

Welcome to

Rochester Mennonite Church

September 17, 2017

Sunday Morning Worship

9:00 AM

Lois Kennel, Song Leader
Rev. Galen Penner, Pastor

GATHERING AND PRAISING

Words of Welcome

Hymn #19 (HWB)

Open now thy gates

Invocation

Gathering (bulletin cover)

Scripture Memorization (bulletin insert)

Matthew 5:21-26

Hymn #70 (HWB)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Hymn #516 (HWB)

Just as I am

Children's Hymn #341 (HWB)

Jesus loves me

Children's Story Kim Leichty

SHARING AND PRAYING

Joys, Concerns and Announcements

Prayer Hymn #353 (HWB)

Lord, listen to your children praying

The Prayers of the People

Moments for Witness

(How does my life and vocational call witness to the reign of God?)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

Generous Forgiveness

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Confessing (bulletin cover/unison)

Affirming Faith (bulletin cover/unison)

Hymn #51 (HWB)

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord

Offering Ourselves and our Gifts to God

(Monthly Giving – Mennonite College Fund)

The Offering Hymn #384 (HWB)

We give thee but thine own

(vs. 1 & 2)

The Offering Prayer

Hymn #433 (HWB)

Go, my children

BLESSING AND SENDING

Benediction

Doxology #119 (HWB)

Praise God from whom

The Rochester Mennonite Church is a congregation that welcomes people to join our community of faith so that they may grow in their personal understanding and relationship with God. Members and guests are appreciatively welcomed to this service of worship.

Announcements

If you have announcements to be included in the bulletin, please get them to Galen, preferably with the exact wording you wish to use, not later than Thursday morning. Also please indicate how long you wish to have the announcements included in the bulletin.

The sign-up sheet for being a worship leader, song leader, and doing the children's story for the next several months is available. Please sign up as you feel led.

Responsibilities for Next Sunday (September 24):

- Set-up –
- Worship Leader –
- Song Leader –
- Children's Story – Kim Leichty
- Adult Sunday School – David Brunner

The Church Council will meet on September 26 at 9 a.m.

Next weekend in Freeman, South Dakota, the Central Plains conference board will meet jointly with the Christian Formation, Pastoral Leadership, Outreach & Service and Discernment Committees. Pray for these meetings and for Sid Burkey of Milford, Nebraska, who is our new moderator.

MCC responds to Hurricane Irma damage in Cuba and Haiti:

Hurricane Irma tore roofs from houses in Cuba and dashed houses to the ground. In Haiti, Irma's rain turned into flash floods that rushed into houses and caused families to escape in waist-high water. In both countries, crops, gardens and livestock were destroyed. Your gift to Mennonite Central Committee helps people in Cuba to rebuild and people in Haiti to recover.

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Theology! *Vision*, published semiannually by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Canadian Mennonite University, seeks to encourage theological reflection by church leaders on the identity, mission and practices of the church from an Anabaptist-Mennonite perspective. The Fall 2017 issue, on the theme "Proclaiming Christ in a Pluralistic Context," is the final one to be edited by Mary H. Schertz, AMBS professor of New Testament, who retired in June. (Andy Brubacher Kaethler, AMBS professor, is taking on the role of AMBS editor.) Upcoming issue topics include "The Church and Young Adults" (Spring 2018) and "Gifts of a Global Church" (Fall 2018). To get your copy of the Fall 2017 issue, subscribe by Sept. 22. A one-year subscription is \$15; subscribe for three years for \$40. Sept. 17 and/or 24.

New donor engagement officer position open. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, is seeking a part-time (50 percent) development officer to qualify and cultivate new donors. Successful candidates will have experience in fundraising and/or higher education and an understanding of fundraising as ministry. This position is based in Elkhart and will require up to 50 percent travel. Bachelor's degree required; master's degree preferred. Position is open until filled.

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(The Rochester Mennonite Church meets in the chapel of Christ United Methodist Church, located at 5th Avenue and 4th Street SW. The chapel is located in the northeast corner of the building.)

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