

Welcome!

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to Jesus, the Lamb. As we continue our worship series through the book of Revelation, we see that God's true power and wisdom lie in the willingness to suffer out of love and faithfulness. We want to live with a vision for worshipping together some day with people from every nation, tribe, and people.



GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – Karen Unruh

Welcome – Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Invocation (lighting of the peace lamp) Revelation 7:10, 12

Leader: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb

People: Amen! Praise and glory

Leader: Wisdom and thanks

People: Honor and power and strength

All: Be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!

Hymn of Praise (instrumental) *Come, we that love the Lord* HWB 14

Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known.

Join in a song with sweet accord (2x),
and thus surround the throne (2x).

The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets,
before we reach the heav'nly fields (2x),
or walk the golden streets (2x).

*Refrain: We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion.*

*We're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.*

Then let our songs abound,
and ev'ry tear be dry.
we're marching thro' Immanuel's ground (2x)
to fairer worlds on high (2x).

Children's Story

Delbert Peters

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois

Congregational hymn (instrumental) *Holy, holy, holy* HWB 75

Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord!
Holy, holy, holy, holy God alone!

Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord!
Holy, holy, holy, holy God alone!

God, who, uncreated, God who always was,
endlessly exalted, reign forevermore.

Mighty, wondrous, loving, circled 'round with awe;
holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

Worship Music (recording) Artwork by Martha and Marie Voth Nelson Voth, harmonica

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Revelation 7:9-17 Megan Duerksen

Message "Shepherded by a Lamb" Pastor Caleb

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Sending Song

O God, our help in ages past

HWB 328

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Benediction

Pastor Caleb

Postlude

Karen Unruh

+ The peace lamp serves as a visual reminder for us that we follow Jesus the Prince of Peace and believe in uncertain times that God's shalom will prevail.

Special thanks to Karen Unruh, Brendon Nafziger and ushers, Steve Unruh, Delton Voth and others, for their help with making this first indoor worship service possible.

Questions for Reflection – Revelation 7:9-17 (broader section – Revelation 6-11)

1. Have you read or been taught about the visions of judgment in Revelation? If so, what feelings does the subject bring up for you? Can these visions be reconciled with God's love?
2. How does one earn a white robe in chapter 7? How might we be called to suffer because of our witness to Jesus?

Next Sunday we continue our worship focus through the book of Revelation. You are encouraged to read Revelation chapters 12-16 in preparation. The focus scripture reading will be from Revelation 12:1-6 and 13:1-10.

Praying for our congregation and beyond

- ❖ We are grateful for the weeks we had in our lovely "outdoor sanctuary" and this morning we are grateful to be back inside our meeting house for worship – thanks be to God!
- ❖ We pray for those who have received difficult medical diagnoses in this time.
- ❖ We pray for Nicole Hein as she recovers from a planned surgery on Friday.
- ❖ We pray for the family of Oliver Parish who, along with his wife Anita lived in Goessel and attended Alexanderwohl for, perhaps a decade during the late 1980's into the 1990's. He died on October 1 at the age of 94. Oliver was a retired pastor and Anita was the Director of Nursing at Bethesda for a number of years. They had lived in Newton most recently.

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If you would appreciate a porch visit or phone call from one of the pastors or deacons, please feel free to contact us!

Coming Events

Today, Sunday, October 11	10:00 am	Worship service in the sanctuary
Monday, October 12		Goessel Blood Drive
	5:45 pm	Board of Mission and Service
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Wednesday, October 14	6:45 pm	Faith formation for ages 3 through grade 12
Sunday, October 18	10:00 am	Worship service in the sanctuary
	11:00 am	Carry-out Fundraiser Meal for students attending Mennonite Colleges
Sunday, October 25	1:30 pm	Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk
Sunday, November 1	2:00 am	Daylight Saving Time Ends (set clocks back 1 hour)
Sunday, November 1		Bethesda Pillar's Banquet
November 23 & 24		MCC Meat Canning, N. Newton

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midweek activities for children and youth this week Wednesday, October 14:

Schedule

6:45-7:30 pm Class time for children and junior high

6:45-7:45 pm Class time for high school youth

Classroom Teachers & Helpers and Locations

Preschool — (ages 3 & 4) Susan Nafziger, Jennifer Jay--Rm #18-19

Primary — (Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd grades) Janine Peters, Pat Schmidt, Jadlyn O'Neill--Chapel

Older Elementary -- (3rd, 4th, 5th grades) Aileen Esau, Suzanne Meier—Foundation Room

Junior High -- Kent Peters, Delbert Peters, Jared Unrau—Shelter House

High School Youth—Brian & Rachael Burkholder, Pastor Caleb, Pastor Lois—Fellowship Hall

Parking—We are encouraging individuals to park in designated areas on Wednesday nights as follows: children's families in the northeast parking lot by the airlock entrance of the church, junior high families by the shelter house, and high school youth by the north church office door. The south lobby entrance, south office doors and south parking lot will be closed due to construction work.

Freezer meals – If anyone would be able and willing to prepare a freezer meal (or several) that we could have on hand here at the church, the pastors and deacons would really appreciate that as we minister to our church family. As we all know, sometimes having a few meals that can simply be pulled out of the freezer is a big help in times of crisis or need. If you bring meals, please write the date that you put it in the freezer on the package. Thanks for your consideration!

The Mennonite College Student Ministry Team is planning a delicious chicken enchilada take-out meal for Sunday, October 18. This is a fundraiser for our students attending Mennonite colleges. Meals will be available at the kitchen window or the church's northeast entrance. Serving time will be 11:00 – 11:45 am.

It's almost that time again – October 12 is the next blood drive at Goessel Church. We had such a great response they added a few extra spots so there are now 7 openings. Sign up at www.redcrossblood.org or talk with Rosi (367-2418) or Nancy (367-2610).

The Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 25.** Donation envelopes are now available from your church recruiter **Kent Peters.** This year we are also offering an online option for donors and fundraisers. Please go to <https://runsignup.com/harvestgivingwalk> to make a donation or to set up your personal fundraising page.

“Why MC USA? The benefits of growing in community with grace, joy and peace” is the title of a presentation given by MC USA Executive Director, Glen Guyton on Wednesday, October 7. His live presentation (only 28 minutes long) is on MC USA's Facebook page. Check it out! Glen has great insights,

challenges and encouragement to offer as he discusses “the power at each level of our denomination – and how this structure enables us to move forward together as a community of Christ.”

Save the Date: I am sure many of you have been questioning how you are going to spend the first Sunday of November this year because normally you would be at the Pillars Banquet, supporting Bethesda. Well never fear, the Bethesda Home Board of Trustees is still sponsoring the event!!! Bethesda Home’s Annual Fundraiser, “Pillar’s Banquet” will be held this year as a drive thru event! Sunday, November 1 you are invited to drive thru Tabor Church’s parking lot to pick up a delicious homemade meal catered by Elaine Unruh, Lynette Duerksen and Laura Unrau. Details will be coming for this event so stay posted! ~Sara Hiebert, CEO/Administrator Bethesda Home

Current and upcoming devotionals (*Upper Room & Rejoice!*) are available in the NE entryway for purchase.

CONFERENCE PRAYER REQUESTS

Western District Conference

Give thanks for generous contributions that support WDC’s work of sustaining pastors and leaders, resourcing congregations, and nurturing church planting partnerships.

Mennonite Mission Network

Brian and Noelia Fox of Mennonite Mission Network are trusting God to show them the way through adjustments made necessary by COVID-19. Pray for family members as their daughters continue with e-learning and as Brian and Noelia adapt classes at the English academy. Pray also for their ministry with the Anabaptist community in Burgos, Spain.

COMMUNITY & CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camp Mennoscah

Work and Play Day! Camp Mennoscah invites volunteers to sign up for a day of service and fun on October 10. The day begins at 8:30am and ends approximately 2:30pm. Contact staff at 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org for details. Please bring a mask!

Camp Mennoscah volunteers will be removing the Camp Mennoscah dam on October 18 beginning at 3pm (after a morning baptism). You are welcome to come watch the process (please bring a mask and/or expect to stay at least 6 ft. away from others). If you would like to help in the removal process, please contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290. Physical distancing and mask wearing may not be feasible for those in the water.

Last chance for canoeing before the dam comes out! Come to Camp Mennoscah for a day or overnight retreat and spend those hours basking in a canoe. You can also hike the trails in cooler weather, have a campfire cookout, and enjoy the open spaces of the tallgrass prairie! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 to make a reservation.

Western District Conference

Connect! Faith Formation in Challenging Times: Join Kathy Neufeld Dunn (WDC Associate Conference Minister, Kansas Based) Saturday, October 24, 9-11 am CT on Zoom or Facebook Live for ideas of how to connect with the story of Jesus and with God--how to connect your church folk, yourself, and the curious. Before the pandemic, people were already going online for info and interaction. Now faith formation online is one tool we have to have in our faith formation toolbox. How do we do this with integrity? Want to join via Zoom? Request the link at wdc@mennowdc.org.

Your Vote Matters! This article (<https://mennoniteswithoutborders.org/blog/your-vote-matters-to-us/>) from the perspective of DREAMERS (young adults who were brought to the U.S. as children) is the next article sponsored by the WDC Immigration Task Force in their series before the election. Please read it!

Racial Justice from Palestine to the US video is now posted

at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FDhQEV0VfGw&list=PL6aO7e884ZT6FJtR4ENGB8dtMFJgSorEJ&index=1&t=4s>. If you missed this great dialogue hosted by the WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force and MennoPIN last Monday because of our technical difficulties, here’s your chance to listen to it. It was full of fascinating intersections of racial justice issues here and in Israel-Palestine.

Hoffnungsaue Mennonite Church (43 13th Ave, Inman KS) annual Mission Supper is just around the corner and not even Covid can keep us from this special time of service and celebration! While we will not have a dine-in experience in our church basement, we will be offering a carry out meal featuring our traditional menu of homemade sausage, mashed potatoes, gravy, creamed peas, zwiebach, applesauce and pie. Save the date for Saturday evening, October 24. Orders will be accepted from October 4-October 18; call/text Barb Reeves (620-543-6863) or Teresa

Schrag (620-242-2357) to let us know how many meals to have ready and prepared for you. Meal pick-up will be at the church from 5-6:30pm on October 24. This will be a free-will offering benefit with all proceeds going to support the Buhler Omega Project, a Christian addiction recovery program. Checks can be made out to "Hoffnungsaue Mennonite Church" and cash donations will also be accepted that evening. We look forward to serving you!!

The Tabor (891 Chisholm Trail, Newton, KS) Mennonite Men's annual chicken BBQ will occur on Nov. 5.

However, unlike the last 50 years there will be no in church dining. The meal will be a drive-by to-go meal. The menu will be the same, bbq chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, dinner roll and ice cream. Mark this day on your calendar and come support the Tabor Menn. Men. More details to follow.

Mennonite Central Committee WDC/SCC Women's Retreat 2020:

Share your thoughts! Mennonite Central Committee is partnering with the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions and we need your feedback. Please take 5-7 minutes to complete this survey to help MCC establish an understanding of how congregations are currently involved with creation care and advocacy. All results will remain confidential. Please share the survey link with others in your congregation. Thank you for taking time to help guide our future work in addressing issues around climate change. Please email centralstates@mcc.org for more information.

Celebrate with us! Mennonite Central Committee invites you join **Celebration 2020: MCC at 100**, a livestreamed event commemorating a century of MCC's ministry on **Saturday, Oct. 17**, starting at 6:50 p.m. (EDT). The event will feature photos, videos and storytelling that highlight MCC's work over the years. Former MCC leader and pastor Leonard Dow of Philadelphia will inspire participants to walk boldly into the next century of MCC's ministry while talented musicians will lead in prayer and thanksgiving. You can find more information about MCC's centennial and log in for the livestreamed event at mcc.org/celebration-2020.

Bethel College

Mon., Oct. 12 – "In the Time of Injustice and Unrest, Cultural Humility Calms the Storm," a virtual presentation by Dr. Juliana Mosley, 10-11:30 a.m., sponsored by Bethel College's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. To register, send your name and e-mail address to diversity@bethelks.edu, with "Juliana Mosley" in the subject line. Dr. Mosley is chief diversity, inclusion and public relations officer at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, and an experienced public speaker, including a TEDx Talk.

Due to Bethel College's current COVID status, the Chamber Orchestra concert scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 13, has been canceled (it may be rescheduled, or recorded at a later date).

Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College: "Forthcoming," photography by David Long, through Oct. 30. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri. *Face coverings must be worn on the Bethel campus; events subject to change according to current COVID color status.*

2020 Menno Simons Lectures at Bethel College – For the first time in 68 years, this annual series will be delivered virtually. The speaker is **César Garcia**, general secretary of Mennonite World Conference, Kitchener, Ontario. The series title is **"Towards an Anabaptist Catholicity."** Lectures are **Sunday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m. (live online with Q&A to follow); Monday, Oct. 26, 11 a.m. (pre-recorded); and Monday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m. (live online with Q&A to follow)**. To register, go to <https://forms.gle/t55EqJrttWn4md8A> All registered participants will receive the Zoom link a day or so before the series begins.

Virtual events from Bethel College's Fall Festival, Oct. 2-4, can still be viewed on its YouTube channel, including *No Cross, No Crown: Covid Edition*, an original play by Karen Robu, based on the life of Antoinette Brown Blackwell, the first woman to be ordained in a mainline denomination in the United States, and an outspoken anti-slavery, temperance and women's suffrage advocate. You can also see the 2020 alumni awards presentations to Doris Bartel and Barry Hieb and Todd Flory's Young Alumnus Award convocation (after Oct. 9). Go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYk8Gp04MBoPIO2NUap95ug> and click the "Videos" link.

Outreach Meal Packaging Event

Can you help? On Saturday, October 17, 2020 an Outreach Meal Packaging Event will happen and we need 150 volunteers to make this a success. Our goal is to package 50,000 meals between 9am - 2pm (in two shifts). This is part of a nationwide 1,000,000 meal challenge in honor of the 19th anniversary of 9/11. All of the meals will be donated to domestic food banks, with 5,000 meals donated within Reno County. The event will be at the Sand Hills Event Center in Hutchinson. We will practice social distancing considerations including provided masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer. The event is co-sponsored by Buhler Mennonite Church and IdeaTek. Sign up and also pass the invitation on

to other people you know. For more information and to sign-up use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0545AEAD2EA1F58-100000> or call 620.899.2733.

Mennonite Church USA

Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, reflects on his 27 years as a Mennonite and shares his vision for what's working, what's not and what opportunities lie ahead for our denomination in his blog, "**The church we're called to be.**" Read it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/the-church-were-called-to-be/>

Subscribe to Mennonite Church USA's convention newsletter to get the latest news about MennoCon21, scheduled for July 6-10, 2021 in Cincinnati, Ohio. <http://eepurl.com/gbyUCj>

Columbus (Ohio) Mennonite Church has provided **sanctuary to Edith Espinal**, a Mexican immigrant, for three years, as she fights to keep her family together. Read her remarkable story at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/columbus-mennonite-sanctuary/>

Hillary Watson, a bivocational pastor in Ann Arbor, Michigan, reflects on the relationship between our war-tax-resisting Anabaptist roots and our response to current-day violence in her blog, "**Defund the police' is deeply Anabaptist.**" Read more: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/defund>

Please pray for the delegates and leaders of the Constituency Leaders Council of Mennonite Church USA as they gather via video conference on Oct. 16 and 17.

Join Bible teacher Joe Sawatzky on [Mission Network's Facebook](#) on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. (EST) for "Missional Meditations." A church relations representative, Sawatzky will help you gain insight for your sermons or daily life and inspire a missional imagination in your congregation!

November is mission month. Racism harms the body of Christ and God's reconciling mission. But God has made a way to receive forgiveness — repentance that leads to life! Our [mission month materials](#) invite MC USA and everyone to engage God's plan for reconciliation.

Hesston College

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a socially distanced Bel Canto Block Concert. The Hesston College Bel Canto Singers will perform an outdoor concert in the Mullet Drive parking lot north of Hesston Mennonite Church on **October 18, 4 p.m.** Weather delay will be announced via the Hesston College website and rescheduled for the following Sunday. A limited number of drive-in parking spots will be available and can be reserved by emailing finearts@hesston.edu or calling 620-327-8141.

Tabor College

You are invited to attend a concert at Tabor College. **Sam Rotman**, concert pianist, will be giving an all-Beethoven concert in honor of Beethoven's 250th birthday. A Julliard graduate, he has won several competitions. In addition, he has a marvelous Christian testimony that he regularly shares during his concerts. The concert is **Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 7:00 pm** in Richert Auditorium of the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts on the Tabor College campus. Tickets can be purchased at www.tabor.edu/tickets or calling 620.947.3121, ext. 1401. Check the poster on the lobby bulletin board.

Everence to hold Social Security and retirement income planning webinar

Everence will host a Social Security and retirement income planning webinar, on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. This online workshop is free. Register soon by contacting our office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

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