**First Mennonite Church of Christian**

**Organist – Roberta Gingerich, Worship leader – Pat Krehbiel**

**October 31, 2021**

**Gathering and Praising**

Prelude

Welcome

Morning Prayer

*\*Hymn – “What is This Place” VT #22*

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we know and love

**People: neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers; a community of kindred hearts.**

Leader: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know

**People: strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an outstretched hand.**

Leader: People of God, look about you and see all the images of God assembled here

**People: in me, in you, in each of us, God’s Spirit shines for all to see.**

Leader: People of God, come,

***All: Let us worship together.***

Special Music – “Ain’a That Good News” recording by Hesston

 College Chamber Choir in 1976

Scripture Reading – Mark 4:1-8

Offering (put your offering in the plate at the back of the church)

**Receiving God’s Word**

Sermon – “Growing Seeds in Red Dirt” Jill Litwiller

Song – “You Are Salt for the Earth” VT #297

**Sharing with One Another**

Sharing Joys and Prayer Requests

Prayer of the Church

**Going in God’s Name**

*\*Song – “This Little Light of Mine” VT #762 (sing all additional stanzas)*

*\*Benediction*

Postlude

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

**Jill Litwiller** lives west of Newton with her husband, Eric, and attends Tabor Mennonite Church.  She is a pediatric nurse practitioner at Health Ministries Clinic.  Though she attended youth camps many year ago, her passion for camp started when her daughters requested she serve as camp nurse when they were nervous to attend camp alone.  14 years later, she continues as camp nurse 1-2 weeks a summer while her daughters served as summer staff this past year.  She is currently president of the Camp Mennoscah Board of Directors and is grateful for the strong foundation, love and acceptance camp has grown in her family and so many others who come to camp throughout the year.

Pastor Pete Emery

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**First Mennonite Church of Christian**

**Moundridge, KS**

**A welcoming Community of Christians for Peace**

**October 31, 2021**

Opportunities

**Today:** 9:30 Sunday School

 10:30 Worship Service

**November 1:** Library meeting, 7:00 pm

**November 7:** Annual Church Business Meeting

 Harvest Thanks offering

Daylight Saving Time change

**November 10:** Worship Team, 9:30 am

**November 14:** Mission Sunday with Eden & West Zion at Eden

**November 21:** Tami (Wiens) Lundgren speaking in our church

**November 28:** Hanging of the Greens, 3:00 pm, with soup supper following

**Sunday, November 7:** Organist – Bev Hasan, Worship Leader – Gordon Goering, Special Music – Austin Regier & Family

It means ultimately coming to see that the problem of racism, the problem of economic exploitation, and the problem of war are all tied together.  These are the triple evils that are interrelated.

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**Announcements**

**Harvest Thanks Offering envelopes** and lists are in your boxes. Be sure to pick them up. If you need me to send them to you, please let Lurline know and I can do that.

**November/December** issue of the Upper Room Devotional is back by the mail boxes if you would like to pick up a copy. There are regular and large print copies.

**Just a reminder:** there is adult Sunday School meeting in First Perk at 9:30 am Sunday mornings. Dwight Goering and Gordon Goering take turns leading this Sunday School class. Come and join the discussions.

**November Library Meeting**, Monday, November 1, 7pm

 **You are invited** to join us in a celebration of the up-coming arrival of a new son in the lives of Arturo Vivanco, Jr. and Trinady Avalos.

Due to the presence of COVID in our lives, we will not be doing the usual gathering with food and fellowship.  Instead, we will have a table in the foyer to receive gifts, cards, and well wishes starting November 7 and concluding November 21 when Arturo, Jr.  and Trinady will be invited to pick up items collected.

**Hearing Assistance:**We now have hearing assistance devices available to anyone who needs assistance. If you would like to use one of these devices, please ask Randy or Ferd or another usher, and they will help you get set up so you can hear the whole service.

**Meat Canning** for MCC will take place on November 15, at the MCC Center in N. Newton. The signup sheet is on the south bulletin board. There is an article on the south bulletin board about last year’s canning.

**Sunday, November 7** is the Sunday for our Annual Business Meeting. On that Sunday, there will be no Sunday School, Church Service will start at 10:00 am, with the Annual Church Business Meeting following 10 minutes after the end of the service. There will be no pot luck dinner this year.

**November 7** is also the day that Daylight Saving time changes. Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour.

**Bethel College Announcements:**

**Sun., Oct. 31 – Bethel College fall choral showcase, “Bethel Sings,” featuring the Concert Choir, Women’s Ensemble, Woven and Open Road, 4 p.m.** *NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION* to the Administration Building steps (Memorial Hall in case of bad weather; Bethel’s current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors with groups of 10 or more). Bring your own chairs/blankets.

**Fri., Nov. 5 – The Menno Simons Lecture Endowment**, with the support of the Reimer-Boese Worship and the Arts Endowment, will bring Jan Kraybill, Kansas City, to the Bethel College campus for two lectures on the theme “This is Our Story, This is our Song: The Power of Music in Community.” “The Sound of Science” is at 11 a.m. in Memorial Hall as part of Bethel’s student convocation series. “Music and Memory, Meaning and Mission” is at 7 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Livestream options will be available. Bethel’s current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors for groups of 10 or more.

**Fri., Nov. 5 – Reception for Menno Simons lecturer Jan Kraybill** and the “Voices Together” exhibit (in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College), following Kraybill’s lecture that begins at 7 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium, in the Fine Arts Center lobby. Bethel’s current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors for groups of 10 or more.

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