

And the Winner Is...

May 17, 2020

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Meditation Music

Donna Stucky, organ

Call to Worship

Susan Jantzen, pastor

Words for the Children

Erin Graber

Song

Great is Thy Faithfulness
Ken and Amy Regier Family

Scripture

Psalm 65 and 1 Corinthians 1:4-9
Bethanie Wedel
Rod Wedel

Meditation

Faithful
Anita Kehr, pastor

Prayers of the church

Susan Jantzen

Closing music

Donna Stucky, organ

***Check email on Sunday morning around 10:30 AM for a You Tube link to this service. Thanks to Joey Menninga for recording and editing this service.**

OUR VISION—Together in Christ: rooted deeply, reaching widely, loving well

OUR MISSION—With Jesus as our center, we are called to be:

- **Faith-Focused**
- **Mission-Minded**
- **Community-Connected**

Upcoming Worship Services

May 24—Tammy Duvanel Unruh will preach.

May 31—Pentecost

Happy Birthday

Tanner Pauls—May 18
Deb Ratzlaff —May 19
Greg Bontrager—May 21
Alice Huxman—May 21
Bob Schmidt—May 21
Gracen Hiebert—May 22
Morgan Murphy—May 22
Mitchell Murphy—May 22
Taylor Stahly—May 23
Dave Wiebe—May 23

Congratulations to our High School and College Seniors that are graduating this month!



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*The "Final Four" Hymns—
Great is Thy Faithfulness*

**First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS**

Announcements

The offering today and for May 24 will be for Local Mission.

We received \$33,150 for Local Missions in the month of April. We spent \$2,076 more than we took in. January through April our expenses exceeded income by \$12,322. The Financial Stewardship Committee would like to thank all who so generously and faithfully gave, especially during the months of March and April.
~Dewayne Pauls, Treasurer

The Congregational and Pastor Reviews went out by email this week. If you didn't receive the email or would like a hard copy, please contact the church office.

Offerings can be sent to the church at P. O. Box 291, 429 E. First Street, Newton, KS 67114. There is also an offering plate in the Court Area that will be checked daily if you want to drop your gifts off at church. Please mark the designation of your offering. If left unmarked, it will go to Local Mission. **Thank you for your continuing support!**

Remember that the Caring Fund is available: In this time of economic disruption, the Caring Fund is available to help you. Please don't hesitate to talk to any of the Caring Fund Committee members if you could use some financial support during this time. Committee members are: Sam Claassen, Ken Fast, Ken Frey, Bob Schmidt (chair), and Anita Kehr.



Kids—Mark your calendars for June 22-26 and join us as we explore God's Great Big Beautiful World! Vacation Bible School has been moved to this week in June, and we're working with a fantastic team from the Newton Mennonite Churches to determine what our week of VBS will look like! No matter what it looks like, we know that we'll be worshipping, singing, exploring, creating, and celebrating God's Great Big Beautiful World!

Former WDC staff member, Marlene Bogard, is hosting a Zoom Story Hour at 11:30 AM (central time) on **Mondays and Thursdays** for the next several weeks. Children are invited! Stories will be geared to ages 3-8. In order to get the Zoom meeting link, please email Marlene at harderbogard@gmail.com.

Connecting with your groups: FMC has begun a subscription with Zoom, a video-and phone-conferencing software program. If you're interested in scheduling a meeting with your Sunday School class, commission, committee, or whatever else, please contact Tracy Kerr in the Church Office during office hours (M-Th, 8:00-12:15, 1:00-4:30 and F, 8:00-12:00). She'll help you know what you need in order for an email invitation to go out to all involved. If there are persons in your meeting who can only connect by phone rather than through the internet, there is a way to do that, too. The subscription service allows us to invite more people to a meeting as well as allows for longer meetings.

The Bethel College Class of 2020 will celebrate the 127th commencement, virtually, Sunday, May 17, 4:00 PM. Join them at bethelks.edu/grad.

After much prayer and conversation, Camp Mennoscah made the difficult decision to cancel 2020 summer youth camps. The safety of campers and staff is our top priority and we could not envision a way to safely and responsibly continue in-person summer camps at Camp Mennoscah in the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic. We are hopeful camp will be a vibrant place of community and faith formation again soon, and we will keep you updated about possibilities for being at camp.

Parents/Guardians of campers registered for Camp Mennoscah's 2020 summer youth camps will be contacted directly by May 15 about your registration(s). If you have not completed the emailed survey regarding alternate camp options, please do so or contact Camp Mennoscah.

First Mennonite cares too! You may have received your CARES check from the federal government already by direct deposit or may be still waiting for a paper check, but many in our community and around the world have been more directly affected by the pandemic and will not be getting any relief. The relief fund may have been a blessing to you in your time of need, but if you are able, the Outreach Commission would encourage you to pass the blessing on to others with unmet needs. Suggestions:

- **Casa Betania Family Relief Fund.** Checks may be written to Casa Betania and sent to Linda Shelly who will work with Pastor Graciela to administer the fund.
- **FMC Caring Fund** is responding to local needs including some initial funds for Casa Betania.
- **New Hope Shelter** has higher expenses because it is unable to use volunteers at this time.
- **Mennonite Mission Network** has a special project "IM 105 Global Disaster Response" focused on COVID-19 response.

In all cases if funding exceeds specific needs related to the COVID-19 response, the extra funds would be used to meet ongoing needs.

Looking for a non-traditional pastoral role? Become a unit leader in Service Adventure, a gap-year program for ages 17–20 from Mennonite Mission Network. Unit leaders, at least 24 years of age, serve as mentors to the young adults in the household. An opening is available at the Service Adventure unit in Jackson, MS. This is a two-year term beginning in July 2020. Learn more by contacting SusanN@MennoniteMission.net.

Transition information: The Search Committee continues to work on the Congregational Information Form. The Church Board has approved the hiring of a transition minister who will begin with us in the first part of October. Please continue to pray for this journey we are on as a church and for discernment of God's leading in the decisions and plans being made along this path.