Faith Mennonite Church

September 2, 2018 10:30 am

Gathered in Jesus’ Name
Gathering Music O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Welcome
Call to Worship (Inspired by Romans 12:2, John 17:14-19) On Screen
Prayer
* Songs Holy God, We Praise Thy Name HWB 121
There are Many Gifts HWB 304
Offering Precious Jewels
Prayer of Dedication

Who Invites Us to Follow
Sharing of Joys and Concerns (Please fill-in and pass the friendship sheets)
Prayer of the Congregation with the Lord’s Prayer On Screen
Solo How Can I Keep from Singing arr. Andy Beck
Children’s Time
Song One is the Body STJ 72
Scripture Reading Romans 12:1-8 (Common English Bible)
Sermon Rooted in Who We Are

And Sends Us to Proclaim Peace
Labor Day Blessing (Unison) On Screen
* Song I Saw a Tree by the Riverside STS 116
* 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)
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.
FAITH CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS ... Nurses will be in the Health Wellness Room immediately following worship today (09/02/18), to check blood pressures. Please plan to stop by to have yours checked.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ... Resumes next Sunday, September 9, 2018. Please pray for our children, youth, and those providing leadership.

FAREWELL TO RACHEL ... In celebration of Pastor Rachel’s ministry among us, we will share in a meal following worship on Sunday, September 9, 2018. 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. There will NOT be a fellowship meal after worship on September 16, 2018.

SERVICE DAY - COMING SOON! Please give thought and prayer to how you can contribute to our community. Be sure to complete and return your work preference form to the box on the table in the church foyer before next Sunday, September 9, 2018.

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.

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.*
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. This retreat is open to all women and girls grade 3 and older. **Registration may still be accepted with a late fee.** For registration information see: [www.mennowdc.org/women-girls-retreat/](http://www.mennowdc.org/women-girls-retreat/).

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.*

WENDY’S NIGHT ... For New Hope Shelter is Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 5:00-8:00 pm, at the Newton Wendy’s (110 W 12th St). 20% of all sales will be donated to the shelter. *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](http://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.

WORK & PLAY CAMP ... Is September 21-25, 2018, at Camp Mennoscah to work and play and have a grand time working on projects. This is a service-oriented retreat with tasks for all skill levels and ability. All ages are invited to attend for a full or partial retreat. No fees but donations are welcome. Register online at campmennoscah.org.

CAMP MENNOSCAH ... Is 70 years old--and thriving! Come to camp on Sunday, September 23, 2018, to dedicate The Whale playground and celebrate Camp Mennoscah’s 70th Anniversary at the Annual Meeting! All are welcome to attend. Events are part of the Work & Play Camp beginning September 23, 2018. Annual Meeting events begin with worship at 10:00 am on Sunday with the Whale playground dedication at 5:00 pm and annual meeting following. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org to let Camp know you plan to join the celebration.

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.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE ... Is seeking weekly volunteers for October, November and December 2018! Serve with a positive and Christ-like heart using your trade skills or learning new skills on the job. To serve, contact Deanna F. For more information about current projects, visit mds.mennonite.net.
This Week  (09/03/2018 to 09/09/2018)

Monday
Church Offices Closed - Labor Day
NO  Zumba

Tuesday
6:00 pm  Board of Worship
7:00 pm  Board of Witness & Outreach

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

Saturday
7:00 pm  Popcorn in The Pit

Sunday
9:00 am  Sunday School Resumes
10:00 am  Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 am  Worship
11:45 am  Pastor Rachel’s Farewell & Carry-In Meal

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

Attendance for August 26, 2018
Worship: 123

Board of Administration’s Contact Person For September:
Wendell B

Board of Deacons’ Contact Person For September:
Sara R

Rachel Siemens, Lead Pastor  
Marshall Anderson, Associate Pastor  
Teresa Pickens, Administrative Assistant

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

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