

# Psalms in the Key of Life: Thanking September 8, 2019

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## Gathering

**Gathering song:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* ..... \*H 37

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

**Opening words** ..... Casson Schmidt, worship leader

**Centering** ..... Amanda Rempel, organist  
*Great are your works, O God of us all* arr. D. N. Johnson

**Prayer**

## Praising

**Songs of faith:** *Great is the Lord* ..... H 87  
*O Lord, our Lord, how majestic* ..... H 112

**Greet one another; children come forward**

**Children's focus** ..... Sheralyn Goering

**Song of faith:** *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven* ..... H 65

**Offering:** Local Mission

**Offertory:** *Now thank we all our God* J. S. Bach  
(Please pass the welcome pads)

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

## Hearing God's Word

**Scripture:** Psalm 67 ..... Don Schmidt, reader

**Sermon:** *All the Ends of the Earth* ..... Pastor Anita Kehr

**Responding**

## Responding to God's Word

**Song of faith:** *Jubilate Deo omnis terra* ..... H 103

**Pastoral prayer** ..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

## Sending

**Sending song:** *Holy God, we praise thy name* ..... H 121

**Sending words**

**Postlude:** *Psalms XIX*

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

Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder

Childcare: Laura or Greg Myers, Jenna Ratzlaff, Brooklynn Black

Nurse: Shirley Dietzel, Kathleen Andres

Ushers: Bob Schmidt, Brian Walker, Heath Kerr, Donnie Kingsley

Audio Tech: Joey Menninga

Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering

Visuals: Connie Claassen

Property Committee: Kevin Hamm

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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 8—Psalms in the Key of Life: Thanking

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

## Monday, September 9

3:45 PM Worship Commission

## Wednesday, September 11

7:00 PM Youth Group  
7:00 PM Choir

## Thursday, September 12

7:00 PM Church Board

**Saturday/Sunday, September 14/15—**  
Retreat/Celebration at Camp Mennoscah

## Upcoming Worship Services

September 22: Got PURPOSE?  
September 29: God PURPOSE!  
October 6: World Communion Sunday

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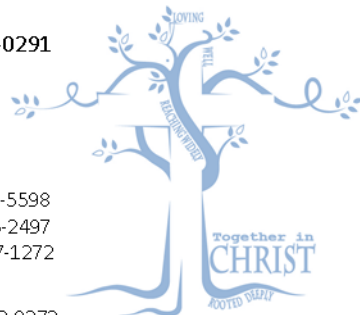
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First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS  
September 8, 2019

# SR. HIGH YOUTH



## YOUTH GROUP RE-GROUP— GOD PURPOSE!

- ▶ Let US grow into the persons God created us to be realizing our ultimate PURPOSE!
- ▶ **MISSION NIGHT**—Wednesday, Sept. 11 (7:04 pm) in Youth Room @ FMC
- ▶ **WORSHIP NIGHT**—Wednesday, Sept. 18—We'll be gathering at a secret location!

**The Casita on the southeast corner of our church property** needs the stove replaced. Please contact Anita Kehr or Linda Shelly if you know of any possibilities. Thank you.

**A men's Bible study** started again on September 5, 7:30 PM, at 507 Autumn Glen Court. We will be studying the book of Micah—which includes one of our 12 Foundational Scriptures. If you have any questions, please contact Sam Claassen at 620-951-4455. All are welcome.

**The Caregiving and Membership Commission**, along with Anita Kehr, **asks you to fill out a survey** on relationships in our congregation. If you did not receive an email with the survey link included, please contact Tracy in the Church Office. Here is the link to the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FMCrelationship>. If you prefer to fill out the survey on paper, please contact Tracy about that, too. **Please complete the survey by this coming Friday, September 13.** Thank you!

**A support group for survivors of sexual abuse** will meet under the guidance of a professional therapist on Tuesday, September 17. If you are a survivor, you are welcome. Please contact June Thomsen (316-239-8747) for further details.

**What? Yes, it's true!** Choir season is almost here! **You** are invited to join the choir for this fall. Rehearsals will begin this Wednesday, September 11, 7:00 PM and continue each Wednesday. The choir sings in the Sunday morning worship service about twice a month. Questions? Contact Pastor Kay at [kays@firstmennonitenewton.org](mailto:kays@firstmennonitenewton.org) or 316-217-1272. All are invited!

**Mark your calendars for Fall Church Family Night**, beginning Wednesday, September 25. Supper will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Following supper, there will be activities for all ages. All kids (including preschoolers) will meet in room 123 for singing at 6:45 PM. The Preschoolers, ages 3 and 4, will then meet in room 234 after singing. K-5th grade will meet in room 123. Junior High (6th-8th grade) will meet in room 126, High School will be 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!

**CHURCH 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 25. Safety Monitors will help ensure safety for all who gather at FMC. There will be two shifts (6:00-7:00 PM and 7:00-8:00 PM) each Wednesday evening for the basement and for the main floor. For more information or to volunteer, contact Pat Denno.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The worshipful presentation of Handel's Messiah will be Sunday evening, December 15. Mark your calendars to either participate or attend!

## Community Announcements

**KIPCOR Film Series, *Lost Angels: Skid Row is My Home***, today, at 3:00 PM, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Talk-back follows with James Wilson, director of New Hope Shelter, Newton, and a member of the Wichita Police Department's Homeless Outreach Team.

**Now in the Regier Art Gallery** in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College: "In Bloom," ceramics by Natalie Brown through September 27. The gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, and Sunday, 2:00-4:00 PM.

**Work & Play Day!** Saturday, September 14, 8:30 AM-2:30 PM, is the next Work & Play Day at Camp Mennoscah. Join us for service, a simple lunch, and some free time in the afternoon (your choice). Please register at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or call us at 620-297-3290! We love our volunteers!

**Circle of Hope and KIPCOR are hosting a Poverty Simulation** at Bethel College in Memorial Hall on Monday, September 16, 6:30-8:30 PM. This event is free and open to the public. You will have an opportunity to fast-forward through a month in the life of a family living with low resources, participate in guided role play, and discuss the realities and violence of poverty.

**Come celebrate another great year** at Camp Mennoscah! Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 22, for Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting! All are welcome to attend. Self-guided camp activities available beginning at 2:00 PM, with a BBQ chicken supper beginning at 5:30 PM. After supper, staff will share about the past year, and campers will reflect on their camp experiences. Also, enter your name to win one of several Camp Mennoscah prizes! Please register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) to let us know you're coming!

**The Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bike Ride** will be September 21, starting at the MCC office, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. The event is to raise funds for an MCC water development project in Nigeria, with rides of 35, 45, or 65

miles and a shorter family ride. Brochures are available at the MCC website: [mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride](http://mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride) where you can register. To contribute to this MCC project, make check payable to MCC with "Flatlander Bike Ride" on the memo line and send to MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS, 67117.

**In recognition of International Day of Peace**, Hesston College Bel Canto Singers and Hesston High School Singers will present a Global Voice concert, Saturday, September 21, 7:00 PM, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. The concert is free and open to the public.

**Comforter Mini Blitz**—September 27 and 28 at MCC in North Newton! If you can tie a knot, you can tie a comforter! Come and join in the fun at this relaxed, come-and-go event. Bring your friends and family! Before you know it, you'll have helped to spread warmth and love around the world to people in situations far out of their control. Hours for the event are Friday, September 27, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM and Saturday, September 28, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM. Find out more at [mcc.org/comforter-blitz](http://mcc.org/comforter-blitz). Questions, contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org), 283-2720.

**Hesston College invites alumni and friends** to campus for Homecoming 2019, September 26-29. The weekend offers activities for all ages, including dedications for the facilities part of the Be Greater campaign—Bess Mullet Softball Field, Yost Center and the Bonnie Sowers Nursing Center, The Manickam Mosey Two-Mile Run/Walk, a disc golf tournament, a kids' festival, picnic meal and athletic events. See the full weekend schedule at [hesston.edu/homecoming](http://hesston.edu/homecoming).

**Get involved with something BIG—record breaking BIG!** MCC is celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and attempting to collect 6500 comforters to deliver to people in need all around the world. Get involved by tying a comforter on January 18, 2020 (mark your calendars now!). **We are looking for people to host a comforter tying event in their community.** Contact Kate Mast at 283-2720 or [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) for details, supplies and resources. It's more than a warm blanket; it's a message of love and compassion.

**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 in Room 225. 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—164; Visitors—7; Sunday School—136

**Offering:** Last week's offering for MCC was \$1,928 and Local Mission was \$10,535. The offering for September 15 is for Local Mission.

**Maria's house painting project** is complete. **THANK YOU** to all who participated in this opportunity to love our church neighbor! The exterior of Maria's house is preserved for years to come.

**Bulletins are sent by email** every Thursday morning to anyone in our congregation who wants one. Other announcements sometimes go out to that same list. If you're not on that list and would like to be, please contact Tracy Kerr in the church office.

**Dewayne and Betty Pauls** would like to invite the church to join them for an anniversary celebration of 60 years of marriage. The event will be held today, 2:00-4:00 PM, at the Bethel College Student Center.

**For the next few weeks** we will be featuring the celebrations of 1992 and 1993 that we had at FMC. The Office Showcase is featuring the 1992 celebration of the Hobbies and Craft Fair sponsored by LIFE and the Library Showcase is featuring the 1993 celebration of Praise Events. We will continue to feature past celebrations that we have had at FMC. Hopefully, these pictures will bring back memories of exciting times from the past.

**A registration table is once again set up** for the retreat/celebration at **Camp Mennoscah, next Saturday/Sunday, September 14-15**, in the Court Area. Even though you may have registered for the May event you will need to register again for the present event. If you paid in May, you will not need to pay again. We will be in the Court Area between Sunday School and the worship service and again after the worship service. The committee has prepared an exciting weekend for the church. You will not want to miss it. If you need a ride to Camp Mennoscah, please call the church office and let us know. Everyone is welcome!