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Mennonite Church

September 23, 2018

10:30 am

Gathered in Jesus' Name

Gathering Music	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Will T
Call to Worship		
Prayer		
* Song	<i>Here in this Place</i>	HWB 6
Offering	<i>There Will Come Soft Rains</i>	Ivo A
Prayer of Dedication		

Who Invites Us to Follow

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer of the Congregation with the Lord's Prayer

Choir	<i>Even When He is Silent</i>	Kim A
	<i>I Will Lift My Eyes</i>	Zachary M
	<i>Precious Lord</i>	Thomas B
	<i>I Don't Feel No Ways Tired</i>	arr. Stacey G

Children's Time

Scripture Reading 1st Tim 4:14-15, 2nd Chron. 1:9-12, James 1:19-27

Sermon Why a Christian Higher Education?

And Sends Us to Proclaim Peace

* Song	<i>God Be With You</i>	HWB 430
* Blessing		
* Musical Benediction	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>	Peter L

*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: *Jon G*

Worship Leader: *Jennifer H*

Song Leader: *Gyles G*

Accompanist: *Marlene H*

Children's Time: *Gretchen B*

Sound: *John S H*

Sanctuary Prep: *Janice P*

Ushers: *Team C (Chuck 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. Please welcome Jon G, Bethel College President, and the Bethel College Concert Choir under the direction of William E. You are all invited to join us after worship for a meal in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

CHILDCARE

*For children ages three (3)
and under during worship*

- 09/23: Jody H &
Pam S
- 09/30: Margo G &
Deb S

GREETERS

Front Door

- 09/23: Doris Y
- 09/30: Vernon P

Back Door by Kitchen

- 09/23: Jim Y
- 09/30: Janice P

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Thank God For ...

- The joy of celebrating Pastor Rachel's years of ministry with us through meaningful rituals, laughter, gifts, and fun for all generations
- Committed teachers and staff beginning another school year

Pray for ...

- Wednesday evening activities that nurture us in our faith journey, provide opportunities to learn, make music, and care for each other
- Our congregation as we enter into a time of transition and discerning pastoral leadership in the coming months. May we remember Pastor Rachel's parting words to us: "Breathe deeply ... breathe together in song ... in worship ... in loving one another ... staying connected as branches to the Vine."
- Pastor Randy S as we anticipate his ministry with us in October
- All who will participate and those preparing for Service Day on September 29, 2018
- Faith members in rehab, health care, and assisted living:
 - At Kidron Bethel: Jake & Lola F, Elma H, Maurine R, Richard S, John & Hulda S, Frank W
 - At Presbyterian Manor: Bertha B, Len & Delores G
 - At Showalter Villa: Howard H, Arlene K
- Those in hospice care:
 - At Kansas Christian Home: Irene B
 - At home: Jack S
- Those caring for spouses and family members at home
- Comfort for those who have lost loved ones:
 - Edgar B - his sister, Mae F
 - Merrill U - his mother, Phyllis U
- Courage to reach out in a "Neighborly Initiative" to pray for, invite, and get better acquainted with our neighbors

Mennonite World Conference ...

September 23, 2018, is Peace Sunday - a reminder that as a peace church, we are invited to welcome the stranger and pray for justice for immigrants.

Western District Conference ...

Pray for WDC's Immigration Task Force, as they network congregations and provide resources for faithful responses to immigration concerns.

FAITH CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL ... For 09/26/17 is tater tot casserole and finger veggies. The cost is \$2.00 per person. Make your reservation on the Friendship Sheets in the pews. Please sign-up to bring dessert & for clean-up (*on table in foyer*). Please remember to bring your own table service.

FAITH SENIOR FASPA ... Is next Sunday, September 30, 2018, 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 faspas, so bring food to share and your own table service. Even if you've never been to a senior faspas, if you love to learn about interesting places, you should join us. We'll have the coffee on!

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 by next Sunday, September 30, 2018. ~ *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 next Sunday, September 30, 2018, 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 than 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 coffee cake 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*

BEYOND FAITH CHURCH

CAMP MENNOSCAH ... Is 70 years old--and thriving! Come to camp today (09/23/18), to dedicate The Whale playground and celebrate Camp Mennoscah's 70th Anniversary at the Annual Meeting! All 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, Whale playground dedication at 5:00 pm, with annual meeting following. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org to let Camp know you plan to join the celebration.

3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY HOG ROAST ... hosted by Grace Hill Mennonite Church (10218 SE 12th St, Whitewater, KS) is today (09/23/18), 5:00-8:00 pm. Everyone is invited to an evening of outdoor fellowship with food, yard games, and music. Free will donation to support area food banks.

GENEROSITY AND ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP ... Everence, alongside 14 sponsoring agencies, will host a workshop this Tuesday, September 25, 2018, 6:30-8:30 pm. Topics will include the spiritual call to generosity and intentional planning, tax and estate planning tools, and insights into planning a move to a life plan community. This workshop will take place at The Meridian Center (1420 E Broadway Ct, Newton, KS). Reserve your spot soon by contacting Sandy P. *Flyer posted on bulletin board in church foyer.*

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS ... There will be an Area Wide PC-PF (Post College- Pre Family) Fall Get Together on Sunday, September 30, 2018, 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 Oad St). *Flyer posted on bulletin board in church foyer.*

SAVE THE DATE ... For Fall Festival at Bethel College, October 4-7, 2018, with most events Saturday, October 6; presidential inauguration for Jonathan C. G, Sunday, October 7, 2018, 10:00 am, Memorial Hall-Bethel College. See www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/ for full details.

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.

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. For more information about current projects, visit mds.mennonite.net.

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. *Flyer posted on bulletin board in church foyer.*

Sunday School
Starts at 9:00 am

Children & Youth

- Nursery/PreschoolRm 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 (09/24/2018 to 09/30/2018)

Monday

6:00 pm Zumba

Tuesday

6:30 pm Church Council

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

Saturday

8:30 am Service Day

5:00 pm Service Day Celebration

5:30 pm Service Day Meal

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

5:00 pm Senior Faspá - *Please bring food to share and your own table service*

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

Attendance for September 16, 2018

Sunday School: 73

Worship: 133

Board of Administration's Contact Person For September:

Mike S

Board of Deacons' Contact Person For September:

Sara R



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