





Mennonite Church

May 08, 2022

10:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome!

Peace Prayer

Call to Worship

Organ Side: To worship is to stand in awe under a heaven of stars,
before a flower, a leaf in sunlight, or a grain of sand.

**Piano Side: To worship is to be silent, receptive, before a tree
astir with the wind, or the passing shadow of a cloud.**

Organ: To worship is to work with dedication and with skill;
it is to pause from work and listen to a strain of music.

**Piano: To worship is to sing with the singing beauty of the earth;
it is to listen through a storm to the still small voice within.**

**ALL: *Worship is the mystery within us reaching out to the Mystery
beyond.***

Prayer

Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing

VT 7

The Love of God

VT 162

Psalm 104:1-4,10-15

Children's Time

Prayer for our Offerings

God, Be the Love

VT 43

Ephesians 3:14-21

The Unconditional and Transformational Love of God Rev. Kristine Regehr

Musical Reflection: Please sign the friendship sheets.

Transition Moment

May You Be Rooted and Grounded

VT 517

Blessing

Postlude*

VT = Voices Together STJ = Green Song Book STS = Purple Song Book
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**This service is streamed live. There will be a pause while the stream is switched from the public to the unlisted (private) stream for our congregational sharing, prayer, and announcements.*

If you are unable to stand please remain seated.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

*Pastors..... Kristine Regehr
..... Rose Marie Zook Barber
Worship Leader..... Pastor Rose Marie
Song Leader Jerry Friesen
Accompanists Jane Schmidt
..... Tammy Plank*

*Sanctuary Prep..... Jane Schmidt
Broadcasting..... MeleLani Llanes
Sound..... Allen Jantz
Projection Adam Scheffler
Ushers.... Wendall Banman & Byron Ediger
Greeters Joyce & Gary Gaeddert*

In lieu of passing an offering plate, there are many ways to give. There is a container in the back of the sanctuary as one option. There is a giving button on our community website. and USPS also delivers to us.

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.

There are a few *quiet* craft items on the back table of the sanctuary that can be used during worship.

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 FAMILY NEWS

SPRING WORKDAY is this coming Saturday! The Board of Administration is hosting a spring cleanup/workday, May 14, 2022 at 8:30 AM. Please see the signup sheet on the credenza or check out the link in your email for SignUpGenius.

NEXT WEEK, Shari Scheffler will be attending a class by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center called Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders. The class runs from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday online via Zoom. It is designed to equip church leaders with the skills necessary to deal effectively with interpersonal, congregational, and other forms of group conflict. The five-day institute also includes a component on congregational mediation and consultation, placed within the context of family systems theory. Shari would appreciate prayers for good absorptive learning!



THE THIRD SUNDAY POTLUCKS will be starting up again the third Sunday of May! May 15 is the date! Bring your favorite dish, your table service, and your appetite! As per usual, this will be right after the church service.

A INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT will happen on May 15 during the Sunday School Hour when we will be tying comforters! Deb Schmidt and Jane Schmidt will be on hand to help us get started! This is a great way for the adults to model service work and connect with our youth and children.

ON MAY 19, 2022 @ 7:00 PM Caleb Garber and Ethan Neufeld will be giving a joint Senior Cello Recital! The event will be at Shalom Mennonite Church—800 East First Street, here in Newton. All are welcome!

WE HAVE NOTICED that our care for each other has not been meeting the full need in the last while, and during transition until a new settled pastor has fully settled, a different strategy is needed. By "care for each other" I mean the full spectrum from active care for people's acute needs, to casual check-ins with people for whom life is pretty OK. So the new strategy is to start a group called **Congregational Care Team**. This team will meet monthly with Deacons for an hour. The first meeting will start on May 11, @ 6:30. For more details, check your email or check with Pastor Kristine or Pastor Rose Marie.

"WHAT WE BELIEVE" was the identity conversation at the Open Sunday School class this morning. [Watch for announcements](#) for when Pastor Kristine will be hosting the conversations during the Sunday School hour. We seek to have fresh evidence of our:

- Commitment to Anabaptist Faith
- (Theological convictions) "What we believe."

- View of the pastor's role
- Congregational morale

The summaries of our conversations and any written responses (an option if you can't attend a group), will give the next search committee fresh material to answer the essay questions on the Congregational Information Form which describes us to potential settled pastor candidates. The work also reminds us that we are here for God's purposes, not our own. We do continue to seek strong participation, although our goal (45 people per question) is not as high as it was for our inclusive welcome work (we reached 80).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be May 31-June 3 from 5:30-7:30pm at First Mennonite Church (429 E 1st St) & June 5 Worship at 10:00am (Athletic Park). VBS is for those in Preschool through 5th grade (with Sunday worship for ALL AGES!) Each weeknight we will start with supper for all



participants (children and volunteers). VBS is a joint venture of Bethel College Mennonite Church, Faith Mennonite Church, First Mennonite Church, Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, New Creation Fellowship Church, and Shalom Mennonite Church. Please use the QR code to follow it to the sign up page for VBS. PLEASE have your registration in by May 25,2022. You can also bring friends and relatives! Please wear masks to be mindful of the youngest children who will be there and cannot yet get a COVID vaccine.

SAVE THE DATE: Let's talk church retreat in August! The date for the annual church retreat is August 13&14! **Note that this is not the usual 3rd weekend of August!!** More information will come in July!

OTHER AREA ITEMS

ANDOVER TORNADO RESPONSE: The Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service Unit is responding to the recent Andover tornado. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Cleo Koop, Kansas Unit Chair at cleohkoop@gmail.com or 316-282-0797.

KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Hesston Mennonite on Thursday, May 19. The meal will be at 6:00 with the meeting starting after the meal. The cost is \$15.00 per plate. The meal is being catered and RSVPs are REQUIRED. If you submit a Reservation, payment will be expected whether you attend or not. The deadline for RSVPs is Monday, May 16, 6:00 pm. NO late RSVPs will be accepted. Please RSVP for the meal to Barb Reeves either by email (bj.reeves@live.com), phone or text (620-543-6863) by May 16, 6:00 pm. If you are only attending the meeting, RSVP is not needed. Hope to see you there to celebrate our successful Sale! Barb BJ Reeves, KMRS Secretary

EVERENCE® this May and June Everence will hold Medicare and Social Security workshops at its office in North Newton. The Medicare workshop (Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m.) will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. The retirement income workshop (Tuesday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m.) will cover, Social Security strategies including when to begin taking benefits, strategies to help your income last throughout retirement, and risks that can impact your retirement savings. The in-person workshops will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or entral.kansas@everence.com.

SOON YOU WILL NOTICE changes at the MCC building in North Newton, Kansas. Construction will address necessary repairs and updates to make the space more welcoming and safer for everyone as we strive to be good stewards of the MCC building and land. We ask for your patience and your prayers as we navigate continuing to do the work of MCC even during this construction process. If you have questions please email centralstates@mcc.org or call 316.283.2720.

JOIN THE MCC CENTRAL STATES TEAM! We currently have the following openings. Please contact krystalklaassen@mcc.org with any questions. Young Adult Program Coordinator – Plan, facilitate and recruit for young adult programming in the MCC Central States region. This includes the International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP), Summer Service Worker (SSW) program, the Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program, Seed, and other expanding opportunities for young adults to join with the work of MCC. Check out all the details and apply today at MCC.ORG!

MATERIAL RESOURCES CENTER (MRC) VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR— The MRC in North Newton, Kansas hosts volunteers of all ages working together to support the mission of MCC. Primarily, the part time Volunteer Coordinator will welcome, host, educate, assist and supervise the daily volunteers as well as receive donations in the MRC. Please visit mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings for more information and to apply.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who participated in the Verenike Casserole Fundraiser! We send an especially big thank you to Leslie Schrag, who led the tasty event once again this year. Over \$6000 was raised for summer youth camps and retreats. We are grateful for your help sharing in Christian fellowship and Building on the Rock at Camp Mennoscah!



'TIS THE SEASON for mowers and string trimmers! Camp Mennoscah is looking for people to help us keep the campgrounds trimmed and looking neat. Let us know when you would be able to mow or string trim! Call 620-297-3290 or email office@campmennoscah.org --we'll get you scheduled!

MAY 21 IS THE NEXT WORK & PLAY DAY at Camp Mennoscah! Projects will start at 8:30am at the maintenance shed. Both indoor and outdoor work available. Bring your water bottle and lunch. Grab a group of friends and make a day of it! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org to register.

JOIN US FOR THE 2022 Western District Conference Annual Assembly July 29-31, 2022, Camp Copass, Denton, TX in-person or virtually. Friday evening we will hear a broader conference perspective on being God's people "United in Purpose, Together in Love" by our Conference Minister Heidi Regier Kreider. Sunday morning the Pastor of Family, San Antonio Mennonite Church, Dianne Garcia, will share how they have come together to love God and care for their neighbors as they minister among immigrants who pass through their community. Registration will open soon for the Annual Assembly.

WDC MINISTER, Brad Roth of West Zion Mennonite Church, Moundridge, KS, will be holding a book signing event at Faith & Life Bookstore on Thursday, May 12 from 6-7pm for his new book, *The Hunger Inside: How the meal Jesus gave transforms lives*. Come visit with the author, hear excerpts from the book and his inspiration for writing it, plus pick up a signed copy for you and a friend!

PRAY FOR participants in the WDC Church Planting Commission zoom forum this Wednesday, on the topic of sharing faith stories with neighbors in our communities.

TODAY MAY 8 – Woven and Open Road joint Mother's Day concert, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall

SATURDAY MAY 14 – Spring choral concert, including pre-Europe tour program by the Bethel College Concert Choir, 4 p.m., Memorial Hall. Please note that this is a change in date and time from some previously printed sources.



Sunday School

CHILDREN/YOUTH

Pre-K — 4th Grade:

LL Room 103

Junior High (5th—8th Grade)

LL Room 105

High School

LL FYG Hall

ADULTS

Cornerstone:
Fellowship Hall

Open Class:
LL Open Area



This Week (05/09/2022—05/15/2022)

Wednesday:

6:30 PM Congregational Care Team
Introduction—FH

Thursday:

6:00 PM Board of Worship
7:30 PM Inclusive Welcome Committee

Saturday:

Spring Clean up Day
6-8 PM Caleb Garber Grad Party

GRADUATION SUNDAY:

9:00 AM: Sunday School
10:10 AM: Coffee Time
10:30 AM: Worship Service
Third Sunday Potluck

Attendance for 05/01/2022
Worship: 64

Looking Ahead:
MAY

16: Kathy Garber out of Office
16: Polishing Stones
17: Deacons
19-23: Pastor Kristine Gone
23: Caregivers Support Group
24: Council Meeting
27-30: MC USA Special Delegate
Assembly
5/31-6/3: Vacation Bible School
6/5: Worship in the Park

Board of Administration's Contact
Person for May:
Richard Schmidt

Board of Deacons' Contact
Person for May:
Janie Schmidt

Please have all bulletin
announcements and calendar items
to the office by Wednesday Noon.
Thanks!



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