

Youth Sunday

July 26, 2020

Welcome

Tammy Duvanel Unruh

What happened

The where, why, and how of our service week

The work—our three projects at camp

Swings, Amphitheater, Bridge

The fun

Song

Jesus loves me

Devotionals

Spiritual and community work

Congregational prayer

Tammy Duvanel Unruh

Closing music

Zephaniah 3:17

**Starting with today's service, we will be live-streaming our worship beginning at 10:30 AM. You may view it on our webpage (firstmennonitenewton.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 Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship.*

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**

Participants

Camryn, Derek, Eli, Emily, Jonah, Josh, Kenny, Lia, Madelynn, Schyler
Carol, Dwight, Isaac, Janet, Jordan, Tammy

Upcoming Worship Services

August 2—*Abundant Living*

August 9—*Abundant Living*

Happy Birthday

Jackson Hiebert—July 29

Larry Entz—July 30

Pat Litsey—July 31

Dana Neff—July 31

Emma Menninga—August 1



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Announcements

The offering today is for Local Mission and on August 2 it will be for Mennonite Mission Network. The offering from July 12 and July 19 was \$11,798 for Local Mission.

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 (firstmennonitewton.org) or contact the church office.

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.

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.

Along with other churches in the Newton community, First Mennonite also applied for the government Payroll Protection Program. Our application was approved and we received \$36,200 to help with payroll. Even though this is a loan, we will not need to pay it back if we use it exclusively for payroll purposes. This is part of the government's way of helping out during this pandemic. This application was presented to the Church Board by the Financial Stewardship Committee and the Board approved the application.

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.

Service Adventure only has five spots remaining 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.

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a full time Network Systems Administrator located in the Newton, KS office. This position will ensure the stable operation of the organizations Local Area Network (LAN), wide area network (WAN), Internet systems and software applications. The ability to analyze and resolve end user hardware and software computer problems in a

timely and accurate fashion is essential. Ability to provide excellent customer service is a must. Also must be committed to denominational and agency goals of anti-racist action. Degree in computer science/information technology or 3-5 years' experience is preferred. View the complete position description at MennoniteMission.net. Submit cover letter and resumé to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net for consideration.

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.

You are welcome to visit! Camp Mennoscah is open to families, individuals, and groups for days and overnights. The number of groups on campgrounds is limited and each family/group will have their own bathroom. Canoes are available for use; paddles and lifejackets are checked out and disinfected after use. Contact us at office@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. Spend some time at the river, on the trails, or simply enjoying this sacred space!

Transition information: After conversation with the Search Committee, Church and Staff Relations Committee, and Church Board, the consensus is that we should move forward with our search for a settled pastor as quickly as we can. The search for a transition minister will continue but with renewed effort by the Search Committee and Church Board to make decisions regarding staffing needs, job descriptions, and finding ways, during our Covid-19 challenges, to have communication and input from the congregation. The first step will be for the Search Committee to completely finish the Congregation Information Form which then allows the actual search for pastoral staff to begin once the CIF is on file at WDC. Continued prayers for decision making, communication needs, and listening for God's leading for leadership in this process is sought and appreciated.