**First Mennonite Church of Christian**

Pastor Laura Goerzen, Organist – Bev Hasan, Greeters – Tim Graber & Gordon Goering, Worship Leader – Randy Stucky

October 27, 2019

**Gathering and Praising**

Prelude

Introit FMCC Singers

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship *[silence]*

Opening Prayer

 *\*Gathering Hymn* – *“Holy Spirit, come with power” #26*

*\*Passing the Peace*

First Scripture Reading – Matthew 18:15-22

Stories of Holy Space –

Special Music FMCC Singers

Second Scripture Reading – Acts 2:41-47

**Receiving God’s Word**

Sermon Laura Goerzen

Hymn of Response *–* “The Church’s one foundation” #311, v. 1-3

**Sharing with One Another**

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayer of the Church

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

**Going in God’s Name**

*\*Sung Benediction FMCC Singers*

*\*Benediction*

Postlude

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

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Please pray for all targeted by war, especially the people of the Nahla Valley in Iraqi Kurdistan and the people of Rojava, the northeastern region of Syria. Turkish military bombing is terrorizing the people in these regions and invading their home communities, forcing many to flee their homes with nowhere to go. Pray that people around the world show solidarity and compassion to all those fleeing from violence. Pray for the CPT Iraqi Kurdistan team and their partners in the Nahla Valley, who are living and working under life threatening conditions

**Holy Space**

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**Moundridge, KS**

**A welcoming Community of Christians for Peace**

**October 27, 2019**

**Opportunities**

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

 10:30AM Worship Service

**Oct. 28:** Meat Canning

**November 3:** Stories from the Texas Borderlands, 7:00PM at Pine Village Wellness Center

**November 10:** Harvest Thanks Offering, Potluck with Church Business Meeting following

**November 17:** joint Mission Sunday at Eden at 9:30 am, joint Sunday school 10:30am, Youth fundraiser meal following

**Sunday, November 3:** Organist – Bev Hasan, Greeters – Tim Graber & Gordon Goering, Worship Leader – Randy Stucky, Special music – FMCC Singers

 Life is not measured by how much you own.
                     - Luke 12: 15

**Announcements**

**Where is the Prayer Quilt?** The Prayer Quilt is back at the church.

**Help us make a decision about the new Mennonite hymnal!** The Worship Team would like congregational feedback on whether or not to purchase the new Mennonite hymnal: Voices Together, which will be released in fall of 2020. The hymnal will include many new songs, along with old favorites using updated language and chord symbols. The hymnal will also be released in multiple formats: hardback, projection, electronic, and large print. To help us make an informed decision, please consider paging through the purple Voices Together convention sampler booklets on the south foyer table and/or visiting the website: <http://voicestogetherhymnal.org/>

**Surveys from Oct. 6 conversation on foyer table.** Following the Oct. 6 “Snack and Dream” conversation about peoples’ longings and ideas for our church, Pastor Laura developed an interest survey of possible directions. This survey was presented in the bulletin on Oct. 13 and spare copies are on the south foyer table. Grab a copy, fill it out, and let us know if any of the ideas on the survey might inspire you in your faith journey!

**Harvest Thanks envelopes** and Annual Business Reports are in your mail boxes at church. These will be needed for Sunday, November 10, 2019, when we take the Harvest Thanks Offering and have the Annual Business Meeting. The business meeting will follow a potluck dinner at noon on that Sunday.

**Mary Kathryn Stucky** has moved to Pine Village Assisted Living. Her new address is: 86 22nd Ave, Moundridge KS. She is in apartment 108. She is in apartment 108. Her telephone number is still the same number.

**Sheryl Stucky** has moved to Comfort Care Home, 1508 Terrace Dr., Newton, KS 67114. She has her cell phone (620-345-6781), as well as the landline (316-333-1406). Comfort Care Home is in a residential neighborhood and is a traditional residence converted to care for people with dementia. It is fully staffed with trained caregivers, but tries to simulate a normal home environment. It has open visitation where anyone can stop in for a visit anytime without prior arrangements. I’m sure that Sheryl would welcome any visits from people in the congregation.

**Local Residents to share stories from trip to Texas Borderlands.** On Sunday, November 3, at 7:00PM at the Pine Village Wellness Center, four local residents will share stories from their experiences visiting with people and organizations who are responding to the immigration crisis on both sides of the U.S./Mexico border in South Texas. In May of 2019, presenters Rick Krehbiel and Gordon Goering of Moundridge, Kathy Neufeld Dunn of McPherson, and Marla Schmidt traveled to South Texas with a team of 17 individuals on a tour of the U.S./Mexico Borderlands sponsored by Mennonite Central Committee. They visited with the director of an immigrant youth shelter, observed immigration judges in session, spoke with Brownsville city officials and non-profits seeking to respond to the large waves of asylum seekers released into their community, shared a meal with pastors of churches in Mexico, traveled to the border wall, and more. All are invited to come hear these personal stories and reflections on the challenges and complexities of the immigration crisis occurring along our southern border.

**Becky Setser will lead a combined choir** of First, West Zion, and Eden singers during our combined worship service on November 17. *S*ingers from First who would like to be part of this choir can join the Eden Chancel Choir rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 8 pm in the choir room starting this Wednesday. Choral numbers for Nov. 17 will be:

1. *One Faith, One Hope, One Lord*by Craig Courtney

Lorenz Publishing, catalog number 10/3874L

2. *I Am the Light of Nations,*arr. by Hall H Hopson

Worldsong, catalog # 0-8006-7586-x.

**The annual Swiss Mennonite and Historical Association** banquet this year features Patricia Goering Smith, a graduate of Moundridge High School, who will talk about her book,  *Revolution Revisited: Behind the Scenes in East Germany, 1989*.  It tells the inspiring story of East Germany’s non-violent revolution in 1989 and features a handful of mostly young activists in Leipzig, East Germany.  The organization and actions of this small group of activists mobilized the movement for democratic reforms and ultimately brought down the East German state and the Berlin Wall and changed the world. The banquet will be held at the Pine Village Wellness Center in Moundridge on November 7, starting at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the meal is $20 per plate payable at the door. RSVP by texting or calling Nancy Stucky, 620-532-5693, by November 2.

**Last week Rosie Epp (pastor at Zion) hand-delivered the postcards** from Bethel College Mennonite, 1st Mennonite Church of Christian and Shalom to the Wichita offices of Sens Moran and Roberts and Rep Estes. While they were home during a state work period, they were not in their offices. Rosie and I did talk with the aids at each office. We explained why we were visiting and gave the postcards. We had probably about a 10-15 minute conversation at each stop. Jerry Moran’s office wins the award for the most friendly and receptive. As Rosie and I delivered the postcards this quote from Abraham Heschel from his book “The Prophets” came to mind, *Justice is more than an idea or a norm. Justice is a divine concern.*  Thanks once more for adding your voice for justice for immigrants. Rachel Ringenberg Miller.

**Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall** are different kinds of items that have been cleaned out of the secretary office and other areas. Take a look at these items and help yourself to what you would like. The items will be downstairs for a couple of weeks. What is not taken by you will be gotten rid of on Friday, November 8. Please, have fun “shopping”.