





**We light the peace lamp** as a reminder that peace is God's will for all of creation, that Christ is the Prince of Peace, and that the Holy Spirit empowers us to proclaim boldly the gospel of peace.

**We welcome you to this service of worship!** Please write your name on the welcome pad at the end of your pew, and then return it to learn who is sitting near you. Please include your address if you are a visitor or new attender. A nursery for children up to 5 years of age is available in Room 204.

**For those with hearing difficulties**, assistive listening equipment (which includes headphones and a small, pocket-sized receiver) is available. Please ask one of the ushers for assistance.

**Greeters this morning are** Braeden Cleary and Sylvia Schmidt. **Nursery workers during worship** are Melanie Mitchell and Anna Harder; **during Sunday school**, Catherine Everingham. (**Nursery volunteers during Sunday School** need to check in with Ellen Ebersole in the preschool room to assist her if needed. The church currently has no babies in the nursery most Sundays.) **Fellowship workers** are Bob and Sylvia Schmidt.

**Following the worship service**, you all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and casual conversation until the bell rings for Sunday School. (Please see the list of classes below.)

### **Among Our Friends**

I am traveling with a friend to Colorado this week... with brand new, top dentures! I would like to thank the Deacons and all who helped with the purchase of my new teeth; I feel like a new person! **LuVerna Duerksen**

**Tom Harder** had a mishap with his motorcycle on a gravel road on Monday as he drove (along with Chuck Graber) to rural Nebraska to view the eclipse. Five ribs on his left side are broken; ouch! He's moving slowly but healing steadily. Thanks for your prayers.

Camp Mennoscah LOVES its volunteers! These folks helped make the camp experience a memorable one for the 551 campers this summer. Camp Mennoscah thanks you, **Myra Swartz, Jill Robinson, and Ruth Tieszen!** And, so do we!

## **In our community, our city, and beyond...**

**Wednesday night suppers are returning**, beginning September 6 and running through October 25! The “season” is 8 weeks instead of the usual 12 weeks, and there are *five Wednesdays remaining!* The sign-up sheet for cooking the meal is on the table outside the office window. Looking forward to dining with you in the fall.

This afternoon, **Ben Goossen** will speak on “Are Mennonites German? Religion and Nationalism in the Global Diaspora,” and sign his book *Chosen Nation: Mennonites and Germany in a Global Era* (2017), **3 p.m.**, *Kauffman Museum, North Newton* (books will be available for purchase in the museum store).

**Join us for MCC Lunch & Learn TOMORROW Monday, August 28 at MCC in North Newton!** *Historian Ben Goossen will discuss how narratives of Mennonite identity and history can help align Anabaptists with mainstream American culture and white privilege.* To what extent do stories of martyrdom and separation from the world prevent us from engaging inequality in our own churches and beyond? Unfortunately, the RSVP deadline for lunch has passed, but please join us and bring your own lunch along! This informal talk will go from 12pm-1pm with further discussion going past 1pm if there's interest. Questions? Call Patsy at 316.283.2720. Please plan to join us!

The first exhibit in Bethel College's Regier Art Gallery for 2017-2018, “**Lindey Anderson: They Sit Together,**” opens Thursday, August 30, with the artist reception, 6-8 p.m. outside the gallery. Bethel College is in North Newton.

**Kansas MDS will be working new house construction in Eureka**, next Friday and Saturday, setting and pouring stem walls for the foundation. (All the dirt works and pouring footings was done this weekend.) A skilled crew leader, transportation, tools and lunch will be provided. Call, text or email for more information - Jordan Miller 316-217-4570, [Jordanmiller795@gmail.com](mailto:Jordanmiller795@gmail.com)

**Those going to Camp Mennoscah for the women/girls retreat on September 8-10**, please note the detour due to a bridge being worked on. Alternative driving directions and a map are on the Camp website at: <http://campmennoscah.org/map/>.

**Help displaced people in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC):** Armed conflict in the Kasai region of the Democratic

Republic of the Congo has displaced 1.4 million people, including 8,000 Mennonites. A Congolese assessment team visited this summer and found a severe lack of food and increasing malnutrition. Families had to leave their fields and animals when they fled the violence, and food that is available for purchase is very expensive. An Anabaptist response is underway, shaped and implemented by Congolese Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren church-based relief committees, coordinated by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and supported by global and Canada- and U.S.-based Anabaptist organizations. Your gift of money will help provide food, household items and shelter supplies. Make your donation online at [mcc.org/congo-relief](http://mcc.org/congo-relief) or by phone, 1-888-563-4676; mail checks to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501. Please keep those who have been forced from their homes, and those hosting them, in your prayers.

**Richard Rothstein will discuss and sign ‘The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of how our Government Segregated America’, WSU, 3:00 PM, 231 Hubbard Hall, Thursday, Sept. 7.** In this groundbreaking history of the modern American metropolis, Richard Rothstein explodes the myth that America's cities came to be racially divided as the result of individual prejudices, personal choices to live in same-race neighborhoods, income differences, or the actions of private institutions like banks and real estate agencies. Rather, **The Color of Law** uncovers a forgotten history of how racially explicit policies of federal, state, and local governments created the patterns of residential segregation that persist to this day. **The Color of Law** concludes that because residential segregation was created by government action in violation of the constitution, we are obligated to remedy it.

**Prayer Request from Western District Conference:**

Pray for Stephen Wilcox as he is installed today at First Mennonite Church in Halstead, KS, that God will bless his ministry as a new pastor in WDC.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:**

Nazareth Village, a re-creation of Jesus' hometown, has helped bring the biblical message to life for seekers and believers from more than 125 countries. Pray that visitors may encounter Jesus and grow in faith through this ministry.

**Prayer Concern from Mennonite Disaster Services:**

This week, we ask prayers for those in the path of tropical storm Harvey which is expected to become a hurricane when it makes

landfall Friday night. It would be the first hurricane to hit Texas since 2008. In anticipation [of torrential rains], the governor has declared a state of disaster for at least 30 counties in the southern part. Pray for safety as many individuals and communities are in the path of the storm. Pray also that there will be limited flooding and damage to property.

### **Prayers for Peacemakers:**

Let us give thanks for the ten wonderful people who successfully accomplished and graduated from the month-long intensive CPT Training for Peacemakers. Their peacemaking journeys will continue on various CPT teams and/or in their home communities around the world. This was the 48th training that Christian Peacemaker Teams has organized and held during its 31 years of existence. Over 500 people have trained to join the organization and to strengthen their peacemaking skills. We are deeply grateful for everyone committed to this journey of peacemaking, for all who participate either in the trainings or in making them possible through numerous ways of support and accompaniment of prayer.

### **Prayer Request from *Sabeel*:**

The impact of the Gaza electricity crisis on people's access to water is life threatening. The current crisis is caused by Israel's decision to cut electricity supplies to Gaza by 40 per cent, at the request of the Palestinian National Authority. The Palestinian Authority and the Hamas Government in Gaza are in dispute over who should pay the electricity bills. *Lord, we hold the people of Gaza in our prayers. May your spirit bring justice to the people on the margins who suffer at the hands of the powerful decision makers. Guide us Lord to continue to work to end the injustice and hold Israel responsible for the people they hold under siege. Give us courage to challenge both the leadership in Ramallah and Gaza who have failed to bring unity. Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayers.*

This Monday, the Israeli army destroyed a child daycare center close to Al Azarieh suburb of Jerusalem. The daycare was a project funded by a number of European governments as support to the Palestinian local community. *Lord, the Israeli government continues to attack our villages and towns with the intention to destroy every sign of hope. We pray for an end to this occupation that nourishes hatred and violence. We give thanks for the nonviolent resistance among Palestinians, Israelis and internationals that work for justice and peace and plants hope in the community. Lord, in your mercy...*

This week marks the beginning of the new school-year. It cheers the heart to see the hopeful faces of the school children as they go back to their school benches. *We pray that this year will be a peaceful one, and that the children will be able to reach their schools safely and without delays, despite the obstacles in their way: the wall, the checkpoints, the searches, the gates and the closures. Lord, in your mercy...*

The Ramallah Annual Summer Festival, is an event that revives an old tradition and celebrates Ramallah’s history through various city venues and public places. This year’s festival was a great success that uplifted the spirit of the Palestinian people. *Lord, we give thanks for all the musicians and dancers who use their gifts to draw a smile on Palestinian faces. We pray for the safe journey back home for the international artists who participated in the festival. We ask for your spirit to protect and foster the numerous artists in Palestine. Lord, in your mercy...*

*We join the World Council of Churches in praying for the countries of Liberia, Sierra Leone . Lord, in your mercy...*

**Visitor last Sunday:** Tom Moore, Wichita; Samantha, Yalissa, Faith and Johnny Steele, Wichita.

### **This Week at Church**

Monday	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
	Shakespeare Rehearsal – East courtyard	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Shakespeare Rehearsal – East courtyard	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Shakespeare Rehearsal – East courtyard	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:45 p.m.
	Shakespeare Rehearsal – East courtyard	7:30 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
	Music Committee – Gathering Room	7:00 p.m.

## Mission Statement\*

We are called to be followers of Christ  
seeking God's will through the Holy Spirit  
sharing the good news of love, peace,  
healing, and hope  
through worship, fellowship, and service  
in our community, our city, and beyond.



*\*Foundational Scripture passages: Micah 6:8; Matthew 5-7; Mark 12:29-31; John 3:16; John 13:34-35; John 20:31; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 Peter 4:7-11; 1 John 4:16.*

We welcome all persons without regard to their race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, social status, education, ability, or any other factor subject to discrimination and exclusion in our world. *"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus"* (Galatians 3:28)

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Monday is the pastors' day off

Admin. Asst., Barbara Gingrich Tues. 9:30-1:30, Fri. 10:00-12:00

Admin. Asst., Linda Gebert Weds. 10:30 – 2:30, Thurs. 2:00 – 4:00

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