

Resurrection Practices: Religious

June 28, 2020

Meditation music

Jyl Ewy, piano

Call to worship

Dave Wiebe

Words for the children

Andrea Regier

Song

A wonderful Savior and Jesus, Name Above All Names

Scripture

Acts 15:1-21

Dave Wiebe

Meditation

What is Required

Anita Kehr, pastor

Song Medley

Prayers of the church

Renee Hamm, Caregiving Commission

Closing music

God Be With You Till We Meet Again, arr.

***Check email on Sunday morning around 10:30 AM for a You Tube link to this service. Thanks to Ryan Koehn 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

Prayer and Praise Notes

June 28, 2020

Psalm 89:1-2 – “I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.”

Praise God for the harvest.

Pray for each other in the congregation. Pray especially this week for the children.

Pray for wisdom in developing plans and a timeline for meeting in-person for worship again.

Pray for our nation as the pain of systemic racism and injustice is being brought to the light in new ways. Pray for repentance about what has been and for effective steps toward a new way of being.

Pray for those who are experiencing physical, mental, emotional, or relational brokenness right now.

Pray for the families of Russell Graber, who died on June 20, and John Klassen, who died on April 4. Both were members of our congregation.

In regard to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic around the world:

- Pray for those suffering from the illness.
- Pray for health-care workers in this season.
- Pray for those who are experiencing economic devastation.
- Pray for an increase in actions that show care for others.
- Pray for those who are developing effective therapies and potential vaccines for the disease.
- Pray for help in the weariness of isolation.
- Pray for educational leaders as they plan for all levels of schooling this fall.

From Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Annual Assembly planning team, as they prepare creative ways for WDC members to meet, learn and worship together on the weekend of August 1.

From Mennonite Mission Network: The Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Colombia is developing new courses and study plans to prepare young church leaders and to encourage established pastors in their roles. Pray for Bekah York, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, as she prepares to teach some of these courses.

Upcoming Worship Services

July 5—Resurrection Practices: Acts

Happy Birthday

Sophia Wedel—June 28
Xavier Garcia—June 29
Nathan Murphy—June 29
Nancy Pauls—July 3

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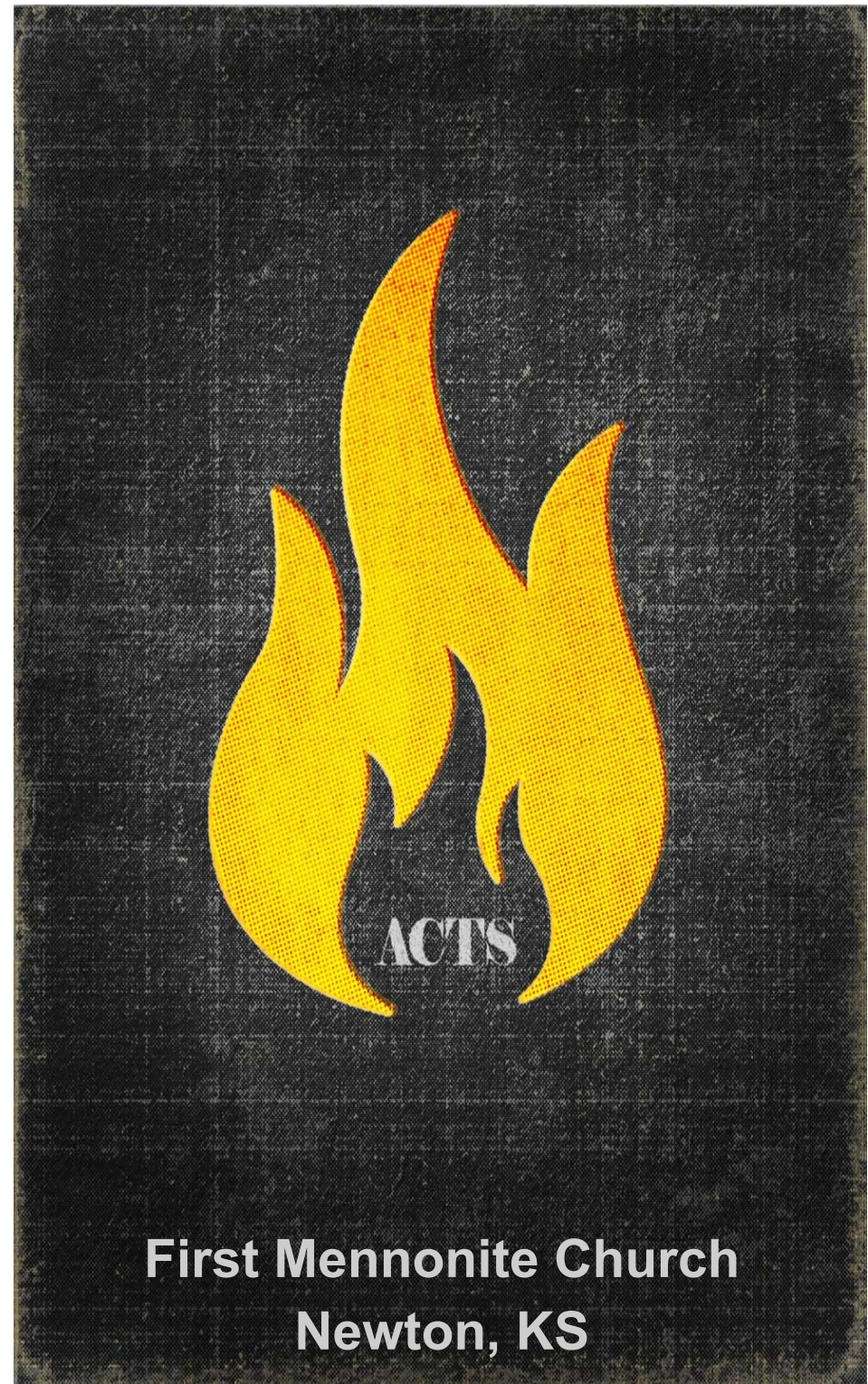
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Announcements

The offering today is for Local Mission, and on July 5 it will be for Mennonite Mission Network. The Local Mission offerings for June 7 and 14 was \$9,565. Thank you for your continuing support!

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. For electronic giving, go to the church website (firstmennonitenewton.org) or contact the church office. **If you would like to choose where your donation will go, you will need to register and create a profile.** Otherwise, it will go to Local Mission.

If you would be interested in receiving a box of fresh produce if there are future deliveries from the Farmers to Families program, please contact the church office, and we can arrange for a delivery to be made to you.

Homeless Shelter—Our next week to serve New Hope Homeless Shelter is July 8-14. If you are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

Summer Reading Programs—Running June 1-August 15. **Adults**—This year you're invited to read any title **in our collection** and submit a brief review. Each review will be a ticket into our prize drawings for books, gift cards, and more. Reviews may be submitted at forms.gle/r4kpXQBQzQPuGjiw8, posted on the WDC Resource Library FaceBook page, or given to Library Director, Jennie Wintermote. **Children**—Contact the library for a reading log and mark off a box for each book you read (picture books) or every 15 pages (for chapter books). **Turn in your reading log after August 15 for fun prizes.** (Turn in by mailing, dropping off, or sending a picture of your log to crlib@mennowdc.org.) We would appreciate it if you register your child(ren) at forms.gle/mgPPft74HBDs9ZMu6 so we can have enough prizes ready!

The First Mennonite Youth Group is planning a Service Week at Camp Mennoscah, July 5-11! We have several projects we will be tackling together in a socially distanced way, and we are looking forward to spending some time together (and apart). We would ask your prayers for successful completion of our projects and for safety and health as we serve, as well as good times of fellowship. Thanks for all your support!

The church office will be closed Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day.

Take a look! Summer staff are sharing camp with you from a distance! Videos are being posted on the Camp Mennoscah Facebook page daily. You'll see some typical activities of camp and some of the wild, creative fun we strive for in a week of camp. A Facebook account is not needed, though they 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 campmennoscah.org using the button at the top left corner. Send us your thoughts!

SR. HIGH YOUTH



Youth Group Service Trip—Mark your calendars! One important date you need to know regarding our trip:

- **7:00 PM—Wednesday, July 1—Youth and Parents**

Tammy will send Zoom invitations on the day of the meeting. If you have any questions, please let Tammy or one of the other sponsors know. We'll get back to you or have answers for you when we meet.

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 or call Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290.

The Western District Conference Annual Assembly will be an all-virtual affair held on August 1-2. The theme, "Living in Exile," will use Scripture themes from Jeremiah 29:4ff and I Peter 2:11-12 with emphasis on listening to our brothers and sisters on the margins. Everyone is invited to attend (no travel required)! There will be a delegate session. Our congregation is eligible to send 10 delegates, and this year, because of being virtual, each delegate can only carry one vote. So if you're willing to serve in this way, please contact Janice Good, Church Board chair, or Anita Kehr as soon as possible. There is no registration fee, and only delegates are required to register at all! Donations are invited to help cover Assembly costs. Danny Carroll R is the keynote speaker.

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.

Transition information: The Search Committee has completed the Congregation Information Form with as much information as we can. Further information will need to be decided before it can be fully completed, including the number of positions we are seeking to fill, the job descriptions for those positions, and the gifts those positions need. Our next step continues to be seeking a transition minister; the Church and Staff Relations Committee is working on this. Prayers are asked for discernment for the Search Committee, the Church and Staff Relations Committee, and the Church Board to keep the journey moving forward in this time of Covid-19 amid the challenges that brings to us as a church. Prayers are needed as we continue to seek and listen to God's leading on this journey.