Gathered in Jesus’ Name

Gathering Music
Call to Worship
Prayer
* Songs
  Praise To The Lord, The Almighty (v 1,3,4)   HWB 37
  We Praise Thee, O God (v 1,2,5)   HWB 99

Offering
Prayer of Dedication

Who Invites Us to Follow

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
(Please fill-in and pass the friendship sheets; please list # of people for Wed. evening meal)

Prayer of the Congregation with the Lord’s Prayer
* Song
  Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive   HWB 137

Children’s Time
Quartet
  Autumn Carol
  arr. by Schulz-Widman
Scripture Reading
  Lamentations 5
Sermon
  Forgiveness And Beauty
Responsive Reading  (STJ 128) On Screen

And Sends Us to Proclaim Peace

* Song
  Holy, Holy, Holy   HWB 120
* 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: Marshall A
- Worship Leader: Wilma L
- Song Leader: Nola S
- Accompanist: Lisa S
- Quartet: Milton C, Janet E, Carolyn R, Wendell W
- Handbells: Lorisa H, Nola S

Children’s Time: Sara R
- Slides: Kathy G
- Sound: John S H
- Sanctuary Prep: Kathryn P
- Ushers: Team A (Richard S)

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.

Please be sure to let us know you were here today by signing your name on the Friendship Sheets as they pass down the pews during Sharing Time. To join our all-church email list, place your email address next to your name. To make reservations for the Wednesday evening meal, place the number of people planning to attend on the Friendship Sheet.

**CHILDHCARE**
*For children ages three (3) and under during worship*
- 09/30: Margo G & Deb S
- 10/07: Oris & Kathy S
- 10/14: Vicki H & Joni J

**GREETERS**
*Front Door*
- 09/30: Vernon P
- 10/07: Vernon P

*Back Door by Kitchen*
- 09/30: Janice P
- 10/07: Janice P
THANK YOU … for all of the words of blessings, for the gifts of appreciation, for the lovely and fun farewell program, and for the driver - it worked great in Michigan! May God bless you and guide you as you seek to follow Jesus together. Thank you. ~ Pastor Rachel

FAITH SENIOR FASPA … Is today (09/30/18), 5:00 pm, in the church Fellowship Hall. Everyone age 55 and older (and younger) is invited to join us for an amazing trip to Italy! Allen and Joni J will be sharing about their recent trip to Italy, so get ready for a fun evening! As usual, we will meet at 5:00 pm for faspa, so bring food to share and your own table service. Even if you've never been to a senior faspa, if you love to learn about interesting places, you should join us. We'll have the coffee on!

FAITH MISSION CIRCLE … Meets tomorrow, Monday, October 1, 2018, 6:00-7:30 pm, at the Et Cetera Shop-Newton (619 Main St). Please bring your scissors. The Offering will be for Western District Women in Mission and the project is items for MCC Kits. Items requested are: Dark colored bath and hand towels; Infant onesies (1size 3-12 months); Infant sleepers (size 3-12 months); Sanitary napkins (“THIN" pad, min. 28 pads, can be 1 pkg or 2 pkgs); Spools of black and white thread (all purpose, cotton or poly, minimum 250 yards) for sewing kits. If you have any questions please contact a member of the Faith Mission Circle officers or the project coordinator listed in your Mission Circle booklet you recently received. Mission Circle Booklet is also posted on the Mission Circle bulletin board.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL … For this week (10/03/17) is Korean beef bowls (not spicy) with finger veggies. The cost is $2.00 per person. Make your reservation on the Friendship Sheet as it passes down the pew during Sharing Time. Sign-up sheet to bring dessert and for clean-up is on table in foyer. Please remember to bring your own table service.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS … Nurses will be in the Health Wellness Room immediately following worship next Sunday (10/07/18) to check blood pressures. Please stop by to have yours checked.

OUR NEXT VOLUNTEER WEEK … At New Hope Shelter is October 10-16, 2018. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer or you may contact Grace B if you are willing to help as a volunteer or with meals.

GUESS WHO’S COMING FOR DESSERT … A fun evening is planned for Sunday, October 14, 2018, 6:30 pm. We need hosts who are willing to prepare a dessert and people who want to be guests. Sign-up sheets were in your church mailbox last Sunday (extra sheets are on the table in the foyer). We invite your participation. Please complete your sign-up sheet and return to Bette R or Lindsay A today (09/30/18). ~ Thank you, Board of Fellowship
BOARD OF WITNESS & OUTREACH (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 board member, Pastor Marshall, or Jim S for more information. “Christ at the Checkpoint” website: http://epesent.com/catcusa/about.php. Please respond by today (09/30/18), if you are willing to attend.

MCC MEAT CANNING ... At North Newton will be Monday, October 29-Saturday, November 17, 2018. The days for Faith Church are Wednesday, November 14-Saturday, November 17, 2018. Plans are to can 25,200 pounds of chicken or turkey (price around $1.00 per pound). Last year, Faith Church contributed $9,250.00 toward expenses. Twenty-five individuals plus our youth worked and many signed up for more that one time slot. Please pray, give, and sign-up to help us can. When you see Ken J, please tell him thank you for all he does for the Newton Area Meat Canning Planning Committee. Sign-up sheets for canning time slots and to make coffeecake for break time are on the table in the church foyer. For questions, contact Milton C or Loren R. Flyer posted on bulletin board in church foyer. ~ Thank you, Milton C & Loren R

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Western District Conference ... Give thanks for the WDC Resource Library, and pray that it would be a source of inspiration, growth and learning throughout the conference.

BEYOND FAITH CHURCH

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS ... There will be an Area Wide PC-PF (Post College-Pre- Family) Fall Get Together today (09/30/18), 5:30 pm, at Rene and Kristin K’s home, near Moundridge. Please bring a side dish to share and a lawn chair. This group is designed for young adults in similar life stages to socialize together. If you would like to attend or have questions, please contact Kristin K. Hope to see you there!

EVERENCE ... will offer its popular retirement workshop, Your Medicare options, on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 6:30 pm. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will be held at MCC Central States Office (121 E. 30th, North Newton, KS). Refreshments will be served. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle R. Flyer posted on bulletin board in church foyer.
SAFEHOPE OCTOBERFEST ... Is Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 4:30-6:30 pm, at the SafeHope Newton office (316 N Oak St). Flyer posted on bulletin board in church foyer.

FALL FESTIVAL ... At Bethel College is October 4-7, 2018, with most events Saturday, October 6, 2018; presidential inauguration for Jonathan C. G is Sunday, October 7, 2018, 10:00 am, Memorial Hall-Bethel College. For full details, see www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/.

BETHEL COLLEGE THEATER ... Presents Little Women, Friday, October 5, 2018, 7:30 pm, Saturday, October 6, 2018, 3:30 pm, and Sunday, October 7, 2018, 3:00 pm, in Krehbiel Auditorium, Luyken Fine Arts Center (LFAC)-Bethel College Campus. Tickets available at the Thresher Shop, Schultz Student Center, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm, or a minimum of one hour before show time in the LFAC ticket office, subject to availability.

KAUFFMAN MUSEUM FIRST-SATURDAY BIRD WALK ... Is Saturday, October 6, 2018. Meet at 7:30 am in the museum parking lot, corner of North Main and 27th St, North Newton – experienced birders will lead a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep.

THE BETHEL COLLEGE ALUMNI CHOIR ... Invites any interested choir alumni to join a rehearsal, October 6, 2018, 11:00 am-12:30 pm (during Fall Festival), at Bethel College Mennonite Church, and sing in a short concert at 2:00 pm, also at BCMC (part of the Fall Fest Hymnsing). The alumni choir is an informal group that meets to sing and perform three times a year--see the choir Facebook page or e-mail Braden U for more information.

YOU'RE INVITED ... To the Annual Country Breakfast at Kidron Bethel Village (3001 Ivy Dr, North Newton, KS) Saturday, October 6, 2018, 7:30-9:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served by donation. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Kidron Bethel Health Care Benevolent Fund. We hope to see you there! Flyer posted on bulletin board in church foyer.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE ... A service planned by the Newton, KS Mennonite churches, will take place on Sunday, October 7, 2018, 7:00 pm, at New Creation Mennonite Fellowship (221 Muse St). You are all invited to this time of scripture, prayer, music, and reflection.

WEST ZION MENNONITE CHURCH ... Is hosting a concert on Sunday, October 7, 2018, 7:00 pm. Musicians include: Josue Coy D and Diego Coy D, violins; Open Road (men’s a capella vocal ensemble); The Sunflower Trio (Matthew S, tenor, Rebecca S, violin, and Ken R, keyboard; Kenneth R, organ; and Donna S, piano. A free-will offering will be received during the concert. Following the concert, there will be a time of fellowship with refreshments served. The church is located at 101 S Washington Ave, Moundridge, KS. All are invited to attend. Flyer posted on bulletin board in church foyer.
THE KANSAS POOR PEOPLE’S CAMPAIGN … Will host a Kansas People’s Hearing on Monday, October 8, 2018, 6:30 pm, at the WSU Metroplex (5015 E 29th St N, Wichita, KS). National Co-Chairs Revs. William B and Liz T will be present and supporting the continued work of combating poverty, racism, war spending, and destruction of Mother Earth. Visit the Kansas People’s Hearing Facebook Event: www.facebook.com/events/2105106039706562 for more information.

COMFORTER MINI BLITZ … Is October 12, 2018, 9:00 am-5:00 pm, and October 13, 2018, 8:00 am-4:00 pm, at the MCC Material Resource Center (121 E 30th, North Newton, KS). If you can tie a knot, you can tie a comforter! Join the fun at this relaxed, come-and-go event. Bring your friends and family—all ages are welcome! Help spread warmth and love around the world to people in situations far out of their control. Please bring a snack to share and a sack lunch/supper. Drinks provided. Flyer posted on bulletin board in church foyer.

FALL SCRAPBOOK AND CRAFTS RETREATS … Are nearly half-full! These retreats at Camp Mennoscah are October 26-28, 2018, and November 2-4, 2018. Work on your scrapbook or your favorite craft—or just spend time relaxing with friends! Register online at campmennoscah.org.

CULTIVATING GENEROUS CONGREGATIONS … Is a 2-day event for pastors and church members who believe that giving is part of pastoral care and discipleship. Normally, this conference is $250, but through the generous support of a grant from Lake Institute on Faith & Giving, this November 9-10, 2018, event is only $50 per ministry team at the Cross Winds Conference Center, Hesston, KS. For more information and to register, by October 30, 2018, contact Mitch S.

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. Visit mds.mennonite.net for more information about current projects.

2018 SAFEHOPE ANGEL TREE GIFT DRIVE … Please consider adopting a child or a family this year. The SafeHope Angel Tree Gift Drive Project helps families with gifts, needed clothing, food, and personal need items. Please call SafeHope for more information or to adopt a child or family. Flyer posted on bulletin board in church foyer.

WORST MONSOON FLOODING … In a century has damaged roads, homes and sources of income for hundreds of thousands of people in the Kerala state of India. As displaced people are returning to their homes, Mennonite Central Committee is working with Gilgal Mission Trust in India to provide tarps, food baskets, cooking utensils, and cleaning and hygiene items. Donations to support the response can be given online at mcc.org/india-flooding; by phone at 1-(888) 563-4676; or by mail to MCC U.S., 21 S 12th St, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.
"KITS ARE FOR CARING" ... Is a new resource from MCC for churches to help children (and people of all ages) excited about collecting relief kits! Designed to be ready to use, the resource includes curriculum to guide a group of children toward a celebration of sharing God’s gifts by collecting humanitarian aid for those in need around the world. Whether you use the curriculum in Sunday School classes, during the children’s story or in a Bible camp, there are games, stories and activity sheets that will engage children of all ages. But there are also resources to use with adult groups, including prayer cards and in-depth info sheets. Would you consider collecting relief kits this Thanksgiving or Christmas season? Contact Tina S if you need help downloading the PDF files or for more information. Visit https://mcc.org/stories/kits-are-caring-resource to download the PDF files.

SEE THE WORLD-FAMOUS OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY ... In Bavaria, Germany in 2020. Join tour host Pastor Weldon M of Grace Hill Mennonite Church on a ten-day tour to Germany, France, and Switzerland for the Oberammergau Passion Play, August 15-25, 2020. The Passion Play first held in 1634 is held every ten years. We will see the Swiss Alps, the Black Forest, German Castles, and enjoy a Rhine River Cruise. Daily devotions led by Pastor Weldon. The tour is limited to 25 travelers. For a brochure or information contact Pastor Weldon.

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Sunday School
Starts at 9:00 am

Children & Youth
Nursery/Preschool ....................... Rm 207-UL
"God’s Blessing & Care".................... Teacher: Brenda M
K-4th Grade.............................. Rm 103-LL
"God’s Blessing & Care"........ Teachers: Leslie H & Stephanie T
Middle School (Gr 5-8)................ Rm 105-LL
"God’s Blessing & Care"........ Teachers: Jon H & Tammy P
High School (Gr 9-12) ............... Rm FYG-LL
"God’s Blessing & Care"........ Teachers: Verda D, Sara R, Oris S

Adults
Lamp Lighters............................ Rm 125-LL
"Missional Essentials"................... Teacher: Shari S
Cornerstones............................ Rm 124-LL
"God’s World & God’s People"...... Teachers: Class Members
Open Class............................ Open Area-LL
"God’s Blessing & Care"............. Teachers: Class Members

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Classes For All Ages

Fall: Sept 9, 2018 - Nov 25, 2018
This Week (09/30/2018 to 10/07/2018)

Monday
6:00 pm Faith Mission Circle @ Et Cetera Shop
6:00 pm Zumba

Wednesday
6:00 pm Meal - Please bring your own table service
6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Faith Adventure
7:00 pm MS Youth Group
7:00 pm HS Youth Group
7:00 pm Adult Study

Sunday
9:00 am Sunday School
9:00-9:15 am Faith Kids Sing (Children's Sunday School will follow)
10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 am Worship
11:45 am Blood Pressure Checks

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

Attendance for September 23, 2018
Sunday School: 57
Worship: 237

Board of Administration’s Contact Person For October:
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