 and 13, 1991. The original tapes were recorded on VHS tapes by Larry Becker, and now Larry has converted these tapes to DVD disks to play on a DVD player and digital flash drives that can be played on your computer or some smart TV's. A number of the pictures in the showcases were snapshots taken from the old tapes. The almost-30-year-old tapes have deteriorated some, and so the quality is not up to the standards we may be used to. You may check these out