

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. Over the next few months, we are exploring the essentials of our Anabaptist Christian faith. We want to go deeper in exploring who we are and who God is calling us to be going forward. Jesus is the center of our faith. Our faith is about having beliefs, experiencing God, finding forgiveness, belonging to a body, and most especially following Jesus in daily life.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music	<i>Variations on a Ground Bass</i> ~Vitali	Jared Janzen
Welcome and Opportunities for Celebration and Service		Pastor Caleb Yoder
Recognizing the years of service of Les Flaming		
Call to Worship	Psalm 46	
(verse 10:) “Be still, and know that I am God!”		
Prayer of Invocation		
*Gathering Hymn	<i>When We Walk with the Lord</i>	VT 570
Teacher Dedication		
Presentation of First Grade Bible (Celia Peters)		
Children’s Story		Laura Unrau
Peace Prayer+		Elaine Banman
Worship Music	<i>How Can I Say</i> (VT 388) <i>What Is the World Like</i> (VT 298)	Jill Siebert, vocal Mary Schmidt, violin Karen Unruh, piano
Morning Prayer		Sandy Banman
Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings		First Fruits Giving
Offertory		
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>Take My Life</i> (v. 1)	VT 759
HEARING GOD’S WORD		
Scripture Reading	Matthew 7:24-27, Luke 9:23	Steve Banman
Message	“Christianity as discipleship”	Pastor Caleb
Responding to the Gospel	(Open sharing)	
SENT AS GOD’S PEOPLE		
Song of Response	<i>My Hope is Built</i>	VT 621
*Benediction		Pastor Caleb
*Sending Song	<i>We Will Follow</i>	VT 566
Postlude	<i>Toccata</i> ~Pachelbel	Jared Janzen

*Please stand if able

Song Leader: Marcia Brubaker

Greeters: North – Greg and Suzanne Meier; South – Evan and Maryanne Esau family

Nursery Staff: Laura Unrau and Maryanne Esau

Visual Arts: Amy Sterk

Worship Technology: DJ Flaming, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth, Steve Unruh

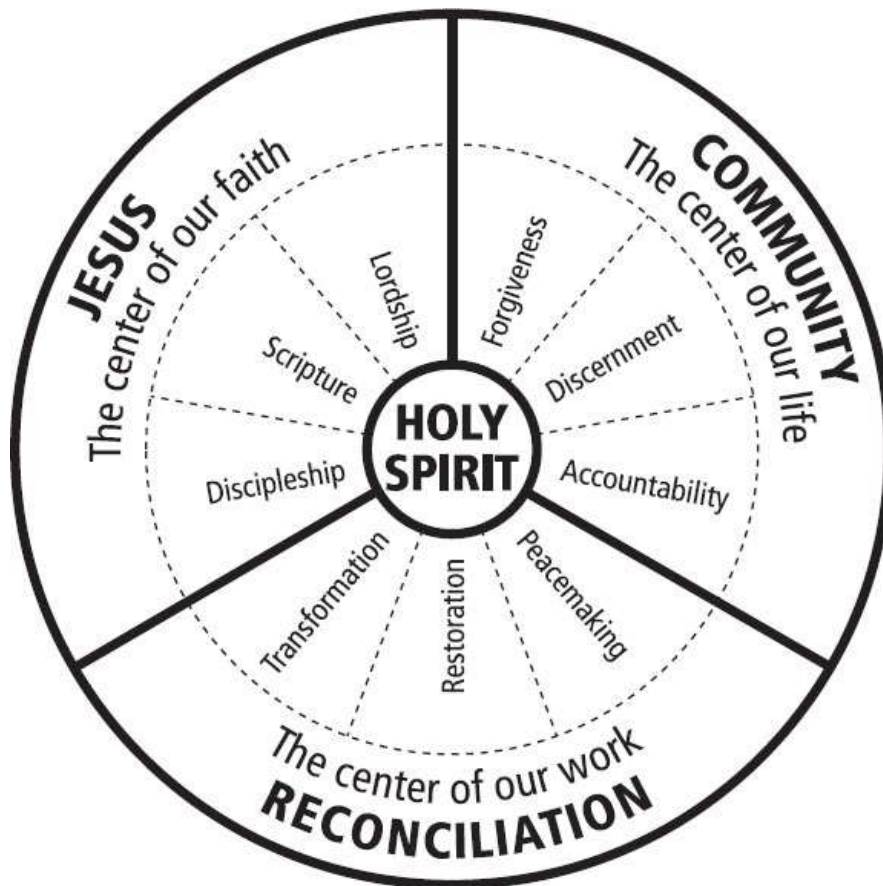
August 29 attendance: 131 in person

+ 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.

Questions for Reflection – Matthew 7:24-27

1. How would you answer the question: what is Christianity? If you had to pick one, which of the areas – beliefs, spiritual experience, forgiveness, salvation, and following Jesus in daily life – do you feel is particularly essential?
2. Is it a reasonable goal to follow Jesus' teaching (such as the Sermon on the Mount) consistently in this life? What teachings of Jesus are primary for you?
3. How would you describe the faith we share in common at Alexanderwohl? How can we disagree in a spirit of love when we do not all see things the same?

Anabaptist Essentials: Next Sunday we explore what it means to interpret Scripture through Jesus who we believe to be our clearest revelation of God. Our scripture reading will be Matthew 5:21-48. If you are reading *Anabaptist Essentials* by Palmer Becker, we encourage you to read chapter 2.



Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We are grateful, God, for years of dedicated service. Thank you for Les Flaming and for his deep commitment to serving our congregation as custodian. In the broader church, we thank you for Nancy Funk and all the years she served as Administrative Assistant in the WDC office.
- ❖ We pray for the family of Diane Voth as they grieve the sudden passing of Kerwin. We pray for the peace of God to be with them.
- ❖ We pray for Bryant Miller as he transitions into the position of Director of Community and Rehabilitative Services at Prairie View, Inc. Give him patience as learns all that this new job entails and grace to absorb the learning curve.
- ❖ We pray for Cindy and Gene Hastings this week as he receives results from a recent PET scan; we pray for relief from pain, discomfort, and anxiety and for grace and patience as they deal with new health reports.
- ❖ We give thanks for teachers and learners; this morning we are particularly grateful for those who teach and lead Christian Education classes in our church.
- ❖ We pray for the people of New Orleans and the gulf region, as well as those on the east coast, who are suffering as a result of Hurricane Ida.
- ❖ We pray for those in western states who are dealing with fires and water shortages.
- ❖ Pray for the Albuquerque, New Mexico, Service Adventure unit leaders, Barry and Erika Kreider, and participants — Anna Alderfer, Bowen Dick-Burkey, Dawson Duerksen and Brooke Nafziger — as they extend the ministry of their host congregation, Albuquerque Mennonite Church (from the September Mission Network Prayer Vine)

Coming Events

Today, Sunday, September 5	9:30 am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:30 am	Worship Service in person or on Zoom
Monday, September 6		Labor Day - Church Offices Closed
Tuesday, September 7	5:30 pm	Board of Christian Education
Wednesday, September 8	7:00 pm	Board of Trustees
Monday, September 13	2:00 pm	Prayer Team
	4:30 pm	Covid Task Force
	5:45 pm	Board of Mission and Service
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Friday, September 17	10:00 am	Senior Fellowship
Monday, September 20	7:00 pm	Board of Worship
Wednesday, September 22	6:30 pm	Children's Ministry Team
Thursday, September 23	7:30 pm	Board of Deacons
Sunday, September 26		Community Service Day followed by noon meal
	1:30 pm	Harvest Giving Walk – begin at Goessel Church
Monday, September 27	2:00 pm	Prayer Team
Wednesday, September 29		Midweek Staff Orientation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to contribute to the **Hartvickson/Harris** family, you may give through the Citizen's State Bank, making the check out to "*Robyn Hartvickson/Ethan Harris Fire Fund.*" There also is a Go Fund Me page at this link: <https://gofund.me/81f04684>

There will be a signup sheet in the South Lobby for you to sign up to help with the New Year's Cookie Booth for Fall Festival at Bethel College. This will be on Oct. 2, 2021. Or you can email Bonnie Gaeddert at gaeddertb@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thanks so much for your help.

Senior Fellowship -- Mark the third Friday of each month on your calendars and plan to attend!

- Friday, September 17 – Chris Allen – “Every Quilt Tells a Story”
- Friday, October 15 – Jennifer Speer (Newton Medical Center) – end of life decisions
- Friday, November 19

We are in the process of updating our list of college students. Please help us by calling the church office or emailing the name of your student(s) and where they are attending. We'll compile a list for the bulletin boards. Thank you!

Building Update: The south office door is unlocked from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday through Friday during office hours.

The annual Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk is less than a month away. This year's route (between 1 and 6 miles) will begin at Goessel Church on Sunday, September 26 at 1:30 p.m. Find a donation envelope on the literature table in the back of the sanctuary and start your fundraising today! Donations this year will go towards MCC's efforts to provide emergency support and supplies to those affected by the Haiti earthquake earlier this month and the local Tabor Church Food Pantry.

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Deacons: Sandy Banman, Marilyn Unruh Flaming, Ruth Goertzen, Bryant Miller, Jim Schmidt

CONFERENCE PRAYER REQUESTS

Western District Conference

Give thanks for God's faithfulness with WDC congregation Buhler (KS) Mennonite Church, as they celebrate their centennial today and look forward to fruitful ministry in the future!

Mennonite Mission Network

This week, Amanda and Tyler Yoder, and their two toddlers, began a year-long SOOP assignment, through Mennonite Mission Network at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in Colorado. Pray for them as they work alongside camp staff in hosting, maintenance and wherever else they are needed.

COMMUNITY & CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camp Mennoscah

September 26 is a Camp Mennoscah Combo! It's the Hymn Sing-Dessert Auction and Annual Meeting all in one! There are still details to be determined, but plan on some hymn singing (masked & distanced), bidding on delectable desserts, and information about Camp Mennoscah's year. We'll keep the details coming your way!

Camp Mennoscah is seeking a full-time Director of Development, Marketing & Communications to lead our ongoing operational and advancement needs. This position reports directly to the Board of Directors while taking directive from the Executive Director when related to operational considerations. As a member of a small, very hands-on staff, the role is expected to be highly collaborative. This professional must embrace the mission of Camp Mennoscah, have an established background in coordinating nonprofit donation strategies, possess strong written, interpersonal, leadership and relationship building skills, and work as an independent contributor with good organization and follow-through. Most of the work will commence off campus, however some in-person time at camp is required.

This role involves organizing broad-based fundraising initiatives, advocating for Camp Mennoscah through speaking engagements, promotional materials, and social media, as well as recruiting volunteers, and building relationships with board members, donors and staff.

Our ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree, a minimum of five years of fund development experience, or equivalent experience in church relations, and a passion for Camp Mennoscah. They should also be familiar with office related applications, and other technology used for communication and social media. Experience with CampBrain and the associated donor database is a plus.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled and early submission is encouraged. Please send application materials (resume, cover letter, references and salary requirements) to campmennojobs@att.net

There are volunteer opportunities for you! Camp Mennoscah has year-round work to support the maintenance and upkeep of the campus and facilities. We can accommodate every group size, skill set and length of project you would like to tackle. Check out these ways to **Get Involved!** Email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer.

Western District Conference

As of August 25, 2021, the WDC office, located at 2517 North Main, in North Newton, KS, has updated their office hours: 8 am – 4:30 pm. The office is normally open through the lunch hour.

The Final Thursday Book Discussion originally scheduled for August 26 had been postponed. It will be on **September 30** – join us via Zoom to discuss *Leaving Silence: Sexualized Violence, the Bible, and Standing with Survivors* by Susannah Larry. This book is an unflinching examination of sexualized violence in the Bible and the God who stands steadfastly with survivors. Readers will rediscover the God who is present in experiences of trauma and who desires ultimate wholeness for survivors. See more about the book from Herald Press. Copies available through the WDC Resource Library. Email crib@mennowdc.org for the Zoom link.

All women 13 years and older are invited to the annual Women's Retreat being held Saturday, September 11 through Sunday, September 12 at Camp Mennoscah near Murdock, KS. Kathy Neufeld Dunn will be our main speaker on *Re/Connecting with God and Each Other*. Whether we need time to reconnect with God, with our sisters in Christ or both, Women's Retreat is a chance to do that. Join us for a special time of focus on spiritual and emotional connection with each other and the One who loves us and cares for us beyond imagining. Click here for more information and registration forms. Covid rules and restrictions will be followed, and a few things will look different so please read the information carefully. We hope to see there! (brochures and registration forms are in each lobby)

Mennonite Central Committee

Join MCC in prayer and support for those suffering in our world. MCC has prepositioned relief materials in Haiti for immediate use. Earlier this month an additional shipment of supplies was sent to Haiti and is expected to arrive in September. MCC continues to respond to needs around the world in Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Congo and other crisis areas. We greatly appreciate your [monetary donations](#) to keep current projects going and to help with extra expenses due to recent disasters; and we could use your help in replenishing our supplies of [relief kits and hygiene kits](#). Questions can be directed to 316.283.2720 or centralstates@mcc.org.

Bethel College

Sunday, Sept. 12 – KIPCOR Film Series resumes *live*, with *The Prison Within*, a film by Katherin Hervey, 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Individuals incarcerated in San Quentin Prison, charged with murder, take a journey of redemption through participation in a restorative justice program. Audience discussion with Hervey, film director, producer and writer, and Leonard Rubio, executive director of Insight Prison Project, live via Zoom. *Bethel's current COVID-19 protocols require mask-wearing indoors, and physical distancing to the extent possible, 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.*

Everence to hold Social Security and retirement income planning webinar

Everence will host a *Social Security and retirement income planning* webinar, on Tuesday, Sept. 14 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.

AMBS/Mennonite Men "Knowing Your Narrative"

On Oct. 26, Nov. 6, and Nov. 16, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Mennonite Men are co-sponsoring *Knowing Your Narrative: Unpacking Our Stories of Masculinity and Equity*. This three-part series of events, facilitated by Ben Tapper with the Kindred Collective, seeks to unpack narratives around masculinity, faith, and equity.

After completing the series, participants will be able to coherently articulate their own personal narratives, identify the ways they've been shaped by masculine messaging, and reframe their own masculine identity so it is more inclusive and holistic. For more info and to register visit ams.edu/narrative." (see flyer on bulletin board)

Mennonite Church USA

Mennonite Church USA is seeking a full-time Marketing Communications & Engagement Associate to assist in

all levels of project execution, including research, coordination of online and in-person events, handling constituent inquiries, writing, production, newsletter/collateral distribution and analytics/reporting. This position provides an ideal opportunity to develop well-rounded skills and hands-on experience in marketing communication. The ideal candidate will be a team player, creative, highly organized, a strong communicator, committed to Jesus Christ and passionate about God's reconciling mission to the world. We are committed to diversity among staff and welcome people of diverse backgrounds and abilities to apply. View the job description here. To request an application form, contact HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call 316-281-4257

Mennonite Church USA is seeking a full-time Multimedia News Editor to work collaboratively with our marketing communications team to develop, drive and execute communication strategies on a variety of platforms. The Multimedia News Editor will generate, curate and edit media releases, feature articles, newsletters, video scripts, brochures and online content that report on and promote the work and ministry of Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and staff. The ideal candidate will be passionate about God's reconciling mission to the world and committed to Jesus Christ. We are committed to diversity among staff and welcome people of diverse backgrounds and abilities to apply. View the job description here. To request an application form, contact HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call 316-281-4257.

Save the Date – IBA Burrito Benefit Sale

The annual Hispanic Ministries – IBA Burrito Benefit Sale will take place Friday, October 15, 2021.

ORDER TO GO (Drive thru pick up)

First Mennonite Church – 429 East 1st St., Newton

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS

For any inquires contact Violeta Ajquejay Suastegui at: VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org or call 316-281-4342.

Peace Mennonite Church – Dallas, TX – 50th Anniversary Celebration

Join Peace Mennonite Church of Dallas, TX in person or offer your prayers as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

The celebration is Saturday November 6, 2021 from 4-7pm with food and fellowship and Sunday November 7, 2021 with a 10am worship service. Please RSVP to Peace Mennonite Church at pmcdallas@gmail.com by September 26 if you plan on attending.

Peace Mennonite Church 14325 Proton Rd Dallas, Texas 75244

Mennonite Central Committee

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.

Mennonite Central Committee has a variety of service opportunities all around the world and the following opportunities are especially important to fill at this time. Please contact Heidi Huber with questions at heidihuber@mcc.org or 316.283.2720.

Organizational development and Racial Equity Director. For more information or to apply,

visit: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/organizational-development-racial-equity-director>

MCC Representative for Haiti

For more information or to apply, visit: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/mcc-representative-haiti>

Seed Community Development Worker

For more information or to apply, visit: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/seed-community-development-worker-bolivia>

Canner Operator

For more information or to apply, visit: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/canner-operator-4>

When We Walk with the Lord

VT 570

1 – When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey. (refrain)

2 - Ev'ry burden we bear, ev'ry sorrow we share, all our toil he doth richly repay. Even grief, pain, and loss as we carry a cross will be blessed as we trust and obey. (refrain)

3 – But we never can prove the delights of his love, until all on the altar we lay, for the favor he shows, and the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey. (refrain)

4 – Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way. What he says we will do, where he sends we will go, never fear, only trust and obey. (refrain)

Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Take My Life, and Let It Be

VT 759

1 – Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

My Hope Is Built

VT 621

1 – My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name. (refrain)

2 – In ev'ry rough and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the vale. When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. (refrain)

3 – Not earth, nor hell, my soul can move; I rest upon unchanging love. I trust his righteous character, his counsel, promise, and his pow'r. (refrain)

4 – When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. (refrain)

Refrain – On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

We Will Follow

VT 566

1 -- We will follow, we will follow Jesus. We will follow, ev'ry-where he goes. We will follow, we will follow Jesus. Ev'ry-where he goes we will follow.