

The “Final Four” Hymns

May 10, 2020

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Meditation Music

Amanda Rempel, organ

This is my Father’s World by Robert Hobby

Call to Worship

Clarence Rempel

Words for the Children

Bryan Kehr

Song

Be Thou My Vision

Ken and Amy Regier Family

Scripture

Proverbs 3:5-24 and 9:10

Clarence Rempel

Meditation

Heart of my Heart

Anita Kehr, pastor

Prayers of the church

Sam Claassen

Closing music

Be Thou My Vision arranged by Dale Wood

Amanda Rempel, organ

***Check email on Sunday morning around 10:30 AM for a You Tube link to this service. Thanks to Joey Menninga for recording and editing this service.**

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**

Upcoming Worship Services

Through May 17—We will be focusing on the final four hymns/songs from our tournament during worship. Next week, we will be looking at the winner—*Great is thy faithfulness*.

Happy Birthday

Shannon Bartel—May 10
Ilene Hackney—May 10
Jerald Jantz—May 10
Elizabeth Frey—May 11
Chloe Gaeddert—May 12
Jim Huxman—May 13
Vernon Frey—May 14
Anna Marie Harder—May 14
Emma Krehbiel—May 15
Jared Ratzlaff—May 16
John Wiebe—May 16



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Be Thou My Vision*

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Announcements

The offering for today is for Local Mission. The offering for May 17 will be for Local Mission.

If you would like help with having someone do pick-ups or deliveries for you, please contact the Church Office. There are people ready and willing to help.

Offerings can be sent to the church at P. O. Box 291, 429 E. First Street, Newton, KS 67114. There is also an offering plate in the Court Area that will be checked daily if you want to drop your gifts off at church. Please mark the designation of your offering. If left unmarked, it will go to Local Mission. **We are so grateful for your continuing support!**

Remember that the Caring Fund is available: In this time of economic disruption, the Caring Fund is available to help you. Please don't hesitate to talk to any of the Caring Fund Committee members if you could use some financial support during this time. Committee members are: Sam Claassen, Ken Fast, Ken Frey, Bob Schmidt (chair), and Anita Kehr.



Kids—Mark your calendars for June 22-26 and join us as we explore God's Great Big Beautiful World! Vacation Bible School has been moved to this week in June, and we're working with a fantastic team from the Newton Mennonite Churches to determine what our week of VBS will look like! No matter what it looks like, we know that we'll be worshiping, singing, exploring, creating, and celebrating God's Great Big Beautiful World!

New email address—Don and Kathryn's new email address is donkatip2@gmail.com.

Former WDC staff member, Marlene Bogard, is hosting a Zoom Story Hour at 11:30 AM (central time) on **Mondays and Thursdays** for the next several weeks. Children are invited! Stories will be geared to ages 3-8. In order to get the Zoom meeting link, please email Marlene at harderbogard@gmail.com.

Transition information: The Church Board met for a special meeting on Tuesday, May 5, with Heidi Regier Kreider, Western District Conference Minister, and discussed options for our next steps after the resignation of Pastor Anita. The Search Committee continues their work on the Congregational Information Form which is the document that gives potential ministerial candidates information about the demographics of FMC, our community, and the spiritual foundations of our church. Please continue to keep this journey in your prayers.

Connecting with your groups: FMC has begun a subscription with Zoom, a video- and phone-conferencing software program. If you're interested in scheduling a meeting with your Sunday School class, commission, committee, or whatever else, please contact Tracy Kerr in the Church Office during office hours (M-Th, 8:00-12:15, 1:00-4:30 and F, 8:00-12:00). She'll help you know what you need in order for an email invitation to go out to all involved. If there are persons in your meeting who can only connect by phone rather than through the internet, there is a way to do that, too. The subscription service allows us to invite more people to a meeting as well as allows for longer meetings.

After much prayer and conversation, Camp Mennoscah made the difficult decision to cancel 2020 summer youth camps. The safety of campers and staff is our top priority and we could not envision a way to safely and responsibly continue in-person summer camps at Camp Mennoscah in the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic. We are hopeful camp will be a vibrant place of community and faith formation again soon, and we will keep you updated about possibilities for being at camp.

Parents/Guardians of campers registered for Camp Mennoscah's 2020 summer youth camps will be contacted directly by May 15 about your registration(s). If you have not completed the emailed survey regarding alternate camp options, please do so or contact Camp Mennoscah.

First Mennonite cares too! You may have received your CARES check from the federal government already by direct deposit or may be still waiting for a paper check, but many in our community and around the world have been more directly affected by the pandemic and will not be getting any relief. The relief fund may have been a blessing to you in your time of need, but if you are able, the Outreach Commission would encourage you to pass the blessing on to others with unmet needs. Suggestions:

- **Casa Betania Family Relief Fund.** Checks may be written to Casa Betania and sent to Linda Shelly who will work with Pastor Graciela to administer the fund.
- **FMC Caring Fund** is responding to local needs including some initial funds for Casa Betania.
- **New Hope Shelter** has higher expenses because it is unable to use volunteers at this time.
- **Mennonite Mission Network** has a special project "IM 105 Global Disaster Response" focused on COVID-19 response.

In all cases if funding exceeds specific needs related to the COVID-19 response, the extra funds would be used to meet ongoing needs.

