

Remember

September 13, 2020

Meditation music

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Wm Runyan arr by S. Price and H. Rogers

Nora Miller, pianist

Welcome and call to worship

June Thomsen

Words for the children

Bryan Kehr

Worship song

Holy God, we praise thy name (H 121)

Joan Entz, leader

Reflections

Graciela Tijerina (Casa Betania)

Chris Weaver (Outreach, Missions and Peace Commission)

Joey Menninga (Worship Commission)

Prayer for the offering

Scripture

Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Matthew 28:18-20

Meditation

The Important Stuff

Pastor Anita Kehr

Worship song

I sought the Lord (H 506)

Prayers of the church

Sean Claassen

Postlude

Be Still and Know arr. Tom Fettke

Nora Miller, pianist

Upcoming Worship Services

September 16—Last Words: Kindness

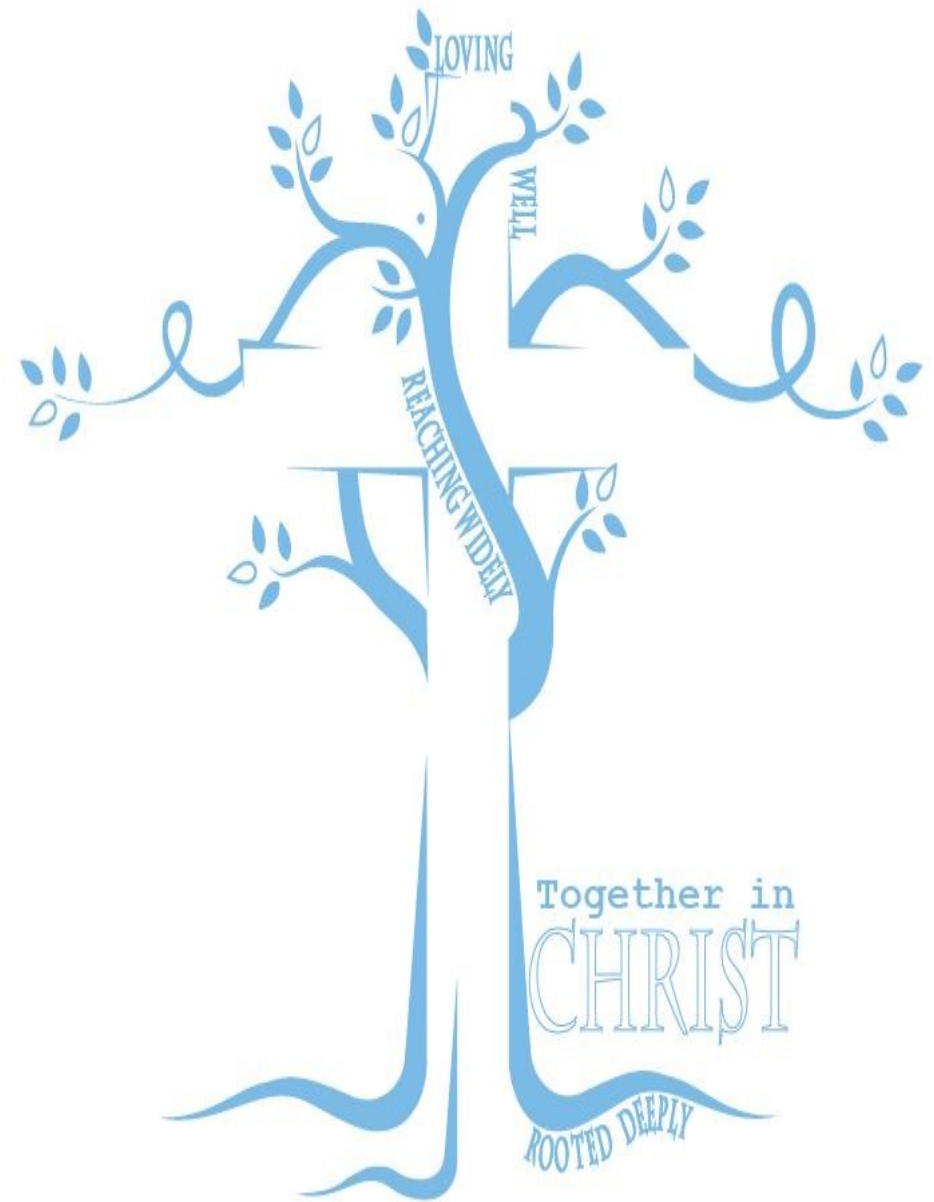
September 23—Last Words: Bless

October 4—World Communion Sunday

Happy Birthday

Bev Regier—September 13
Dennis Good—September 15
Stefanie Knopp—September 16
Dale Schrag—September 16
Jan Groves—September 17
Doug Pauls—September 17
Beverley Buller—September 19
Dennis Flickner—September 19
Ella Regier—September 19

**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, Sarah Koehn and Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Thank you to Connie Claassen for the visual arts.*



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Announcements

The offering today is for Local Mission and on September 20 it will be for Local Mission. The online giving for Local Mission for the month of August was \$4,778.

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 at firstmennonitenewton.org or contact the church office.

Financial Stewardship Local Missions Report: We had a very good month of August receiving \$11,299 more than we spent. Year-to-date receipts are \$233,515 with expenses of \$230,449. For the year, we have a plus balance of \$3,066. In light of the difficult experiences over the last few months, God continues to be good to us. Thanks to each of you for your generous support.
~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.

This Sunday's service is the first of three which will include reflections from the years Pastor Anita and Bryan Kehr have been with First Mennonite Church, Newton, Kansas. May the Spirit be with us as we celebrate and remember these ten years.

The Church Board acted to begin in-person worship again, resuming on Sunday, September 20. We will be following the guidelines of the plan that was sent out earlier this summer, **which includes wearing masks and physical distancing**, as well as taking other precautions. The reopening will take place provided that the case rates of COVID-19 in our county remain stable and there is not an increase in community spread. Livestreaming of our services will continue, and NO ONE should feel any pressure to attend if there is any concern. Please indicate whether you plan to attend on the survey that was sent out or by calling the church office.

HOPE Home Repair collaborated with First Mennonite Church and Matt Wilson of Gillmore & Wilson LLC to help clean up a disabled woman's yard. Thank you ALL of you for the help! Many thanks for those behind the scenes and those with the muscles to load up the loads. In two afternoons, the dumpster was filled twice. The result was a noticeable difference! Specific thanks to Miriam Goertzen-Regier, Wenda Black, and others from the Outreach Commission who started the process, and to Keith Knopp, Sam Claassen, Chris Weaver [plus his recip saw!] and Matt Wilson for their sweat and muscles on those hot afternoons. Blessings to you for your generosity!
~Kathy, office volunteer and Neal Schwabauer, founder

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: At a special Church Board meeting on September 2, the Church Board approved hiring Kurt Horst as Interim Lead Pastor on a 3/5 time basis. Kurt will begin his service at FMC on October 7. Additional information about Kurt will be provided in the coming weeks.

The Nurture Commission would like to get your children's Fall Sunday School materials to you sometime in the next few weeks so that you can keep "doing Sunday School" at home as you wish to. Sunday school teachers and helpers will touch base with you as they start deliveries. We are also working on some Zoom gatherings for our Sunday school children, ages K - 5th grade. Please watch your email and the bulletin for more information on this.

You are invited to explore more than 20 books on topics related to anti-racism. In our church Gathering Place, you will find a book cart with sanitizer and plastic gloves nearby. Please use gloves or sanitizer while viewing the books. Books are available by sign-out. There is a seven-day check-out. When books are returned, place the book(s) in the basket provided for returned books. If you have questions, see Susan Jantzen, Marsha Schmidt of Nurture Commission or Miriam Goertzen-Regier of the Library Committee. Big thanks to Jennie Wintermote (Resource Library Director at Western District Conference) who pulled some books for our congregation. Thanks also to Bev Regier who helped compile the summaries. All books are due back to the church by October 2.

Today, September 13, 2:00 PM, KIPCOR will screen *Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot*, a 40-minute documentary about courageous students, teachers and activists who fought a nonviolent battle to win voting rights for African Americans in the South. They will host a talk-back session with Larry Burks Sr., president of the Wichita branch of the NAACP, all via Zoom. In order to get the Zoom link, go to kipcor.org, click the Film Series link and scroll down to the REGISTER HERE button.

Save the date: KIPCOR will kick off its 2020-21 Peace Lecture series with journalist and best-selling author Sarah Smarsh, on Thursday, November 5, 7:00 PM, in an online format. This is a fundraiser for KIPCOR. More details to follow!

Celebrate with us! Mennonite Central Committee invites you join *Celebration 2020: MCC at 100*, a livestreamed event commemorating a century of MCC's ministry on Saturday, October 17, starting at 6:50 PM (EDT). The event will feature photos, videos and storytelling that highlight MCC's work over the years. Former MCC leader and pastor Leonard Dow of Philadelphia will inspire participants to walk boldly into the next century of MCC's ministry while talented musicians will lead in prayer and thanksgiving. You can find more information about MCC's centennial and log in for the livestreamed event at mcc.org/celebration-2020.

Register NOW for the MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride! Due to COVID-19, the ride is a "virtual" event this year and open to EVERYONE. Riders may register any time until September 29. Register online at Bikereg.com. Join us in raising money for MCC to fund the construction of new wells and repair existing water and sanitary systems at schools in Nicaragua. With these improvements, students will have safe water to drink and wash their hands. In this global pandemic, access to clean water is more essential than ever. Donations from non-riders are welcome! Checks to MCC Flatlander Bike Ride may be sent to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117.

Wurst Fundraiser Ever—You're invited to a German-themed drive-through carryout meal fundraiser to benefit Mennonite Central Committee September 26, held at Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton. Tim and Heidi Huber's family will be offering bratwurst, sides, dessert and drinks, with an RSVP deadline of September 19 or 300 reservations at: forms.gle/ASndjK9AQP3BLRS7 or by calling 316-217-1932. Hope to see you there!