

Living in God's Abundance

August 9, 2020

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Meditation music

My shepherd will supply my need J. Harold Moyer
Amanda Rempel, organist/piano

Call to worship

Casson Schmidt

Words for the children

Andrea Regier

Worship Song

Praise, I will praise you, Lord (H 76)
Joan Entz and Greg Bontrager

Prayer for offering and scripture

Matthew 14:13-21

Meditation

Picking Up the Pieces
Anita Kehr, pastor

Prayers of the church

Renee Hamm, Caregiving and Membership Commission

Sending song

For the healing of the nations (H 367)

Closing music

Sent forth by God's blessing by David N. Johnson,
Amanda Rempel, organist/piano

**We will be live-streaming our worship beginning at 10:30 AM. You may view it on our webpage (firstmennonitewton.org), on our Facebook page, or at our Vimeo site. Recordings of the service will be available afterwards as well. Thank you to all those who helped to make the new camera system possible. Today, Ryan Koehn and Eugene Waltner are operating the necessary systems for our worship.*

Upcoming Worship Services

August 16—*Living in God's Abundance*

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Caroline Lena Becker.

Happy Birthday

Keith Knopp—August 14

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

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**First Mennonite Church
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Announcements

The offering today is for Local Mission and on August 16 it will be for Local Mission. Online giving for the month of July was \$6,931. The offering for Local Mission from the August 2 offering was \$13,225.

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.

A brief update on our finances—In July, we received \$26,069 and spent \$33,342 with a deficit of \$7,273 for the month. For the year, we have received \$197,294 and spent \$205,527 leaving a deficit of \$8,233 for the year. The Financial Stewardship Committee appreciates the support you are giving the church at this time.

~Dewayne Pauls, Treasurer

Candles on the communion table show us that each candle with its distinct color has gifts from God to shine into our world. May nothing diminish what each offers.

“Thank you to Rick Ortman for the trips back and forth to Wichita so I could get my cataracts taken care of.”

~Jerald Jantz

The new camera system is installed! We are now looking for people that would have an interest in joining the team to run the system. If you would like to inquire more about this opportunity, please contact Ryan Koehn.

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.

Masks for Threshers—Do you have skills with a sewing machine? If so, you can help provide a safer campus for our Bethel College students, faculty, and staff by making masks. For an easy mask pattern visit the CDC website or use any simple mask pattern you already have. You can drop masks off at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center or send them to: Masks for Threshers, Bethel College Advancement Office, 300 E 27th Street, North Newton, KS 67117.

Service Adventure has open spots for the 2020-2021 term beginning this fall. If you are interested in taking a gap year to serve, live in community, and grow spiritually, contact SusanN@MennoniteMission.net or apply online at MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure.

Transition information: The Congregational Information Form is almost complete. Work is happening on the job descriptions and staffing needs and priorities for the form so it can be filed with Western District Conference. The Search Committee and Church Board are both involved in doing this part. Candidates for interim minister are being looked at with continued hope that we will have information to share soon, first with the Church Board and then with the congregation. Please know your continued prayers are felt and appreciated.

MCC Central States offices and material resources center is closed to the public indefinitely. The realities of COVID-19 continue to change but the dedication of MCC staff to work for relief, development and peace in the name of Christ continues on. Essential workers will continue to work at MCC, but the rest of the staff will work from home. Your material resource donations (school, hygiene or relief kits and comforters, details at mcc.org/kits) are needed at this time and can be shipped directly to MCC when ordering online or dropped off in the 24-hour donation room towards the east end of the building (121 E. 30th North Newton, KS 67117). In spite of the challenges from COVID-19, the global work of MCC continues. Your financial donations are needed to keep this work going. Give now at mcc.org/donate or by sending checks to MCC PO Box 500 Akron, PA 17501. To contact staff with questions please email us at centralstates@mcc.org or call the office 283-2720.

Men and Boys Retreat has been canceled for 2020. Men and boys (with adult supervision) and families are invited to contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 about overnight stays or day visits. We'll see you soon!

Consider being an MVS participant for the 2020-2021 MVS year! Join a community, serve, and plug into your neighborhood and local congregation. Visit MennoniteMission.net/MVS to learn more and apply!

The 2020 issue of *Mennonite Life*, Bethel College's online journal, is live at ml.bethelks.edu, with articles and reviews by Alain Epp Weaver, Ben Nobbs-Thiessen, Ben Woodward-Breckbill, Cheryl Denise, Christopher Reed, Emma Beachy, Jason Schmidt, Joanne Lehman, Joyce Zuercher, Julia Kasdorf, Keith Sprunger, Lisa Schirch, Marc Gopin, Melanie Zuercher and Raylene Hinz-Penner.