**First Mennonite Church of Christian**

Organist – Roberta Gingerich, Worship Leader – Gin Niehage

August 29, 2021

**Gathering and Praising**

Prelude

Welcome

Morning Prayer

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

**People: so God seeks and saves the lost.**

Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

**People: so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.**

Leader: As a father receives a returning wayward son,

**People: so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.**

Leader: Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

**People: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.**

*\*Song – “Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah” VT #95*

 “My Jesus I Love Thee” VT #133

Scripture Reading – Mark 2:1-12

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

Special Music - “On Eagles Wings” Roberta Gingerich

**Receiving God’s Word**

Sermon – “We’re All Just Walking Home” Jeff Koller

Hymn of Response – “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” VT #536

**Sharing with One Another**

Sharing Joys and Prayer Requests

Prayer of the Church

**Going in God’s Name**

*\*Song – “You Shall Go Out with Joy” VT #847*

*\*Benediction*

Postlude

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

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**Moundridge, KS**

**A welcoming Community of Christians for Peace**

**August 29, 2021**

**Opportunities**

**Today:** 9:30 Sunday School for children starts

 10:30 Worship Service

**September 1:** Worship Team, 9:30 am

 Deacon’s meeting, 1:30 pm

**September 5:** Sunday school for adults starts at 9:30 am

 Pete Emery’s first Sunday as Interim Pastor

**September 22:** Church Board Meeting. 7:30 pm

**Sunday, September 5:** Organist – Bev Hasan, Worship Leader – Randy Stucky, Special music – James & Lynette Allen

The church is called to talk back to the nation when it misses its vocation.  It is not our responsibility to absolve the nation of its deeds.  It is not our responsibility to ensure that American creeds live on.  However, it is our responsibility to be a prophethood to the way of Jesus, participating in this living tradition….Talking black has been instrumental for talking back to the powers.  And sometimes it is unsettling.

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**Announcements**

**Rejoice & Adult SS quarterlies** are in the foyer by the mailboxes.

**Margret Goering** would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards. She will be having two “elbow” stints put in on Tuesday, September 7, so she would still appreciate prayers.

**Western District Conference** is no longer sending out through email their “WDC Sprouts”, but invite you to visit their website at <https://mennowdc.org/> to read the latest news, stories and announcements!

**Today (Sun., Aug. 29) – Sunday-Afternoon-*from*-the-Museum program sponsored by Kauffman Museum, 3 p.m. via Zoom/Facebook Live**, with Lorrie Kessler of the Harvey County Health Department. Kessler will talk about tobacco company advertising over the past century-plus, and how it has created health disparities, in conjunction with the museum’s special exhibit “Vapes: Marketing an Addiction.” To attend, go to <https://fb.me/e/18FKJYNv4>, the Kauffman Museum Facebook page, or the “Visit” tab (click “Events”) at [https://kauffmanmuseum.org](https://kauffmanmuseum.org/), at 3 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 4** – Kauffman Museum’s monthly bird walk will be a special event in cooperation with the Kansas Humanities Council: a **book and poetry walk with Megan Kaminski and Molly Zahn from the University of Kansas. Start time: 9:30 a.m.** at the museum’s front door. For more information, call 316-283-1612 or e-mail kauffman@bethelks.edu

 **Sunday, Sept. 12 – KIPCOR Film Series** resumes ***live***, with *The Prison Within*, 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Individuals incarcerated in San Quentin Prison and charged with murder take a journey of redemption through participation in a restorative justice program. Talk-back to follow. *Bethel’s COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors regardless of vaccination status.*