Faith Mennonite Church

August 26, 2018 10:30 am

Gathered in Jesus’ Name

Gathering Music  *  I Want Jesus to Walk with Me  arr. Ham
Welcome
Call to Worship  (Inspired by Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7)  On Screen
Prayer
* Songs  *  God is Here Among Us  HWB 16
          *  God of the Bible  STJ 27
Offering  *  There is a Balm in Gilead  arr. Angerman
Prayer of Dedication

Who Invites Us to Follow

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  (Please fill-in and pass the friendship sheets)
  Reception of New Members:  Mike & Debbie D
Prayer of the Congregation with the Lord’s Prayer  On Screen
Solo  How Lovely Are Thy Dwelling  By Katherine K Davis
Children’s Time
Song  By the Waters  HWB 148
Scripture Reading  Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14  (The Inclusive Bible)
Sermon  Seek the Welfare of the City

And Sends Us to Proclaim Peace

Response  Praying for the Welfare of the City
* Song  For the Healing of the Nations  HWB 367
* Blessing
* Musical Benediction

*Congregation Stands  (If standing is difficult, please remain seated.)

Hymnal used in worship:  HWB - Hymnal a Worship Book (Blue)
STJ - Sing the Journey (Green)
STS - Sing the Story (Purple)
Worship Participants:
- Preacher: Rachel S
- Worship Leader: Kathy G
- Song Leader: Gyles G
- Accompanist: Marlene H
- Special Music: Janet E
- Children’s Time: Rachel S & Marshall A

Scripture Reader: Allen J
- Slides: Jennifer H
- Sound: John S H
- Sanctuary Prep: Irma V
- Ushers: Team B (Andrew P)

Call to Worship written by Henrietta Stith Andrews

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As followers of Jesus Christ, our mission is to
- Worship together as a community of faith,
- Invite everyone to share the gift of God’s love,
- Nurture each other in the faith,
- Serve others in the spirit of Christ, and
- Proclaim His way of peace, justice and reconciliation.

WELCOME

Welcome to Faith Mennonite Church. We are glad you are here.

If you need a listening assistance device or a large print bulletin, please ask an usher.

To join our all-church email list, place your email address next to your name on the Friendship Sheet.

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- 08/26: Vicki H & Joni J
- 09/02: Mark J Family
- 09/09: Verda D & Kathryn P
Join us for this important workshop:

Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning

Saturday, Sept. 8, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

You’ll learn about:

- The various Medicare plans and what they cover.
- Plans that supplement Medicare.
- Social Security details, including when to begin taking benefits.
- Strategies to help your income last throughout retirement.

We’ll also have plenty of time for your questions.


Location: MCC Central States Office, 121 E. 30th, North Newton, Kansas

Space is limited. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Check out our website for additional workshops: everence.com/kansas.
WE ARE DELIGHTED ... To receive into membership today Mike and Debbie D. Mike writes, “I was born, raised, and educated in Albuquerque. I was a teacher and some-times counselor in New Mexico for 30 years. Debbie and I also worked and volunteered on a reservation. Debbie and I were married in December of “88.” Debbie writes, “After my family moved from Texas, I was born in Roswell, NM. My father was a farmer and no, we didn’t see any space aliens. However, my brother and sister may say that, in my case, there is a connection. We moved to Albuquerque. My first three years of schooling were abroad. I graduated from college at the University of New Mexico and New Mexico State University. I was a teacher for 30 years. I taught Home Ec, Music, and Special Education. I met my husband Mike at a small BIC/Mennonite church in Albuquerque. We married one year later to the date we met. After our mothers past, we move La Junta, CO. We were happy to be in a Mennonite church again. We had’t had a Mennonite church in over 21 years. That’s where we learned of Newton. I was raised as a Southern Baptist and came to faith in Jesus as my Saviour at age nine. My life of faith has several milestones through the years.”

FAITH HANDBELL CHOIR ... Will begin rehearsals this Wednesday, August 29, 2018, at 6:00 pm. We will continue to meet every Wednesday at 6:00 pm. If you have any interest in joining us or have questions, please see Nola S.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS ... Nurses will be in the Health Wellness Room immediately following worship next Sunday, September 2, 2018, to check blood pressures. Please plan to stop by to have yours checked.

CHURCH CARRY-IN MEAL ... In celebration of Pastor Rachel’s ministry among us, we will share in a meal following worship on Sunday, September 9, 2018. This is in place of the 3rd Sunday Carry-In we usually observe. During the meal, we will provide an opportunity for open sharing of memories and gratitude. There will be a basket to receive cards. There will also be a blessing bowl in the foyer for you to share encouragement. Please plan to join us as we thank Pastor Rachel and bless her for continued ministry.

SERVICE DAY - COMING SOON! We will soon need your input as to what you will be able to help with for Service Day. Watch your church mailboxes for information. Please be giving thought and prayer to how you can contribute to our community.

BOWO AND CHURCH COUNCIL ... Are seeking representatives to attend “Christ at the Checkpoint USA,” October 15-18, 2018, in Oklahoma City, OK. This is a learning opportunity about discipleship in the complexities of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Cost will be covered for attendees who will be asked to share what they learned with the church upon returning. Please see a member of BOWO for more information. “Christ at the Checkpoint” website: http://epesent.com/catcusa/about.php.
**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:**

**Thank God for...**

- The wonderful weekend as we had our Faith Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah
- Our Sunday School teachers who lead and teach our children, youth, and adults in ways to enrich our lives spiritually and challenge us to live our daily lives as example for Christ
- Our professors and teachers and other leaders at our schools and give them a special blessing

**Pray for ...**

- Our Church Moderator and our Congregation during our pastoral transitional time
- Pastor Rachel as she transitions away from FMC and to the congregation in Canada near her family
- Pastor Marshall as he continues to provide spiritual leadership and support for us at Faith
- All our students as they begin another school year
- Our members in rehab, health care, and assisted living:
  - At Kansas Christian Home: Irene B
  - At Presbyterian Manor: Bertha B, Len & Delores G
  - At Showalter Villa: Howard H, Arlene K
- Western District Conference Leadership as they work to give support and guidance to all the churches under their care.
- Glen G who was recently installed as Executive Director of MC-USA.

**Western District Conference ...**

Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission as they meet this week to support church plants and encourage partnerships between existing and emerging congregations.

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**BEYOND FAITH CHURCH**

**URGENT NEED** ... For MCC canner operators. Because of the growing seriousness of this situation, MCC needs your help in identifying and encouraging the willingness to serve. Do you know any single men looking for an enriching service opportunity who are at least 21 years old? Ideal applicants would have mechanical aptitude and be willing to obtain their Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) with training provided by MCC. For this position MCC prefers single men due to living arrangements and travel demands. It is a distinct possibility, if these positions cannot be filled, disruptions to the coming canning schedule may become unavoidable. Please contact MCC for more details. Flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.
MENNOGRASS 2018 ... Everyone is welcome to join Tabor Mennonite Church (891 N Chisholm Trail, Newton, KS) today (08/26/18) for a fun evening full of food, fellowship, and great music. There is no cost for the event, but please bring lawn chairs if you have them. Supper begins at 5:30 pm; music begins at 6:00 pm. Hopeful Blues and the Smoky Valley Bluegrass Band will perform. If you have any questions, please contact tabor@tabormennonite.org or (620) 367-2318. Flyer posted on bulletin board in church foyer.

EAT-LEARN-GROW LUNCH SERIES ... Bring your lunch and head to SafeHope (316 North Oak Street, Newton, KS), 12:00-1:00 pm, on the last Wednesday of each month to learn more about the variety of services that we provide for survivors and their families! Each monthly topic will detail one of the many services that we provide, as well as how you can get involved as a volunteer! Beverages provided, microwave and refrigerator on site. Topic for August 28, 2018, is “Shelter Services”. Flyer posted on bulletin board in church foyer.

MENTAL HEALTH SPIRITUAL RETREAT ... At Camp Mennoscah, September 2-3, 2018! This retreat is for individuals affected by mental illness, including family members and friends. Come support each other, have fun and enjoy being at camp. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org Brochures are on table in church foyer.

CANDIDATE FORUM ... September 6, 2018, 7:00 pm, Grand Central Senior Center (122 E 6th St, Newton, KS). Come hear from candidates for the Kansas House of Representatives. Each Candidate will provide an overview of their priorities and goals for the office. The questions will be asked by the audience. The Newton Toastmaster Club will serve as the forum moderator. Refreshments will be served. Flyer posted on bulletin board in church foyer.

JOIN US ... For the grand opening and dedication of Mullet Place, Schowalter Villa’s new addition, September 7, 2018 at 10:00 am (200 W Cedar, Hesston, KS 67062).

BE BRAVE, BE BOLD, BE YOU! ... Women & Girls Retreat 2018 - The schedule and registration forms for the 2018 Women & Girls Retreat, September 7-9, 2018, at Camp Mennoscah, are available on the table in the church foyer. Rachel R M, pastor of Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton, will be the featured speaker. Many interesting and fun seminars are planned, along with plenty of time to relax and connect with nature and friends. This retreat is open to all women and girls grade 3 and older. Registration forms due 08/27/2018.

EVERENCE ... Will host an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, September 8, 2018, 9:00-11:30 am. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will take place at MCC Central States Office (121 E 30th, North Newton). Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle R. Flyer posted on bulletin board in church foyer.
OFFENDER VICTIM MINISTRIES ... Is offering a FREE training for new and current volunteers to learn more about Neighborhood Accountability Boards in Harvey and McPherson counties. Join us Saturday, September 8, 2018, 9:30 am-4:00 pm, at the Harvey County Courthouse Community Room (lower level), 800 N Main, Newton. Lunch included. Flyer posted on bulletin board in church foyer.

ANNUAL MCC FLATLANDER BICYCLE RIDE ... Will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2018, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) office (121 E 30th St, North Newton, KS). This year’s ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Guatemala. Rides of approximately 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride are planned. Informational brochures are available on the table in the foyer and also available on the MCC website: www.mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride. Both bikers and contributors are needed. If you are not a biker but wish to contribute to this MCC project, please make your check payable to MCC; write “Flatlander Bike Ride” on the memo line; and mail it to: MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117. Flyer posted on the bulletin board in church foyer.

INAGURAL PACE RACE 5K ... Is happening in McPherson, Kansas, on September 15, 2018. This 5K run/walk in McPherson will be fun for the whole family. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Bluestem PACE Good Neighbor Fund. This fund assists participants who encounter unforeseen circumstances and assists Bluestem PACE in providing high quality services. Register online at: https://runsignup.com/Race/KS/McPherson/PaceRace5K.

MCC HAITI LEARNING TOUR ... Will be September 22-27, 2018. Learn from Haitian farmers, artisans, community organizers and human rights advocates about how they – with your support – are building a brighter future for their communities. Contact Jordan P for more information.
This Week (08/27/2018 to 09/03/2018)

**Monday**
6:00 pm  Zumba

**Tuesday**
6:30 pm  Church Council

**Wednesday**
6:00 pm  Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm  High School Youth Group

**Sunday**
10:00 am  Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 am  Worship
11:45 am  Blood Pressure Checks

**Monday**  
*Church Offices Closed - Labor Day*

**NO**  Zumba

Please have all announcements and calendar items for next week into the church office by **noon on Wednesday**.

**Attendance for August 19, 2018**
Retreat: 94

**Board of Administration’s Contact Person For August & September:**
John H

**Board of Deacons’ Contact Person For August:**
Harlan B

**Board of Deacons’ Contact Person For September:**
Sara R

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Monday-Thursday Mornings  
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am-12:30 noon & 1:00 pm-4:30 pm; Friday: Office Closed