

Hebrews 11:1-6 (NIV)

The Meaning of Faith

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

The Examples of Abel, Enoch, and Noah

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks.⁵ By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and "he was not found, because God had taken him." For it was attested before he was taken away that "he had pleased God."⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, August 7, 2022

GATHERING

Gathering Music		Shirley Baltzer
Welcome, Announcements		Darrel Knoll
Prelude to Worship		Shirley Baltzer
*Call to Worship		Darrel Knoll
*Prayer		
*Song of Gathering	To God Be the Glory	VT 84

Psalm 33:12-22

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind. From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth--he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.

A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.

Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.

Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Song	God of Grace and God of Glory	VT 716
Time for God's Children		Lenna Knoll

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer		Aleen Ratzlaff
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Prayer Response
Bringing our First Fruits
Offertory

Lord, Listen to Your Children

VT 682

LISTENING

The Second Lesson
Message

Consider This

Hebrews 11:1-6
Jeff Wintermote

RESPONDING

Hymn
Sending
Postlude

Help Us to Help Each Other

VT 722

Shirley Baltzer

Among Our Friends and in Our Prayers:

- ❖ **Continuing to pray through our directory –**

- ❖ **From WDC: Pray** for Camp Mennoscah as it concludes summer youth camps, and give thanks for WDC campers, leaders, volunteers and supporters who have participated in camp this summer.

- ❖ **Pray for our teachers.** School starts in less than two weeks, so it is time to prepare for the coming year. May they have God's fresh creative ideas and love for their students!

Announcements:

- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY!**
 - **Special Worship and Picnic at Trinity Mennonite Church.** There will be no service at our building.
 - **Bring food to share!**

- ❖ **Special offering** for the month will be **moved to August 21.** We will be giving to **Mennonite Church USA.**

- ❖ **From Bethel College: Life Enrichment returns to Bethel College with the start of the fall semester – but** It will be **on a different day.** Life Enrichment resumes **Thursday,** Aug. 25, and

will be on Thursdays thereafter. Place and time remain the same: Krehbiel Auditorium, 9:30 a.m.

See <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/life-enrichment> for more information, or watch for a brochure in the mail if you haven't already received one.

- ❖ **This Friday and Saturday are baking days for PEPPERNUTS!**
Check the schedule on the white board by the kitchen for your time to join in on the fun or talk to Doug Bartel.
- ❖ **What song from our hymnal came to mind and helped you through your week?** Please share those favorites with us so we can be sure and use them in our worship! What a wonderful way to keep the truth of God's Word in our minds!
- ❖ **Youth group** will meet on Sunday, August 21st right after worship.