

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Paul's Visions and Revelations

² I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³ And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— ⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹ but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.



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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ –
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship **July 25, 2021** **“Graced by God”**

GATHERING

Gathering Music		Marcia Brubaker
Welcome and Announcements		Sarah Diener
Prelude to Worship		Marcia Brubaker
*Call to Worship		VT 853
*Prayer		
*Hymns of Gathering		
	Come to Me, O Weary Traveler	VT 157
	Your Grace is Enough	VT 167
Time for Children		Pastor Tom

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Tom
Hymn	Lead Me, Guide Me	VT 601

LISTENING

The Lesson		2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Sermon	“Graced by God”	Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn	Wonderful Grace of Jesus	VT 170
Sending	The Lord Your God Is with You	VT 173
Postlude		

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

Remember to register for the WDC Annual Assembly

at: mennowdc.org/2021. Friday worship is July 30 at 7 p.m. followed by snocones outside at 8 p.m. Enjoy storytelling under the tent with fresh popcorn Saturday, July 31 from 7-8 p.m. Invite your friends to Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N Anderson Ave, Newton, KS, for some summer fun. Storytelling also inside and online!

IMPORTANT: Our church needs delegates to represent us at the Western District Conference Annual Assembly Saturday, July 31 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. The delegate session is only by Zoom, so you can join in from home! We need 3-4 delegates to attend this virtual session on behalf of First Mennonite Church. If interested, please email Doug Miller at dougmilller4@outlook.com as soon as possible. Thank you!

Next Care Meeting is August 4 at 7 p.m.

Peppernuts at FMC! Derek Hamm and Tim Frye have indicated their willingness to give us a hand with our peppernuts project this summer! But as usual, we need many people to make this happen. We are proposing three days this year: Thurs., Aug. 5; Fri., Aug. 6; and Sat., Aug. 7. We'd like to know how many could help us on any or all of those days. If you can help, please notify Kara at secretary@fmchillsboro.com or call her at the church office: (620) 947-5662. If you'd like to help, but those days don't work and/or you'd also be free other days, please let Kara know that as well. It would be helpful to know what times of day as well as which days would fit your schedule.

REQUESTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS. FMC desires to support FMC members and members' children who attend a Mennonite college or who choose to receive a seminary education. If you are interested in applying for such financial support (tuition) for the 2021-2022 academic year, contact Doug Miller.

Parkview Church invites you to Worship & Watermelon Friday, July 30 on the church lawn! Watermelon, crullers, and fellowship begins at 7 p.m. with worship at 7:30. Please bring your own lawn chairs or blankets!

Colorado Peaches are coming to MCC in North Newton! Beth-El Mennonite Church in Colorado Springs is organizing a fundraiser to cover expenses related to the annual Rocky Mountain Relief Sale, which is being planned for October 15-16 in Rocky Ford, Colorado. **Peaches are available in 10lb boxes for \$25 and 18lb boxes for \$35. Deadline for orders/payment is Monday, August 2.** Checks or cash are

accepted, with checks made payable to Beth-El Mennonite Church with "Peaches" in the memo. Please contact Patsy Dirksen at MCC Central States Office for orders/payments at patsydirksen@mcc.org. Pick-up date for peaches is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 23 at the MCC Central States in North Newton.

Gather for the Grand Open House for the new Kauffman Museum exhibit, "Vapes: Marketing an Addiction," Thursday, July 29 from 2-6 p.m. This new exhibit examines what is known about e-cigarettes, and includes selections from a previous Kauffman Museum exhibit, "Better Choose Me: Collecting and Creating with Tobacco Fabric Novelties, 1880-1920." "Vapes" has been on display at NMC Health in Newton since the beginning of June and moves to Kauffman Museum July 29-Jan. 9, 2022.