

Welcome to this Children's Day worship service!

During the past week of Vacation Bible School,
the children have learned about trusting Jesus.

May we sense God's presence through their
leadership this morning.



Welcome & Opening Prayer – Megan Duerksen & Chystiana Miller

***Congregational Hymn** – *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Voices Together (VT) 182

- 1 – I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day. The moon shines full at God's command and all the stars obey.
- 2 – I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food. God formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how they wonders are displayed, wher-e'er I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!
- 3 – There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes thy glories known, and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne. While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care, there's not a place where we can flee but God is present there.

Skit – "Back on Track" Alyssa Boden & Eli Boden

Preschool Songs

I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy ~ George William Cooke
Jesus Loves Me ~ Anna Warner/William Bradbury
God Goes with Us ~ Cathy Skogen-Soldner

Theme Song

Your Power Will Pull Us Through ~ Jay Stocker

VBS Children

Day 1 – Jesus' power helps us do hard things. Philippians 4:13

This Train Is Bound for Glory ~ arr. Group Publishing

(Preschool children dismissed to sit with parents)

Day 2 – Jesus' power gives us hope. Psalm 31:24

In You Alone ~ Jay Stocker

Day 3 – Jesus' power helps us be bold. Isaiah 40:29

Christ, Be All around Me [VT 848] ~ All Sons and Daughters

Day 4 – Jesus' power lets us live forever. Romans 8:11

The Same Power ~ Jason Ingram & Jeremy Camp

Day 5 – Jesus' power helps us be good friends. John 15:12

Everywhere I Go ~ Jason Ingram, Paul Mabury, & Tim Timmons

VBS Offering Report

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings - First Fruits

***Prayer of Dedication** - Pastor Lois Harder

6th Grade VBS Sharing

Opportunities for Celebration and Service - Pastor Lois

Morning Prayer

*Sending Hymn

You Shall Go Out with Joy

VT 847

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace. The mountains and the hills will break forth before you. There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (xx) the trees of the field will clap their hands. (xx)
The trees of the field will clap their hands (xx) while you go out with joy.

*Meal Blessing and Benediction – Pastor Lois

2021 VBS STAFF

Preschool Group: Susan Nafziger, Brooke Nafziger, Julianna Schrag

Kdg./1st Grade Group: Crew 1 – Lindsay Lightner, Jasmine Woelk

Crew 2 – Michelle Meyer, Mallory Schroeder

2nd/3rd Grade Group: Crew 1 – Laura Unrau, Alyson Roberts

Crew 2 – Courtney Hiebert, Emma Schroeder

4th/5th Grade Group: Suzanne Meier, Cody Jay, Judy Goertzen

6th Grade Group: (Tues-Thurs) Pastor Lois Harder, Nathaniel Schmucker

Childcare: Loretta Wiens, Kim Voth, Lyna Lehrman

Imagination Station: Ann Hiebert, Marcia Brubaker, Bea Gaeddert, Darla Banman

Sing & Play Express: Renae Peters, Jason Peters, Kyle Unruh, Lizzie Schmucker

Chew Chew Snacks: Gretchen Schrag, Bonnie Gaeddert, Levi Schrag, Eli Gaeddert

Loco Motion Games: Kendall Hiebert, Caiden Duerksen, Jacob Schrag, Timothy Schrag, Noah Schrag, Kaleigh Guhr

Drama: Lizzie Schmucker, Alyssa Boden, Eli Boden

Bible Adventures: Rachel Boden, Eli Boden, Anthony Boden, Alyssa Boden

Offering Coordinator: Ben Schrag

Photographer: Tina Schrag

Friday Meal: Marilyn Unruh Flaming, Tina Schrag

6th Grade Lunch (Tue/Wed/Thurs): Janice Unruh Voth

Decorating Team: Chrystiana Miller, Janice Voth, Sandy Duerksen, Vickie Unrau, Brooke Nafziger, with special thanks to Lynel Unrau, Delton Voth and Jeremy Voth

Sound/Tech: Kyle Unruh, Jason Peters, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth

Directors: Megan Duerksen, Chrystiana Miller, Gayle Voth

Custodial Staff: Delbert & Janine Peters

*Please stand if able

Song Leader: Renae Peters

June 6 Attendance: 105 in person; 9 Zoom households

Next Sunday – Pastor Lois will preach from I Peter 1:22 – 2:3. The ancient Roman theologian Tertullian is often quoted as saying, “See how these Christians love one another!” What did he observe that caused him to say this? What might he observe today?

Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for the family of Joyce Bergen. Joyce passed away on Wednesday, June 9. We thank God for Joyce’s life and ask for comfort as we grieve her loss.
- ❖ Attending Camp Mennoscah’s Pre-Junior 1 Camp June 13-17 – Jaxson Hein
- ❖ Attending Camp Mennoscah’s First Camp June 17-19 – Gage Maley, Grace Meier, and Peter Voth, Counselor

- ❖ We give thanks for an enjoyable week of Bible School and for all that we learned through this experience.

Coming Events

Today, Sunday, June 13	10:30 am	Outdoor VBS program, lunch & afternoon activities
Monday, June 14	5:45 pm	Board of Mission and Service
Monday, June 14	7:00 pm	Church Council
Wednesday, June 16	7:00 pm	Book study on the lawn
Thursday, June 17	5:00 pm	Board of Deacons
Tuesday, June 22	2:00 pm	Memorial Service for Joyce Bergen
Wednesday, June 23	7:00 pm	Book study on the lawn
Saturday, June 26	3:00 – 9:00 pm	Community Junior High Camp at Goessel Church
Wednesday, June 30	7:00 pm	Book study on the lawn
Friday & Saturday, July 2-3		Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale at Hutchinson
Sunday, July 4	9:30 am	Sunday School classes resume for all ages
Monday, July 5		Church Offices Closed
Friday, July 16	10:00 am	Senior Fellowship
Saturday, July 31	3:00 – 9:00 pm	Community Junior High Camp at Alexanderwohl Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Vacation Bible School program will be held at 10:30 am this Sunday, June 13. This will be an outdoor service, weather permitting. Bring a lawn chair to enjoy the service or you may listen in your car on the FM station. A grilled hamburger/hotdog lunch will be provided in the Shelter House. This is not a potluck meal – everything will be provided, including table service and drinks. Donations will be accepted. Immediately following the program, there will be outdoor carnival games, barrel train rides, playground play, basketball, treat bags for the kids, and free snow cones for all! Come join the fun!

The memorial service for Joyce Bergen will be on Tuesday, June 22. There will be a meal for family at 12:00 noon, followed by the graveside service at 1:15 and the memorial service at 2:00 p.m.

As Sunday school officially begins on July 4, all adult classes will have an opportunity to meet in the sanctuary with Tim Schrag and Jeff Koller to learn more about MDS and its work. Tim and Jeff are both members at the Eden Mennonite Church near Moundridge and work together with Mennonite Disaster Service. Tim is the Regional Board Chair and Jeff is the Regional Operations Coordinator. They will give a brief overview of MDS' recent work and would love to have conversation and exchange of ideas about how MDS moves forward in the future. Come to the sanctuary at 9:30 to listen, to learn and to discuss. At our 10:30 worship service Tim will bring the message and Jeff will have a Moment in Mission.

Church mailboxes are in use again. Please note that they have been rearranged so look for your name under the box before you take mail out. If you wish to have your mailbox moved to the other lobby, contact the church office.

Braxton Church, son of Kelcey and Amanda Church, had several specialized surgeries this week at Boston Children's Hospital for his continued gastrointestinal and airway disorders. The surgeries were very successful & the team of surgeons were pleased with how well Braxton did. He will need to return in 4-6 months to repeat these surgeries. The family would like to extend their thanks for all the prayers and support throughout their journey with Braxton!

***Creation & the Environment: An Anabaptist Perspective on a Sustainable World*, edited by Calvin Redekop, is a collection of essays written by various Anabaptist thinkers and writers.** Selected essays will be chosen to read and discuss together on each of the six Wednesdays (June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14 and 21). Topics on environmental care, peacemaking, economics, Anabaptist faith convictions and how all of these relate to one another as well as how they relate to our everyday faith journeys. Order your copy of this book published by Johns Hopkins University Press, 2000. Used copies can be found for under \$12

and Gary Lyndaker is willing to assist with ordering. Call or text Gary at 573.378.8462 or email garyllyndaker@hotmail.com. We will begin our study with the first essay.

Schedule of services for June and July:

- **June 20** – Pastor Lois will preach.
- **June 27** – Sara Dick will preach. Sara is the general manager of the Et Cetera Shop in Newton.
- **July 4** – Tim Schrag and Jeff Koller – Tim will preach and Jeff will have a Moment in Mission to tell us about the recent work of Mennonite Disaster Service.
- **July 11** – Sheryl Wilson – Executive Director at KIPCOR (Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution) will bring us a recorded message in which she speaks about the intersection of the work of restorative justice and anti racism. Sheryl has been invited to speak nationally about her work.
- **July 18** – Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen will preach. The Duerksen family vacation is coming up! And what does that have to do with Micah 6:8, the house built on a rock, and Galatians 5:8?
- **July 25** – Pastor Lois will preach.
- **August 1** – Travis Duerksen will bring the message based on recent podcasts he has produced at Mennonite Mission Network.

Scholarship applications for all full-time students attending a Mennonite College for the 2021-22 school year are due July 1, 2021. The application form is on the church website (under resources). Please return to the church office or Carol Reimer Duerksen as soon as possible.

The Mennonite Heritage and Ag Museum in Goessel is having the 2021 Antique, Classic Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show, 200 N. Poplar, on Saturday June 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission to the museum all day, Museum "Garage" sale, Hot dog meal deal starts at 11 a.m., Free ice cream bars 1p.m. to 2p.m. sponsored by Goessel Recreation Commission. \$10 Exhibitor's entry fee. 620-367-8200. Come "Fill Your Tank With Memories".

CONFERENCE PRAYER REQUESTS

Western District Conference

Pray for God's guidance and joy for the WDC Annual Assembly planning team, as they prepare for our hybrid (in-person and online) gathering July 30-Aug 1 with worship, delegate business, learning seminars and fellowship.

Mennonite Mission Network

Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig, and their three children, are preparing to return to the African continent to build bridges between Christians and Muslims. Pray for them during their time of orientation at the Paris Mennonite Center in France, where they will ground themselves in language study and in the ministries in French-speaking Africa. They are serving jointly through Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Mission Network.

COMMUNITY & CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camp Mennoscah

Camp Mennoscah needs kitchen staff and maintenance volunteers! We are looking for kitchen staff for June 13-17 and maintenance volunteers for all weeks. For the kitchen, no professional cooking skills needed--just an ability to follow directions and some happiness to share! Contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

Congratulations! Deborah, Camp Mennoscah's dedicated and generous office assistant of over 7 years, is retiring! She has reduced her hours and has graciously agreed to stay on while the next assistant is found. Camp Mennoscah is seeking someone to share in office/support operations and guest services in a position with potential growth. Contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org for information.

There's still time to register for camp! Camp Mennoscah has a few openings at most camps. Register online at campmennoscah.org!

Guidelines for summer youth camps have changed and Camp Mennoscah is working to change within the guidance of state and local agencies. If you have questions or concerns about how the camp masking and distancing guidelines may have changed, please contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Bethel College

The summer day camp program at Kauffman Museum, Uncle Carl's Camps, starts June 1 and runs through July 16. All camps still have some spaces available. Most camps will be in-person with reduced enrollment, masks required while indoors, and many activities held outdoors where campers will not be required to wear masks. Camps are: "Trash and Treasure" (9-12/completed 3rd-6th), archaeology with Monty Graber; "Watercolor My World" 1 (6-8/completed K-2nd) and 2 (9-12/3rd-6th) with LaDonna Unruh Voth; "The Prairie is ALIVE!" (6-8/K-2nd) with Kendall Smith; "Little Houses on the Prairie" (ages 4-5, not yet in kindergarten) with Kristin Neufeld Epp; "Pedal Power" (9/3rd through adult), biking camp with Karen and Stephen Kreider Yoder. See <https://kauffmanmuseum.org/uncle-carls-camp/> for dates, cost and online registration.

Mennonite Church USA

Mennonite Mission Network has openings for a Director of Finance and Director of Human Resources, two new positions for the agency. You can find details on our website at www.MennoniteMission.net/employment . To begin the application process, send a resume to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net.

Serve with the Immigrant Resource Center through MVS in Alamosa, Colorado! Serve others by connecting them with educational and legal resources. Visit MennoniteMission.net/MVS to learn more.

Mennonite Church USA has released a new Bible-based curriculum, entitled "Laboring Toward Wholeness: A Training on Dismantling Patriarchy." It addresses the history and impact of systemic patriarchy — and looks at how God calls followers to respond through an intersectional lens. Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/dismantling-patriarchy-curriculum/>

For the first time, Mennonite Church USA is hosting a hybrid convention on July 6-10, 2021. MennoCon21 participants may choose between attending in person in Cincinnati, Ohio, or virtually via Pheedloop, an interactive, online event platform. Learn more about MennoCon21 virtual offerings here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mennocon21-virtual-opportunity/>

Jon Carlson will be the July 9 worship speaker for MennoCon21, Mennonite Church USA's biennial convention. Carlson reflects on his conference topic, "Trust the Peace," through his experience with trust in the Mennonite church, in this blog: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/trust-the-peace/>

In his blog, "An Afro-Latina Who Refused to be Made Invisible," Mennonite Church USA's Chief Communications Officer Wil LaVeist reflects on his mother's life and her Afro-Latina heritage. Despite the racism that she, and countless other Afro-Latino people have experienced, she persisted and proudly represented her culture. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/refused-to-be-made-invisible>

Join Jerusalem Seminar this winter! Bethel College and Tabor College are again sponsoring a trip to Jordan, Palestine, and Israel, from December 26, 2021, to January 15, 2022. The four emphases of the trip are to (1) understand the Bible in its context, (2) learn about the three major religions of the area (Judaism, Islam, Eastern Christianity), (3) understand the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and (4) take time for reflection, worship, and prayer together. There is currently room for additional persons to participate. If interested, contact Peter Goerzen (pgoerzen@bethelks.edu) immediately. Cost is estimated at \$4700-\$4900 per person.

When life gets hard, it is difficult to find the peace. In her blog, "Feel the Peace," Ana Alicia Hinojosa, who will be the July 6 worship speaker at MennoCon21, reflects on her conference topic by grappling with where the peace goes when everything feels like it is falling apart. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/feel-the-peace/>

Jen Helmuth Sherk felt the need to deepen her spiritual walk, so she began meeting with a spiritual director. Read about Sherk's journey — from being a stay-at-home mom, to a photographer, to a pastor — in Evan J. Miller's blog, "Where God's Spirit is Already at Work." <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/gods-spirit-already-at-work/>

Peace Connections Opportunities

Peace Connections is looking for volunteers to help supervise the children/grandchildren of families attending Circle of Hope and participating in the Getting Ahead Class. We are in need of 2-4 volunteers willing to donate their time on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:15 PM. If you have caring hands, a loving heart, and enjoy working with children and youth then please contact Peace Connections. Starting in July, volunteers are needed. You can donate your time once a month, twice a month, or every Tuesday. Whatever fits your schedule. Thank you so much!

Upcoming golf tournament benefiting Harvey County Circle of Hope - The 5th Annual Oswald Memorial Golf Tournament is June 12 at Hesston Golf Course. We have great prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Last Place Teams, as well

has Hole Prizes. Registration includes 18 holes, cart, lunch, refreshments, and a goodie bag. Event flier is attached and can also be found at www.peaceconnections.org. Thank you! ~ Jennifer Rose, Executive Director

Western District Conference

Staff position opening: WDC seeks a full time Administrative Assistant to work out of its North Newton, KS office, beginning August 25. Responsibilities include office management, communications, records management, scheduling, and administrative support for staff. Qualifications include strong organizational, computer and communication skills, ability to collaborate as part of a team, and willingness to promote WDC's mission and priorities. For more information, position description and application materials, contact Heidi Regier Kreider, Conference Minister, at heidirk@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300.

Michelle Hershberger, Bible Department Chair, Hesston College, will be our keynote speaker and storyteller for **WDC Annual Assembly, July 30-August 1**. She is the author of *God's Story, Our Story*. Michelle never gets tired of telling how Jesus is at work in her life, church, and community! For more hybrid Assembly info, go to <https://mennowdc.org/2021-wdc-annual-assembly/>. You're welcome to join us for worship or for the whole Assembly!

Special Annual Assembly Storytelling Opportunity! WDC's Assembly theme July 30-August 1 is "Woven into God's Story." When was the last time you really listened to the story of someone who doesn't see the world as you do? The folks at StoryCorps have invited WDC to partner with their storytelling project, *One Small Step*, to share and record our own stories within WDC. *One Small Step* is an initiative to facilitate conversations across differences, between people who may disagree politically. It's not a debate. It's a chance to spend time virtually with someone different than you and discover the stories behind each other's beliefs. To join another WDC member for an online conversation, sign up at <https://onesmallstep.storycorps.org/wdc/>. The registration deadline is June 25 and virtual recordings will be scheduled July 28-30 (space is limited).

Join others from across WDC to discuss "**Why Do We Suffer and Where is God When We Do?**" by **Valerie G. Rempel** on **Thursday, June 24 at 7:00pm** via Zoom. Register for the online discussion or to borrow a copy at crlib@mennowdc.org

Mennonite Central Committee

June 22 at 7 p.m. CDT join James Wheeler & Linda Herr, Area Directors for Europe & Middle East, to hear **The Gift of Love: Doing our part for healing and wholeness in the world**. Register for the webinar at mcc.org/mcc-webinar-series.

The MCC Alumni Gathering is July 9-11 and all MCC alumni and their families are invited to join us at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. [Please sign up by June 25!](#)

Current openings at MCC can be found at mcc.org. Current open positions include Canning & Trucking Manager, Multimedia Producer, Meat Canner and many international service opportunities.