**First Mennonite Church of Christian**

Organist – Bev Hasan, Worship Leader – Randy Stucky

September 5, 2021

**Gathering and Praising**

Prelude

Welcome

Morning Prayer

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We praise you, O God -

**People: in the sanctuary and under the stars;**

Leader: for your greatness

**People: and for your goodness;**

Leader: with loud hymns

**People: and quiet prayers;**

Leader: with helping hands

**People: and dancing feet;**

Leader: with all our breath

**People: and with all creation;**

**All: We praise you, O God.**

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

 “We are One in the Spirit” VT #387

Scripture Reading – Psalm 146, Mark 7:24-37

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

Special Music – “You are Good” (Audio recording from the last Convention)

**Receiving God’s Word**

Sermon – “For Saying That” Pete Emery

Hymn of Response – “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” VT #88

**Sharing with One Another**

Sharing Joys and Prayer Requests

Prayer of the Church

**Going in God’s Name**

*\*Song – “Lead Me Forth” VT #837*

*\*Benediction*

Postlude

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

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**Moundridge, KS**

**A welcoming Community of Christians for Peace**

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**Opportunities**

**Today:** 9:30 Sunday School

 10:30 Worship Service

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

 Pete Emery’s first Sunday as Interim Pastor

**September 7:** Library meeting, 7:00 pm

**September 15:** Worship Team, 9:30 am

**September 22:** Deacon’s meeting, 6:30 pm

 Church Board Meeting. 7:30 pm

**Sunday, September 12:** Organist – Lu Goering, Worship Leader – Rita Stucky, Special music – Dale & Connie Germeroth

It’s when we face for a moment the worst our kind can do, and shutter to know the taint in our own selves, that awe cracks the mind’s shell and enters the heart.

                     - Denise Levertov, Tattoos on the Heart, Gregory Boyle, p10

**Announcements**

**We welcome Pete Emery** this morning as our interim pastor. You can reach him by email at fmcc.pastorpete@gmail.com or his cell phone, 785-577-1447. We are happy to welcome you, Pete.

**September Library Meeting**, Tuesday, September 7, 7pm

**Drivers needed for the MCC Shuttle Bus at the state Fair:** drivers are needed for Friday, September 17, 10:00am-1:00pm, 1:00pm-4:00pm and 4:00pm-7:00pm. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet on the south bulletin board. Sign-up for as many shifts as you want and help out MCC.

**KMRS Annual Meeting** was held on Thursday, August 26. At the meeting a check for $500,000 was presented to MCC from the KS Mennonite Relief Sale. Thank you to all who helped make the sale a success this year.

**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!

**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.*

**Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College: “Doing Good with Wood,” turned wood by Rick McNary**, through Sept. 17. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri., Sun, 2-4 p.m. *Bethel’s current COVID-19 protocols require mask-wearing indoors, and physical distancing to the extent possible, regardless of vaccination status.*

***Thank you for your generous support of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale!*** Just recently, the relief sale board gave MCC a check for $500,000 from the sale that took place in July! Thank you for donating your time and energy, making and buying food, donating and bidding on cars, furniture, quilts and art to support the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. In the past 14 months the Kansas sale has donated just under $1 million (all during a pandemic!) to support the worldwide work of MCC. Your support becomes food for the hungry, water for the thirsty, and locally owned projects that address  barriers to human flourishing, thank you.