

Forgiveness

October 20, 2019

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Gathering

Gathering song: *Sing praise to God who reigns* *H 59

Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)

Opening words Wendy and Paul Schrag

Centering Donna Stucky, organist/pianist

Prayer Pastor Kay Schroeder

Praising

Songs of faith: *Marvelous grace of our loving Lord* H 151

I will sing of my Redeemer H 344

Greet one another; Children come forward

Children's focus Andrea Regier

Offering: Local Mission

Offertory

(Please pass the welcome pads)

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

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-22, Luke 17:3

Sermon: *Forgiveness* Kathy Goering Reid

Responding to God's Word

Song of faith: *I know not why God's wondrous* H 338

Pastoral prayer

Sending

Sending song: *Go, my children* H 433

Sending words

Postlude

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

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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, October 20—Guest Preacher: Kathy Goering Reid

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

Wednesday, October 23—Church Family Night

5:30 PM Meal served by In the Word/Koinonia Sunday School Class
Menu: Taco Soup with toppings, Cookies, Gluten-free popsicles
6:45 PM Children-ages 2 years to 5th grade—Gather in Room 123
6:45 PM Choir (Sanctuary)
6:45 PM Jr. High (Room 126)
6:45 PM Youth Group (Youth Rooms)

Thursday, October 24

7:30 PM Men's Bible Study at Sam Claassen's house

Sunday, October 27

7:45 AM Outreach, Mission and Peace Commission
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
12:00 PM Safe Sanctuaries Training—FH
4:00 PM Youth Group Bible Study

Upcoming Worship Services

November 3: Remembrance Sunday
November 10: PURPOSE: Lived Out Loud

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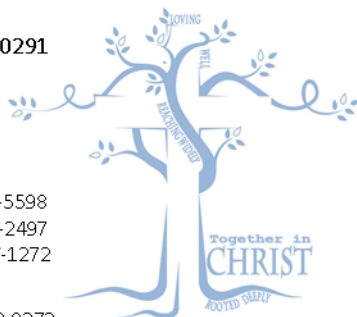
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First Mennonite Church
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SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Youth Group—Wednesday, Oct. 23 @ 6:46 pm
- Bible Study—Sunday, Oct. 27 @ 4:04 pm

In celebration of MCC's 100th anniversary, the K-5 Church Family Night group is learning about the mission and vision of MCC this fall. We plan to pack relief and infant kits on October 30 and November 6, respectively. If you would like to help us with our cause, we are in need of the following supplies: large bars of laundry and body soap, new bath towels, shampoo bottles, thin maxi pads, bandaids, toothbrushes, wide-tooth combs, nail clippers, infant gowns/sleepers, undershirts/onesies, receiving blankets, large heavy-duty safety pins, and a cap. There will be a box in the foyer for you to place your donations. You may also make a monetary donation. If you have any questions, please contact Marsha Schmidt, Bethanie Wedel, or Angela Black.

Newton Area MCC Meat Canning—The meat canning dates are October 29-31. There will be sign-up sheets in the Court Area starting today. Please consider giving some time to help and if you can't help, please consider giving money to pay for the cost of meat.

Community Announcements

The Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony presents its Fall Classics Concert **this afternoon**, at 4:00 PM, in the Newton High School Auditorium. Guest conductor Adam Fontana conducts works by Dvorak, Montague, and Walker, and Glazunov, with Michael Shults on saxophone. Tickets are \$6-\$15, which will be available at the concert.

BBQ & Bluegrass: All are invited to First Mennonite Church of Halstead's Annual Hog Roast **today**, 5:00-7:00 PM, at the city park Gazebo at 3rd & Locust in Halstead. A pulled pork meal with fixings will be served and bluegrass music provided by Smokey Mountain Bluegrass Band. Cost will be by donation. Proceeds will go to Offender Victim Ministries in Newton and Mennonite Central Committee refugee relief/immigration welcome efforts. Bring lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in the church at 4th and Santa Fe.

Hesston College Theatre will present five performances of the play, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* (rated PG-13), Oct. 23 to 27 in the Keim Center Black Box Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, and can be purchased in advance at the Hesston College Bookstore or at hesston.edu/bookstore.

The West Zion Mennonite Church (Moundridge, KS) Concert Series continues with an event on Sunday, October 27, 7:00 PM. Featured performers include Ken Rodgers, Organ; Tropical Shores, a steel pan duo with Brad Shores & Erica Nance; The Brainflowers, an instrumental trio composed of Rebecca Schloneger, Violin; Seth Girton, Cello; and Kenna Graber, Flute. Donna Stucky, Piano, will also perform. A free-will offering will be received; fellowship and refreshments will follow the concert.

The Allies group, which supports people with various sexual identities and their families and friends, will be meeting Sunday, October 27, 4:00 PM, at Bethel College, Will Academic Center, room 208. We will be watching a video. For more information, contact Wendy Funk Schrag at pwschrag@cox.net.

Bethel College instrumental ensembles concert—Friday, November 1, 7:30 PM in the Krehbiel Auditorium.

Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats! Camp Mennoscah offers two fall retreats for croppers and crafters, November 1-3 and November 15-17. These retreats are for any skill level, grades 3 through adult. Register now at campmennoscah.org! The retreats are filling up fast!

Join MCC for a South Texas Borderlands learning tour, November 3-8. This learning tour will be packed with opportunities for learning about immigration. From talking with MCC partners who work in legal representation, to those that do water drops, to providing shelter to those recently released. You will also connect with people who have lived the immigrant experience, visit Mennonite churches on the border, hear perspectives from south of the border, and visit a detention center. The cost for the trip is \$700, plus airfare. Please contact anahinojosa@mcc.org or jordanpenner@mcc.org for more information.

The annual Swiss Mennonite and Historical Association banquet this year features Patricia Goering Smith, a graduate of Moundridge High School, who will talk about her book, *Revolution Revisited: Behind the Scenes in East Germany, 1989*. It tells the inspiring story of East Germany's non-violent revolution in 1989 and features a handful of mostly young activists in Leipzig, East Germany. The organization and actions of this small group of activists mobilized the movement for democratic reforms and ultimately brought down the East German state and the Berlin Wall and changed the world. The banquet will be held at the Pine Village Wellness Center in Moundridge on November 7, 6:00 PM. The cost of the meal is \$20 per plate payable at the door. RSVP by texting or calling Nancy Stucky, 620-532-5693, by November 2.

Volunteer with SWAP: Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) is a program of MCC Great Lakes, addressing multiple challenges of low-income families in Appalachia, including home repair and personal need. Groups of all ages are an essential component of SWAP's ministry and can now sign up for 2020. Please consider forming a group, large or small, to come and experience a week at one of the locations in West Virginia or Kentucky. For more information go to swap.mcc.org or call Angela Maggard at 606-633-5065.

SafeHope Holiday Gala—Friday, November 8, 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend this event at the Meridian Center, Newton. The suggested donation is \$40 per person. Please RSVP to SafeHope by October 30. (284-6922)

All singers are invited to sing in the annual Hesston College Masterworks performance on Saturday, November 16. This year's performance will be *Song of Wisdom*. For more information, go to hesston.edu/masterworks or contact Russell Adrian at russell.adrian@hesston.edu or 620-327-8143.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) has urgent need for volunteers in Florida, Texas, North Carolina and California. For more information about how to vacation with a purpose this winter, call 1-800-241-8111 or visit mds.mennonite.net.

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—185; Visitors—18; Sunday School—133

Offering: Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$6,911. The offering for October 27 is for Local Mission.

Welcome to our guest speaker, Kathy Goering Reid, Executive Director of the Family Abuse Center in Waco, Texas. Kathy hails from Moundridge, Kansas, has been a resource person for the Western District Conference in the area of sexual abuse, and is a trainer for FaithTrust Institute, one of the MCUSA recommended organizations that help congregations in areas of sexual abuse and family violence. Kathy has been working with congregations and secular service providers for more than thirty years. She was pastor of Austin Mennonite Church for 12 years. She is ordained in both the Church of the Brethren and the Mennonite Church U.S.A.

I would like to thank Pastor Kay and Pastor Joel and the many friends who came to see me during my recent hospital stay. I really appreciate the prayers and support you have all given me. The home visits have meant a lot to me also. I am continuing chemo every Friday and would appreciate your continued prayers for myself and my family. ~John Schmidt

THANK YOU to Janett Wiebe and LaVerna Schierling for sharing their quilted wall hangings in the sanctuary and the gathering area.

Save the Date! If you have not attended Safe Sanctuaries training and wish to work with children in any capacity at our church, please plan to attend Safe Sanctuaries training next Sunday, October 27, 12 noon. A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Bryan Kehr at bryank@hesston.edu. If you have any questions, please ask any Nurture commission member.