**First Mennonite Church of Christian**

**Pastor Peter Emery**

**Pianist – Delonna Barnett**

**Worship Leader – Randy Stucky**

**October 22, 2023**

**Gathering and Praising**

Prelude

Welcome

Morning Prayer

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us seek God, who can be found.

**People: Let us call upon God, who is near.**

Leader: As the thirsty soil receives rain from heaven,

**People: let us receive the word of God offered in this place.**

Leader: Let us praise God joyfully with a loud voice!

**People: For if we are silent, the stones would shout out.**

Leader: Let us burst into song with the mountains

**People: and clap our hands with the trees.**

***All: Let us worship God together with joy.***

*\*Hymn – “We Sing to You, O God” VT 80*

 “Praise Him, Praise Him”  VT #100

Scripture – Matthew 22:15-22

Special Music – “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us” (See insert)

**Receiving God’s Word**

Sermon – “Show me the coin” Pastor Pete Emery

Moment for Meditation

**Sharing with One Another**

Sharing Joys and Prayer Requests

Prayer of the Church

**Going in God’s Name**

Sending Song *–* “Lord, I want to Be a Christian” VT #558

*\*Benediction*

Postlude

*\*Those who are able are invited to stand*

Pastor Pete Emery

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**Moundridge, KS**

**A Welcoming Community of Christians for Peace**

**October 22, 2023**

**PRAYER PLACES/JOYOUS JOURNEYS**

**Ann Storer** is struggling. Pray for her.

**Dwight Goering** has had a rough couple of weeks. Pray for him and Pat as they continue on their journey with Dwight’s MS.

**Pray for all** the unspoken needs that so many of us have.

**Pray for the Meat Canning Crew.** This is the time of year when they are busy traveling to many places.

**Pray** for those affected by the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Matthew 5:9**

If you have prayer requests or items of joy, contact one of the Care Team members so we can add those requests as needed. Members are: Pat Krehbiel, Dwight Goering or Cheri Kaufman.

Opportunities

**Today:** 9:30: Sunday School

 10:30: Worship Service

**October 23:** Meat Canning

**November 5:** Daylight savings time ends

**November 5:** Annual Church Business Meeting

**November 12:** Bethel Chamber Singers with a pot luck dinner following the service

**November 19:** Fall Mission Sunday with Eden and West Zion

**Sunday, October 29: Organist – Bev Hasan, Worship Leader – Lurline Wiens, Special Music – song with guitar**

Those who have lived well in their own time have lived well for all time.
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**Announcements**

**I would like to thank** everyone who helped in any way with our moving to Pine Village.  It was a tremendous job, and there is no way we could have done it without all the help we had, including prayers and encouragement. We are so thankful for you all.   Caryl Tieszen

**Meat Canning is October 23,** at the MCC Center in North Newton. A sign-up sheet is on the south bulletin board. Choose your spot and come help can. If you didn’t sign up, you are welcome to come and help anyway. See you at the Monday at the canner.

**The Annual Church Business Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, November 5. The meeting will take place following a pizza dinner furnished by the Social Committee. This is also the Sunday the Harvest Thanks offering will be taken. The reports and the Harvest Thanks offering lists are in your mail boxes. If you did not get one, please let Lurline know.

**The Moundridge Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for Friday, October 27 at 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. at the Pine Village Wellness Center. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org/) and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. Thanks for your support and if you have any questions, call Denise Stucky at 620-386-0112 or email hdstucky@mtelco.net.

**The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association** Fall banquet will be held at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson Avenue in Newton on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.  The keynote speaker will be Jerry Juhnke who has been researching Swiss Volhynian Mennonite genealogy and history for many years. He will give a program entitled “Interesting Happenings Over Our Last 500 Years”.  He will answer such questions as: Do you know of an ancestor that travelled back to Russia to settle a legal issue? Do you know of a very famous movie star that lived near Pretty Prairie? Do you know where our ancestors were originally going to settle, or where in New York our immigrant ancestors got off the ship? An ethnic German meal will be catered by the Breadbasket.  Bohne beroggi will be made by authentic Schweitzer cooks. The cost to attend is $25 per person payable at the door. RSVP by texting or calling Nancy Stucky, 620-532-5693 by October 23.

**MCC responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict** - As conflict has escalated in the region, MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and we invite you to join us in praying for an end to the violence. MCC is planning an emergency response to the current crisis with existing partners. Our response will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. MCC’s work will build on previous responses to the ongoing conflict, including the distribution of food and bedding. We are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. Donate online at [mcc.org/Palestine-Israel](https://mcc.org/what-we-do/initiatives/disaster-response/palestine-and-israel).

**As of October 16,** we have raised more than $90,000 for the Mission and Maintenance Project at Camp Mennoscah! Thank you all who have supported this effort with your prayers and your gifts! It shouldn’t be long before we reach our goal of $100,000, matching our generous giver who started this challenge back in the Spring! Donations have continued to come in from many individuals and congregations. We are almost there! Now is the time to make your donation and become part of the M&M Project and the promise it represents. You can contact Tammy at the addresses below. Checks can be made to Camp with “M&M” in the memo line, or you can give your gifts online.

Tammy Duvanel Unruh

Development Director, Camp Mennoscah