

**The Western District Women's retreat** committee has decided to have a modified retreat this year, due to concerns about COVID19. We will have a one-day retreat on Saturday, September 12. There are two options: an in-person retreat at Camp Mennoscah or a virtual retreat. A virtual retreat would take place on the computer over a platform like Zoom. We would have activities to do - some together online, like worship sessions with singing and a speaker; and some smaller group activities like our seminars, where participants would work or talk "together, but separately." Zoom allows an interactive experience - so it's not like watching TV. Groups of two or maybe even several could be together watching and participating - like at your church or in your home. Please let us know your preference by completing this survey today: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6QXF85X>

**We've been made aware** of some phishing (fraudulent) emails going around that appear to be from WDC-related persons. If an email seems odd or not quite right, even though it appears to be from someone you know, do not reply, be alert and proceed with caution!

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Income needed at this point in the fiscal year to stay on pace to fully fund our FMC ministries budget: \$69,100

Year-to-Date FMC Ministries Income: \$63,200

2nd Sunday (6/14/2020) Special Offering

- Camp Mennoscah: \$450.00

2nd Sunday (5/10/2020) Special Offering

- Bethel College: \$75.00

- Hesston College: \$75.00



# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, June 28, 2020**

## GATHERING

Gathering Music		Will Friesen
Welcome, Announcements		Deanne Duerksen
Prelude to Worship		Will Friesen
*Call to Worship	Psalm 13	Deanne Duerksen

*How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?*

*How long will you hide your face from me?*

**How long must I bear pain in my soul,  
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?**

**How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?**

*Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!*

**Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,  
and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";  
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.**

*But I trusted in your steadfast love;*

*my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.*

***I will sing to the LORD,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.***

\*Prayer

*Hymn	Your Grace Is Enough	Purple Sgbk 50
The First Lesson		Romans 6:1-11
Hymn	Marvelous grace of our loving Lord	No. 151
Children's Story		Aleen Ratzlaff

## SHARING

Sharing and Prayer

Pastor Tom

Hymn

Amazing grace!

No. 143

## LISTENING

The Second Lesson

Romans 6:12-23

Message

The Oldest Virus of All, Part Two

Pastor Tom

## RESPONDING

\*Hymn

Wonderful grace of Jesus

No. 150

Benediction

***A WARM WELCOME TO ALL*** who are gathered to worship, wherever you are, and whenever you are able to watch this service!

## AMONG OUR FRIENDS

**SUMMER FOOD 4 KIDS** are serving up to 50 children a day. Prairie View programming will bring 42 others each day, so lots of cookies are needed for the Grab and Go meals. If you can bake cookies, drop them off at Trinity Mennonite Church at 211 Elm any time between 9 and 3. Thanks so much for your help.

### **CAMP MENNOSCAH:**

The Camp Mennoscah summer staff say Hi and Hello to you! They hope you are enjoying the videos they have created to share a bit of camp with you. More videos are coming! The videos are posted online on the Camp Mennoscah Facebook page. A Facebook account is not needed, though Facebook will try to get you to sign up. Just click "not now" at the bottom of the pop-up box. You can get to the Facebook page from [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) using the button at the top left corner.

**Camp Mennoscah** is open to a limited number of individuals and families. Reservations must be made in advance. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 for further information. We are excited to make this sacred space available to you!

**Family Weekend at Camp Mennoscah!** Camp Mennoscah is inviting you to join in a modified Family Weekend on July 18-19. Many of the same activities like crafts and s'mores will be offered but adjusted to fit life during a pandemic. The pool is closed for the summer, but the river is still as splashable as ever. Each family group will be assigned their own bathroom. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or call Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290.

**MCC:**

MCC in North Newton is open on a limited basis Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Following the biblical call to love our neighbors as ourselves, there are several COVID-19 protocols in place when you visit MCC. Please take your time, read the posted signs and follow the directions to the best of your ability. Masks are required and some are available, if needed. The material resources center and warehouse are not open to volunteer groups at this time, except for a handful of essential volunteers. Material resource donations are being accepted in the 24-hour donation room on the northeast side of the building for contactless drop-offs. If you need to meet with a staff person, please call the office and set up an appointment with that person at 316.283.2720 or email [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org).

**WDC (WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE):**

**The WDC Virtual Annual Assembly** will be held August 1-2. "Living in Exile" will use Scripture themes from Jeremiah 29:4 and I Peter 2:11-12 with emphasis on listening to our brothers and sisters on the margins and being missional in new contexts. Everyone is invited to attend (no travel required)! A short (one minute) invitation video is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jn1zOf3jVGA&t=7s>.

**Children and Youth, you are invited to offer art** for display online during our virtual WDC Assembly. Read or listen to Jeremiah 29:4-13 and 1 Peter 2:11-12, then draw or paint a picture, write a poem, or other artistic response to these scriptures which are our theme texts for Assembly, "Living in Exile." We will include them in a PowerPoint during the delegate session on August 1. Please send them to Becky at [secretary@fmchillsboro.com](mailto:secretary@fmchillsboro.com). Thank you!

**So Many Resources Available!** At this year's virtual WDC Assembly on August 1, there will be four interactive Zoom webinars to choose from and links to many videos from Mennonite Mission Network, Mennonite Central Committee, Everence, and more of our partners in ministry! Themes include creation care, reconciliation, mission, and immigration justice, among others. Non-delegates don't need to register this year to have access to all these wonderful resources. Delegates, please register by July 12. Find information and registration at: <https://mennowdc.org/2020-wdc-annual-assembly/>. Donations for WDC Assembly expenses are welcomed; donations exceeding expenses will go to the WDC Hope Fund to assist WDC congregations with financial need.

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