**First Mennonite Church of Christian**

**Pastor Peter Emery**

**Organist – Bev Hasan**

**Worship Leader – Lurline Wiens**

**October 29, 2023**

**Gathering and Praising**

Prelude

Welcome

Morning Prayer

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Come among us, Holy Spirit and create a community of learning.

**People: Help us grow in wisdom and understanding,**

Leader: in skill and strength,

**People: in knowledge that honors you.**

Leader: Teach us to know you, ourselves, and our neighbors more fully,

**People: to see your presence in the world more clearly, to love more deeply – with heart, soul, mind, and strength.**

Leader: Form us as doers of justice and lovers of mercy

***All: as we walk humbly with you and one another on this path of learning.***

*\*Hymn – “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” VT 182*

 “What Wondrous Love is This”  VT #564

Scripture – Matthew 22:34-46

Special Music – “I have Decided to Follow Jesus” VT #443

 Accompanied by Rick Krehbiel on guitar

**Receiving God’s Word**

Sermon – “The Law and the Prophets” 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 – “Move in Our Midst” VT #827*

*\*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 29, 2023**

**PRAYER PLACES/JOYOUS JOURNEYS**

**Pray for the victims** of the mass shooting in Maine.

**Continue to pray** for those affected by the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

**Pray for us,** members of FMCC as we prepare for the annual church meeting on November 5.

**“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”**

 **John F. Kennedy**

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

**November 5:** Daylight savings time ends

**November 5:** Annual Church Business Meeting

**November 6:** Cradle to Crayons benefit dinner, 5:00-7:00 pm

**November 8:** Worship Team, 9:30 am

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

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

**November 23:** Thanksgiving Service, 10:00 am

**November 26:** Hanging of the Greens, 3:00 pm, followed by a soup supper

**Sunday, November 5: Organist – Hazel Voth, Worship Leader -Pete Emery, Special Music – New Hymn**

Hate begets hate; violence begets violence; toughness begets a greater toughness.  We must meet the forces of hate with the power of love; we must meet physical force with soul force.

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**Announcements**

**Thank You** to all who helped with sloppy joe mix, buns, carrots and cookies for Meat Canning lunch. Your help was very much appreciated.

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

**We currently have one student** taking advantage of our Mennonite College Scholarship program.  You can see by the Annual Report, the STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND currently has an overdrawn balance of $118.  Our Unified Budget contributes about $1,000 a year to the Student Scholarship Fund, but we are supplying $2,500 per year to our student.  Consequently we need at least $1,500.00 per year from private
donations.  Please consider the Student Scholarship Fund in your Harvest
Thanks giving.

**Sunday, November 12,** The Bethel College Chamber Singers will be singing in our church. We will have a pot luck dinner following the service. We will be feeding about 12-15 college kids. Keep that in mind when you make your food.

**The November/December** issues of The Upper Room are by the mail boxes in the foyer. Help yourself.

**In conjunction with the City of Moundridge,** the Associated

Ministries, and USD 423, Cradle to Crayons is undergoing an effort

to build an Early Childhood Center for Moundridge. Cradle to Crayons

has outgrown the current building but still has approximately 80

children on the waiting list. Cradle to Crayons will be hosting a

German dinner fundraiser on Monday, November 6 from 5:00-7:00

PM at the Senior Center in Moundridge to help raise funds for this

new building. Come dine in and watch a presentation for the new

building, carry out, or call 620-345-6390 on Nov. 6 (from 10-2) to

schedule a delivery within city limits. Suggested donations are $15 a

meal.

**First Church of Christian** and West Zion will join together at Eden

Mennonite to celebrate Fall Mission Sunday on November 19.

Michelle Hershberger, dynamic speaker and Bible and Ministry

Professor at Hesston College, will bring a morning message at 9:30

AM and then lead adult Sunday School at 10:30. A noon fundraising

meal will be served by FEWZ youth.

**Schweitzers and Friends**.  An opportunity for the theatrically inclined!  One of the events celebrating 150 years since ancestors came to the U.S. in 1874 is a musical drama to be given on Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24, 2024, by *Schweitzers and Friends*.  The first informational meeting will be Sunday, November 12, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the Eden Mennonite Church, rural Moundridge, 401 18th Ave. Interested in being part of a drama depicting a history of Anabaptist Mennonites?  There are parts for children and adults, as well as a choir. Rehearsals will begin the last week of January and be held twice a week (the evening that works best and Sunday afternoons).  Questions: contact Jenny Schrag by text or phone 620-747-9158.

--Kathy Goering for the 150th Steering Committee

**Everence** will hold an informative Medicaid and long-term care workshop on Monday, Nov. 6, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, what benefits are provided by Medicaid and who is eligible, how the Division of Assets process works, when long-term care insurance is a good fit, and how long-term care insurance can protect your heirs. There will also be time for your questions. The in-person workshop will take place at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton, KS. Information will be presented by guest speaker, Cynthia A. Wiens, attorney from Adrian & Pankratz, P.A. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

**New in the Library:**

 “The Land is Not Empty” – Sarah Augustine