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Mennonite Church
August 7, 2011 10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Prelude Jane Voth
*Song *Great is thy faithfulness* HWB 327
Welcome to Worship! Harlan Bartel
Opening Prayer

Praising

A Reading from Psalm 105:1-5, adapted

Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,
make known God's deeds among the peoples!
Sing to God, **sing praise,**
and tell of all God's wonderful works!
Glory in God's holy name, **let the hearts of those**
who seek the Lord rejoice!
Turn to God - and God's strength - **and seek**
God's presence continually.
Remember the wonderful works God has done,
The wonders performed and the judgments
pronounced.
We will give thanks to the Lord, **we will call on**
God's name.

*Song *We sing to you, O God* STJ 1

Hearing and Responding

The Gospel Story Matthew 14:22-33
Song *Don't be afraid* (x2) STJ 105
Sermon "Deep Water" Gordon Smith
*Song *What a friend we have in Jesus* HWB 574

The Ministry of God's People

Sharing our Resources

Offertory Jane Voth
Prayer of Dedication Harlan Bartel

Sharing our Lives

Gordon Smith

Praying for One Another and the World

Response: *Spirit of the living God*

HWB 349

***Sent Out to Serve**

***Piano Response**

Jane Voth

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

Worship Leader: *Harlan Bartel*

Pianist: *Jane Voth*

Songleader: *Jim Yoder*

Sound Tech: *John Horn*

Sanctuary Prep: *Yvonne Banman*

WELCOME

We cherish the presence of everyone who has come to worship our loving Creator. May God touch each of our lives today!

HERE'S A THOUGHT...

Love is the seed of all hope. It is the enticement to trust, to risk, to try, and to go on.

CHILDCARE

Byron & Janet Ediger will provide care today during worship for children 3 and under. Next Sunday, Oris & Kathy Schrag will be responsible.

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE for July 31, 2011

Faith Mission Plan (FMP)	\$4,949.00
(FMP Budget per week: \$5,149.76)	
Sunday School	\$1.00
Building Fund	\$5,583.00
Fellowship Fund	\$200.00
Organ Fund	\$50.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$10,783.00
Attendance: Sunday School	56
Worship	155

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.

FAITH CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

THIS WEEK

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. Bd of Deacons

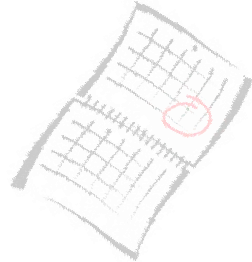
7:00 p.m. Bd of Fellowship

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Fill the Bus!

10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Worship



SENIOR FASPA

The Senior Faspa will be held today @ 4:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Chris Sidebottom will talk about her Underground Rail Road quilts. Bring Faspa type food, and table service.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Ethan Guggemos (Grandson of **Mike and Darlene Powers**), is home from receiving hospital care. Please pray for ongoing health concerns.

Delores Goering received care @ Wesley Rehab Hospital.

Western District Prayer Requests:

Pray for Sembradores de Buenas Nuevas (Sower of Good News), our new church plant in Hutchins, Texas

Mennonite Mission Network:

Pray for Kyong Jung Kim, director of the Korea Anabaptist Center, and for this month's events, including the North East Asia Regional Peace Institute and a people camp for middle and high school students. Korea Anabaptist Center is a Mennonite Mission Network partner agency.

INVEST IN THE FUTURE

Last Sunday, we introduced an MCC initiative that calls on the U.S. Congress to craft a budget that reduces the deficit and insures adequate resources to address poverty, promote peace, and protect God's creation. If you didn't get to participate (we ran out of postcards!), check the foyer table for more information (and more postcards).

FIRST SUNDAY BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Registered Nurses will be in the Health Wellness Room to check your BP after the service today. Please come by to see how you are doing.

DILLONS GIFT CARDS

Are available during the coffee break this morning. Dillons donates 4% of income from these gift cards to Offender Victim Ministries, a vital ministry in our community.

FILL THE BUS!



The Board of Witness and Outreach is launching a "Fill the Bus" campaign for school supplies for the Newton elementary schools (grades K – 4). Pick up supply lists at the yellow school box in the lobby. Please return your supplies to the box by Friday August 12th. On Sunday morning August 14th during the Sunday school hour we will fill the backpacks. If you have questions contact Chuck Beth or any of the members of the Board of Witness and Outreach.

CHURCH RETREAT

Plan to participate at Camp Mennoscah August 20-21 for good food, fellowship and inspiration. Ron Moyo will be sharing at the campfire Saturday evening and during the Sunday worship service. Please fill out a registration form in your mailbox (extras in the foyer) and return it to the registration box by next Sunday. Donations will be accepted prior to the retreat as well as at camp to cover the cost of the weekend so everyone can participate. Any excess funds will be donated to Camp Mennoscah. Arrangements for transportation assistance to and from camp can be made by contacting Kathryn Penner, Joni Jantz, Jane Schmidt, or Rosalie Neufeld.

PICTURES OF FAITH



The Board of Witness and Outreach is in search of current pictures of our Faith Family. Whether it be pictures of people from Faith, activities of Faith, or even just the building, we are interested in them. Please give your digital media (preferred) or pictures to Loris in the church office, or send them by email to faith@sbcglobal.net. Your pictures will be placed in a photo library for possible use on our new website, and/or other future projects.

WEBSITE TASK FORCE

There has been a "Website Taskforce" working with the Board of Witness and Outreach in developing our new website. Recently two of the task force members moved and are no longer available to help. Much of the technical work has been done but we are looking for persons with creativity, vision, and writing skills to join us. If you are interested, contact the church office or members of the Board of Witness and Outreach.

BEYOND FAITH CHURCH

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MCC MEAT CANNING

The Mennonite Central Committee mobile meat canner will be at the MCC Center in North Newton this fall. Here are the dates for each community: Moundridge - Oct. 31, Newton - Nov. 1-3, Buhler/Inman - Nov. 4-5, Hillsboro - Nov. 7-8. The canner will move to Hutchinson for Nov. 10-11. Contributions to help pay for canning expenses can be given to Milton Claassen or Loren Reusser or sent to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117 with "CS Meat Canning" designated on the memo line.

MCC BICYCLE RIDE



The annual MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on Saturday, September 17, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) offices, 121 East 30th Street, North Newton, KS. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Mozambique. Rides of approximately 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned. Informational brochures are available in the foyer as well as on the MCC website: <http://centralstates.mcc.org/programs/flatlander>. You may also register online at the same site.

WOMAN'S RETREAT

All women and girls grade 3 and above are invited to Camp Mennoscah Sept 9-11, 2011. On Saturday we have many opportunities including Bible study, canoeing, skin care and pampering, water aerobics, using your digital camera, prayerful movement, and learning about gluten intolerance. There will also be a time for fellowship, spending time in nature, swimming, singing and worshipping God. Scholarships are available. For more information please contact womengirlsretreat@gmail.com. We hope to see everyone at the retreat.

CAMP MENNOSCAH



Lids and buckets needed! Remember how earlier this spring we bemoaned how we weren't going to get our pool chemicals in 5 gallon buckets any more and would need more at some point? Well, we've hit that point.

Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 if you have buckets and/or lids to share!

FAMILY EDUCATION COURSE

The Newton chapter of The National Alliance of Mental Illness of Mid-Kansas is sponsoring a 12-week Family to Family Education Course on Monday evenings, starting Aug 29, 7:00 to 9:30, at the First Mennonite Church, 429 E 1st St, Newton. This course is designed for families of persons with major depression, bi-polar, schizophrenia, panic or obsessive compulsive disorder. There is no cost to the course, just a commitment to attend regularly. For enrollment or more information, call Florene Wiens, 316-283-5814 or Marilyn Jost 316-772-6062. Register by Aug 15 if possible.

DAY ON THE FARM

Day on the Farm (originally scheduled for August 20) has been CANCELLED, due to the extreme heat and drought of this summer. Look for this event to be held again in August 2012.



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