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| Sermon | A Bush and a City | Tom Harder |
| *Hymn | There's a wideness in God's mercy | HWB 145 |
| Work of the Church | | Lois Harder |
| | Welcome and Introductions | |
| | Announcements and Activities | |
| | Joys and Concerns | |
| | Prayer | |
| *Hymn | The love of God | SJ 44 |
| *Benediction | | |
| Response | Servant, Go Forth | Patterson |
| Postlude | Praise to the Lord | arr. Eithun |
| *Congregation Stands | | |

HWB = Hymnal, a Worship Book; SJ = Sing the Journey;
SS = Sing the Story; PB = Pew Bible

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 Andrea Unzicker and Linda Doll. **Nursery workers during worship** are Don and Mildred Franz; **during Sunday school**, Joel and Ruth Tieszen. (**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 Dwayne and Sandy Schrag.

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.)

in our community, our city, and beyond...

The CROP Walk is next Sunday, October 1!

Crop Walk - Walk - Give - Change the World! Helping to end hunger, one step at a time in our own community and around the world. \$20 buys a year's supply of micronutrient packets. \$60 buys water jerry cans for a small village. \$100 buys training for 25 farmers. Make checks out to: CWS/CROP (and CB will gladly tell you more during fellowship time!)

Saturday, September 30 from noon – 2:00 p.m. **Potluck Fellowship Cookout with Greater Faith Christian Church.** Hosted at LAMC on the east patio, LAMC will grill hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixin's! Bring your favorite dish to share, your table service and lawn or board games! Please call the church office to RSVP so the LAMB knows how many to expect.

GFCC and LAMC Cookbook Project – Don't forget to submit your recipe(s) along with the significant stories that accompany them! We're collecting recipes from both congregations during September and October. Then, as the cookbook is being edited and compiled we'll have three "Tasting Meals" at which several of the recipes will be prepared and the stories shared with one another. "Tasting Meal" dates are Wednesday, November 15 at LAMC, Wednesday, January 31 at GFCC, Wednesday, April 11 at LAMC. Refer to the salmon colored sheets in your mailbox (extras on the office table) for all the details.

Monday, October 9 is Indigenous People's Day. Come to the University United Methodist Church, 2220 N Yale, for **interfaith prayers for peace.** Prayers will be offered for inner, personal peace, peace across backyard fences, within cities, among leaders and decision-makers, throughout nation states. Prayers offered from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Refreshments and fellowship from 8:00-8:30. This event is sponsored by People of Faith for Peace.

Every year, the Wichita affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) holds a Candlelight Ceremony on the Sunday that begins Mental Illness Awareness Week nationwide. This year, our Candlelight Ceremony to promote awareness of mental illness, will be held on Sunday evening, October 1, 2017 at Newman

University, at 6:30 PM., in De Mattias Fine Arts Center. It will feature Ted Swartz, owner and creative director of Ted & Co, a professional touring theater company performing his show *Laughter is Sacred Space*, his own story of grief, loss and ultimately hope. The entire event is sponsored by several area mental health agencies and organizations. The program is free and open to the public.

Today– Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, 3 p.m., featuring music by Arnold, Ticheli, Grainger, Bernstein and Bjork; Memorial Hall, Bethel College, North Newton.

Today – Anyone interested is invited to a public come-and-go reception, 4:30-6 p.m., for **Bethel College’s provisional presidential candidate**, Jon Gering, and his wife, Deborah, in the atrium of Will Academic Center, on the campus.

This year’s Menno Simons Lecture series is earlier than usual – Sun.-Mon., Oct. 8-9, at Bethel College, featuring renowned Lutheran writer and scholar Timothy J. Wengert, speaking on “Remembering 500 Years of Reformation Together” (2017 is the 500th-anniversary year of the Protestant Reformation); see www.bethelks.edu/news-events/news/post/5585/

Fall Festival at Bethel College – October 12-15 with most events Saturday, Oct. 14; see www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for WDC’s Executive board meeting this week to further WDC’s mission of empowering congregations to witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, dwell in just and loving relationships, and connect to God’s mission in the world.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray for participants in Journey, AMBS’ distance-friendly, non-degree leadership development program. May God use the program’s focus on spiritual disciplines, theological and biblical studies, character development, mentoring and gifts discernment to deepen their faith and strengthen their leadership.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

LCC International University offers a Christian liberal arts education, a rare opportunity in Eastern Europe. Pray for staff who share Jesus’ teaching as a way to understanding and love in the diverse student body – 50 percent of the students are Lithuanian, and the others are international students.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

The United Nations Human Rights Council plans to publish a list of companies operating in illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories and the Golan Heights, in spite of immense diplomatic pressure from the United States and Israel. American Ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley, has threatened that the US will cut funding to the UN Human Rights Council if the list of international companies operating in the occupied territories is released. *Lord, we are reminded of your scripture: "No one can serve two masters.... You cannot serve both God and money." We pray that the UN will not succumb to pressure and expose the companies who make profit from our suffering. Lord in your mercy...*

The United Nations General Assembly is holding its annual meeting this weekend in New York, 193-member states are represented including Palestine as an observer state. *Lord, we hold the Palestinian people living under occupation in our prayers as the powerful and the weak meet this week for the United Nations General Assembly. May the meetings bring tangible results that would put an end to the injustice in the land of our Holy One. Lord in your mercy...*

Israeli rights group, B'Tselem, critiqued the Israeli government's plans to forcibly expel two Palestinian communities in the occupied West Bank. In a letter to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, B'Tselem said that such a move would constitute a "war crime." The forcible transfer of Khan al-Ahmar will enable future expansion of settlements, including in the area designated E1 – a plan being promoted in part by the settler lobby. *Lord, grant all people of conscience the courage and strength to continue to speak truth to power. May the voices of justice and equality continue to echo in the ears of the Israeli decision makers and may they surrender to your will of peace. Lord in your mercy...*

On Thursday September 14th, Israeli bulldozers demolished a Palestinian home in the Negev, south of Israel, for the eighth time. The Israeli authorities raided the village of Umm Qabu and demolished a house belonging to Salman Abu Sabileh, whose home was demolished seven times before by Israeli authorities for allegedly lacking almost impossible-to-obtain building permits. *Lord, once again we are reminded of your scriptures: (Matthew 18:21) "Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother who sins against me? Up to seven times?" We pray that the family of Abu Sabileh continues to rebuild*

their home regardless of the number of times the Israeli state sins against them. Lord in your mercy...

The Sabeel office in Nazareth is organizing a theatrical play that focuses on Palestinian heritage and identity. The play aims to strengthen the Palestinian narrative and deepen our roots in the land. The play comes at a time when the Israeli government is trying to redefine our own identity. *Lord, bless the work of Sabeel locally and internationally. We ask you to be with the young people on stage as they challenge the narrative of the Israeli state by being who they are. Lord in your mercy... We join the World Council of Churches in praying for the countries of Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay.*

Visitors last Sunday:

Lowell and Sharyn Tieszen, Durham, NC; Jan Swartzendruber and Floyd Saunders, Newton, KS

This Week at Church

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| Monday | Centering Prayer | 4:45 p.m. |
| | Yoga | 5:30 p.m. |
| | Wellness Group | 6:45 p.m. |
| Tuesday | Women's Group – Room 208 | 9:00 a.m. |
| Wednesday | Yoga | 4:45 p.m. |
| | Wednesday Evening Activities (see below) | |
| Thursday | Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room | 12:00 p.m. |
| | Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall | 5:45 p.m. |
| Friday | Yoga | 12:00 p.m. |

Wednesday Evening Activity Schedule

(Supper is \$4.00 per person or \$15 per family)

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| 4:45 | Yoga | Upstairs |
| 5:45 – 6:30 | Supper | Fellowship Hall |
| 6:30 – 7:30 | Children's Activities | Classrooms/Playground |
| 6:30 – 7:15 | Bible Study | Gathering Room |
| 7:15 | Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |

Nursery care for preschool children is provided

Elementary and Youth Sunday School Classes

Early Childhood (3- 4-year-olds) Shine! Curriculum Room 206
Teachers: Ellen Ebersole and Sylvia Schmidt

Kindergarten – Second Grade Shine! Curriculum Room 201
Teachers: Beth Lichty and Jill Robinson

Third - Fourth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room 202
Teachers: Alison Wenzel and Grayce Kaufmann

Fifth – Eighth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room B-4
Teachers: Nadine Reimer Penner, Julie Dunkelberger,
And Katie Mitchell-Koch

Ninth -Twelfth Grades Generation Why? Curriculum Rm 208
Teachers: Rachel Reimer-Kouame, Joel Ewy, and Jill Robinson

Adult Sunday School Classes

Empowerers Book Study Lois' Office (Basement)
*Radical Hope, letters of love and dissent
in dangerous times, edited by Carolina de Robertis*

Men's Study Jesus as seen through the eyes Library
of Leo Tolstoy
*(with a sprinkle of Russian Mennonite history)
led by Doug Everingham and Alex Muñoz*

Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room
led by Rose Moyer

Young Adult Class Choir Room
TED Talks and discussion facilitated by Ruth Tieszen

Faith and Issues Fellowship Hall
Dismantling “The Doctrine of Discovery”
*Presented by MCC staff
Michelle Armster, Karen Kaufman Wall and Erica Littlewolf
(Runs until October 1)*

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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Pastor Tom Harder

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Monday is the pastors' day off

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

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