



## Postlude

### \*Please stand if able

+ 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.

**Song Leader:** Marcia Brubaker

**Greeters:** North – Linda and Rod Peters; South – Denise Duerksen

**Nursery Staff:** Susan Nafziger and Nicole Hein

**Visual Arts:** Anita Boese

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

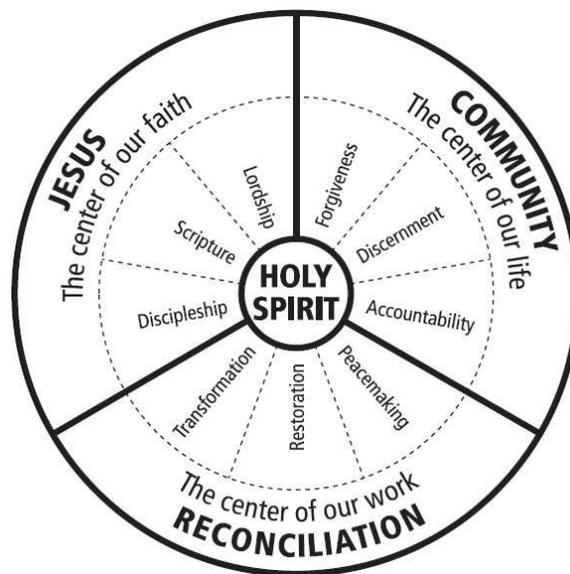
**October 24 Attendance:** 145 in person; 7 households on Zoom

**We welcome Beverly Lapp and Dale Klassen to our worship service this morning!** Dale (son of Analene and Ruben) grew up in Goessel and at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. Beverly is Vice President and Academic Dean at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. She grew up in Lansdale, Pennsylvania and studied at Goshen College, Westminster Choir College, and Columbia University. She previously was on the music faculty at Goshen College for 23 years and continues to be active as a church musician. Beverly and Dale have two young adult daughters, Greta and Naomi, both currently studying at Goshen College. Beverly will bring greetings from AMBS today, in addition to offering music from the piano.

**Questions for Reflection** – Matthew 5:23-24, 18:15-20, Reconciliation with one another.

1. How practical is the guidance of Matthew 18? How can we apply its principles?
2. When have you seen reconciliation take place?
3. What factors make dealing with conflict difficult?

**Anabaptist Essentials:** Next Sunday's service is planned and led by Cynthia Neufeld Smith. Cynthia is a church musician, retired pastor, and served on the committee for the *Voices Together* hymnal. Incorporating the gifts of a number of musicians at Alexanderwohl, the service will focus on reconciliation – with God, among members, and culminating with the biblical vision of a reconciled world.



## *Praying for our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ We're grateful for Emmalyn Gaeddert and Brody Schroeder who will be married this coming Saturday evening (November 6) at Coronado Heights. May Emmalyn, Brody, and their families

experience the blessing and presence of your Holy Spirit, God, in the making and celebrating of this covenant.

- ❖ We pray for the people of Sudan as their country plunges further into chaos and violence.
- ❖ We pray for Braxton Church and his family. (See details below) We ask for safe travels and successful surgeries.
- ❖ We continue to pray for residents, staff and administrators of long-term care facilities as they carry on the difficult work of getting through Covid-19 and other illnesses, particularly as we head into the flu season.
- ❖ We pray for Judy Unruh who continues to struggle with the healing process from her hip replacement. She has experienced further complications and moved to Bethesda on Wednesday for ongoing physical therapy and care. We pray for Darrell as well in this difficult time.

### Coming Events

Today, Sunday, October 31	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship Service in person and on Zoom
Monday, November 1	5:30 pm	Board of Christian Education
	7:00 pm	Children's Ministry Team
Wednesday, November 3	6:30 pm	Midweek Activities
	7:00 pm	Board of Trustees
Sunday, November 7	5:30 – 6:30 pm	Bethesda Home's Annual Pillar's Banquet
Monday, November 8	5:45 pm	Board of Mission and Service
	7:00 pm	Church Council
November 9, 10, 11		MCC Meat Canning
Sunday, November 14	5:00 – 6:00 pm	Goessel Community Drive-Thru Thanksgiving Meal
Monday, November 15	4:30 pm	Covid Task Force
	7:15 pm	Board of Worship
Friday, November 19	10:00 am	Senior Fellowship
Sunday, November 21	2:00 – 4:00 pm	Goessel Community JH Event at Tabor Park
Thursday, November 25	10:00 am	Thanksgiving Day Service

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Braxton Church, 5-year-old son of Kelcey and Amanda Church, will travel to Boston Children's Hospital from Nov. 12-17 for multiple, highly-specialized surgeries that will take place on Nov 15<sup>th</sup>.**

These surgeries are for Braxton's ongoing GI and airway medical conditions. Braxton, Amanda, & Amanda's cousin will be flying to Boston. Please be in prayer for Braxton, his family, and his team of medical providers and surgeons as they continue to care for him, as well as for Kelcey & Natalie who will remain at home. If you would like to follow Braxton's medical journey, check out his Facebook page at [fb.me/BraxtonMChurch](https://fb.me/BraxtonMChurch).

There are **helpful resources** on the tables in both north and south lobbies concerning "end of life" issues and decisions. There is a large booklet produced by Everence called *Making Your Wishes Known* as well as a smaller three-fold pamphlet from Newton Medical Center on *Advance Care Planning*. The more planning and thought that you can give to these decisions ahead of time, the easier it will be for family members at the time of your death – do this favor for your loved ones! Pastors Caleb and Lois are available to help you talk and think through any of these plans.

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

- Friday, November 19 – Brian Stucky will share about his recently published book, *Alexanderwohl Names 1622 - 2020*
- Friday, December 17

**MCC Meat Canning will be November 9, 10 & 11.** The sign-up sheet to help is in the south lobby. The cost of meat has more than doubled in price this year. If you would like to make a contribution for the meat make your check payable to MCC, note Hillsboro Area Meat Canning in the memo. Send to: Ken Koslowsky, 127 North Main Street, Hillsboro, Ks 67063.

**The Christmas Giving Tree** - Jesus' love was the greatest gift that God has ever given to humanity. That love continues to inspire us to gift each other with God's grace and love. The Goessel Ministerial Alliance and the Crossroads Credit Union are sponsoring a "Christmas Giving Tree" to do just that. This tree invites us to help with some of the expenses of Christmas for families in our community. Anyone who is aware of needs for children is welcome to fill out an application. List each child by name, age and gift suggestions with clothing sizes. Applications are available at the Goessel Elementary and High School offices, the Goessel City Office, the Crossroads Credit Union and the Citizens State Bank. Applications need to be turned in by **Friday, November 19** to the Elementary School office or in a sealed envelope marked "Christmas Giving Tree" at the Credit Union. Each child will get 2 tags on the tree with their age, gender and gift description; the names of the children will not be on the tags. The tags will be available on the tree at the Crossroads Credit Union on **Tuesday, November 23**. All gifts need to be wrapped and returned to the Credit Union by **Monday, December 13**. The gifts will be distributed by the Ministerial Alliance. We hope everyone has a blessed and happy Christmas, both givers and receivers. We encourage each of our congregations to join in this ministry opportunity. If you have questions, contact one of the pastors.

**Thank you for your generous support** of our College Scholarship Fund Raiser last Sunday. Your contributions totaled \$4,588 and are greatly appreciated. ~Carol Reimer Duerksen, Treasurer

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## CONFERENCE PRAYER REQUESTS

### Western District Conference

Give thanks for the generous financial gifts and prayers of WDC congregations and members to support conference ministries of sustaining ministers, resourcing congregations and encouraging church planting.

### Mennonite Mission Network

Jaden Hostetter, who is serving with Mennonite Mission Network and VM Missions, has started a ceramic studio for refugees who have been welcomed by the Quito Mennonite Church in Ecuador. Pray that, through creating art, participants will find a space of healing and a place to build community.

## COMMUNITY & CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Tabor Church's Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ

**Thursday, November 4** is the date set for the 2021 Tabor Church Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ. Once again, it will be a "Drive-By" from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Donations will be received that evening for our Mission Partners, the Givens family, and Bethesda Home.

### Camp Mennoscah

**Camp Mennoscah has openings for a part-time custodial/housekeeping position** (10 hours) and a part-time office/administrative position (30 hours with benefits). Some of the office/administrative tasks can be done from home. Contact Olivia at [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) for more information.

### Bethel College

**TODAY (Sun., Oct. 31) – Bethel College fall choral showcase, "Bethel Sings," featuring the Concert Choir, Women's Ensemble, Woven and Open Road, 4 p.m. NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION to the Administration Building steps (Memorial Hall in case of bad weather; Bethel's current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors with groups of 10 or more).**

**Fri., Nov. 5 – The Menno Simons Lecture Endowment, with support from the Reimer-Boese Worship and the Arts Endowment, brings Jan Kraybill, Kansas City, to the Bethel College campus for two lectures on the theme "This is Our Story, This is Our Song: The Power of Music in Community." "The Sound of Science" is at 11 a.m. in Memorial Hall as part of Bethel's student convocation series. "Music and Memory, Meaning and Mission" is at 7 p.m. in**

**Krehbiel Auditorium** in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Bethel's current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors with groups of 10 or more.

**Fri., Nov. 5 – Reception for Menno Simons lecturer Jan Kraybill and the “Voices Together” exhibit** (in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College), **following Kraybill's lecture that begins at 7 p.m.** in Krehbiel Auditorium, in the Fine Arts Center lobby. Bethel's current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors with groups of 10 or more.

**Sat., Nov. 6 – Kauffman Museum first-Saturday bird walk, 8 a.m. start time** in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets in North Newton. Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail (terrain is mostly wood-chip path and sometimes uneven/sloping).

### **Sunflower Performing Arts at Hesston College**

The Sunflower Performing Arts series will begin Oct. 31 at 3 p.m. with the first-ever Sunflower Soirée, a concert of local and regional artists that also promotes the season ahead and kicks off the organization's annual patron drive. Audience members and staff are required to wear masks while inside the church, and the visiting artists will wear masks when not rehearsing or performing.

### **Mennonite Central Committee**

**NEW Seek discipleship program for young adults:** Seek is a new six-month intentional discipleship program from MCC which encourages young adults (18-20 years of age) to learn more deeply what it means to be an Anabaptist follower of Jesus. The program will include multiple discipleship and service opportunities with MCC partners in Palestine and Israel and Jordan. The Seek program begins in January 2022 and takes place in Palestine and Israel. To learn more and apply for the Seek program, visit [mcc.org/seek](https://mcc.org/seek).

**SALT applications are now open!** Are you interested in learning a new language, visiting a new country, and joining a new community abroad? SALT applications are now open! Through SALT (young adults age 18-30), practice your skills in education, peace building, agriculture, community health care and more while connecting with the global Anabaptist community of faith. For more information, visit [mcc.org/SALT](https://mcc.org/SALT) or contact Abby Endashaw, Young Adult Programs Coordinator at MCC Central States [abbyendashaw@mcc.org](mailto:abbyendashaw@mcc.org).

**MCC seeking SWAP Location Coordinators in Hindman, Kentucky:** MCC Appalachia's SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) program coordinates week-long service opportunities for young people and adults, to provide housing repair for low-income individuals and families. The Hindman Location Coordinators will plan and direct all aspects of the SWAP ministry in Hindman, Kentucky. MCC is also looking to connect with other ministries related to economic development and/or food security and would welcome location coordinators with these interests and backgrounds. Apply online for this opening by December 10 at [mcc.org/swap-hindman-location-coordinators](https://mcc.org/swap-hindman-location-coordinators). For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or [AmberFalcon@mcc.org](mailto:AmberFalcon@mcc.org).

### **Western District Conference**

**The Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty invites you to its 2021 Abolition Conference:** “United Against the Death Penalty: All Roads Lead to Repeal”. This virtual event will be held on **Saturday November 6, 2021** from 1 to 3 p.m. on Zoom.

Panelists are: Mary Head, murder victim family member; Dalton Glasscock, former Chair Sedgwick County Republican Party; Kevin Willmott, award winning director and screen writer, KU Department of Film and Media Studies; Rev. Willmar Harder, pastor Buhler Mennonite Church; and Julia Spainhour, chief attorney of Kansas Capital Habeas Office. This event is open to KCADP members and the general public. To register and get your Zoom link, send an email to [info@ksabolition.org](mailto:info@ksabolition.org) and include your name and address.

WDC delegates approved a resolution against the death penalty on August 8, 2009. In this resolution it states “We call upon the congregations of the Western District Conference to support efforts to change the public policy toward the elimination of the death penalty.” WDC's statement on the death penalty can be found here.

*Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing*

VT 7

1 – Come, let us all unite to sing, God is love. Let heav'n and earth their praises bring, God is love. Let ev'ry soul from sin awake, let ev'ry heart sweet music make, and sing with us for Jesus' sake, for God is love. [Refrain]

2 – O tell to earth's remotest bound, God is love. In Christ we have redemption found, God is love. His blood has washed our sins away, his Spirit turned our night to day, and now we can rejoice to say that God is love. [Refrain]

4 – How happy is our portion here, God is love. These promises our spirits cheer, God is love. God is our sun and shield by day, our help, our hope, our strength and stay; and will be with us all the way: our God is love. [Refrain]

*Refrain: God is love! God is love! Come, let us all unite to sing that God is love.*

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

VT 638

1 – Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down, fix in us they humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art. Visit us with thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 – Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast. Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be. End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3 – Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive. Suddenly return, and never, never-more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4 – Finish, then, thy new creation; true and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee. Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*You're Not Alone*

VT 779

*Refrain: You're not alone, we are one body. You're not alone, we stand with you. You're not alone, your time of suffering is our suffering too, and I know the day is coming when we will be rejoicing a-new.*

1 – Many members in this body that we know, some are great and some are small; eyes and ears and hands and just a little toe, one God who activates them all. [Refrain]

2 – One body, Spirit formed and Spirit fed, different genders, rich and poor; a banquet where the least sit at the head; one body broken for the world. [Refrain]

*God, Give Me Time*

VT 144

1 – God, give me time to learn the words I find so hard to say: the loving words, forgiving words that take the sting away. God, give me calm to ride the storm when waves of anger rise, a moment when I grasp a truth my lesser self denies.

2 – God, give me time to deal with words that threaten and destroy; the easy words of politics that kill creation's joy; the speeches that proliferate economies of greed; the thieves of children's heritage, the poison in the seed.

3 – God, give me time to meet your Word, transforming as I go my little world, my larger world, by all I do and know; encountering in others' faith the wisdom and the grace that Jesus Christ was born to bring, and give a human face.