

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 28—Persistent Prayer

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

Wednesday, August 1

7:00 PM Nurture Commission

Sunday, August 4—Bruce Rosario will be preaching

7:45 AM Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service

Upcoming Worship Services

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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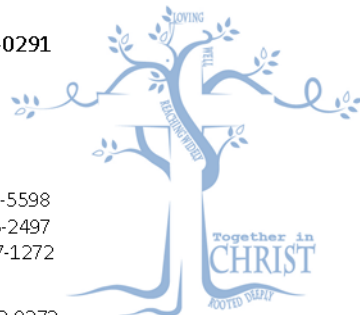
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First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
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quality is not up to the standards we may be used to. You may check these out from Tracy in the church office. **Many thanks to Larry Becker for his help on this 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

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.

Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk—Saturday, August 3. Meet at 6:30 AM in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton. Experienced birders will lead a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep.

SafeHope, which provides support and shelter for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in our region, is looking for people to serve meals for a weekly support group meeting. The food is already prepared; volunteers would serve and clean up—about a two-hour commitment as infrequently as once a quarter. A background check and confidentiality agreement is required. If you're interested in learning more, contact Chris Allen, community engagement coordinator, at 785-424-3551.

We need more! Your registration for the Young Adult Weekend on August 2-4 is needed **immediately** if you plan on attending. Numbers are low and the retreat is at risk of being cancelled. 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 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. Send your resumé to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net.

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.

Everence will hold retirement planning workshops at its Hutchinson and North Newton locations in August. Specifics will include when to begin taking Social Security benefits, risks that can impact your savings, and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. The North Newton workshop will be presented on Thursday, August 8, 6:30 PM, at the Everence office, 3179 N. Main St. The Hutchinson workshop will be held on Thursday, August 15, 6:30 PM, at the Everence office, 524 E. 30th Ave. Those interested in attending can register by contacting Michelle Ramer at 283-3800; 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

RSVP now for MCC Lunch & Learn on August 15—Come to MCC for lunch and to hear from participants who recently went on the MCC South Texas Borderlands Learning Tour. They will share about their experiences and reflections on the trip. Lunch is served at noon and the presentation will start shortly after. A suggested donation of \$10 is welcome to help cover the cost of lunch. Please plan to join us for lunch, all are welcome. RSVP by Monday, August 12 to patsydirksen@mcc.org or 283-2720, MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th St., North Newton, KS 67117.

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 worshipping 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.

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 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—168; Sunday School—139; Visitors—3

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$6,732. The offering for August 4 is for Mennonite Mission Network.

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.

Scholarship Fund update. The July offering gave a nice boost to the fund balance. On behalf of the students and their parents, the Scholarship Committee says, *Thank you.* A group of our young adults continues to pursue higher education at a Mennonite Christian school. For the 2019 Fall semester, a total of \$3,000 was paid out to two schools for six scholarships. The young adults are blessed by a congregation that believes in and supports them. The students and their parents plus the Scholarship Committee appreciate the past and current generosity of the congregation.

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