

Last Words

September 20, 2020

Meditation music

Love Lifted Me

Donna Stucky, pianist

Welcome and call to worship

Ryan Koehn

Words for the children

Ken Frey

Worship song

I come with joy to meet my Lord (H 459)

Daryl Unruh, leader

Reflections

Marsha Schmidt (Nurture Commission)

Sean Claassen (Caregiving and Membership Commission)

Ryan Koehn (former Church Board chairperson)

Offering music

Come, thou fount

Bryan Kehr

Prayer for the offering

Scripture

Colossians 3:12-17

Meditation

Kindness

Pastor Anita Kehr

Worship song

The love of God (CS 92)

Prayers of the church

Eric Murphy

Benediction

Postlude

Episode on Dunlap's Creek

Donna Stucky, organist

Upcoming Worship Services

September 23—Last Words: Bless

October 4—World Communion Sunday

October 11—Heidi Regier Kreider will preach; Kurt Horst will be installed as interim lead pastor.

Happy Birthday

Ashlynn Duerksen—September 21

Haleigh Kerr—September 21

Levi Knopp—September 21

Roy Goering—September 22

Carol Entz—September 23

Rod Pauls—September 23

Brian Kennell—September 24

Lori Kingsley—September 25

Gail Pryce—September 25

Jeryl Murphy—September 26

**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, Melody Enns, Joey Menninga and Sarah Koehn are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Thank you to Connie Claassen for the visual arts.*

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

PO Box 291, 429 E. First Street,
Newton, KS 67114-0291

Phone: 316-283-0273

E-mail: office@firstmennonitenewton.org

Website: www.firstmennonitenewton.org

Pastoral Team

Anita Kehr,

Pastor

316-283-5598

Susan Jantzen,

Interim Pastor of Worship and Visitation

620-877-7923

Tammy Duvanel Unruh,

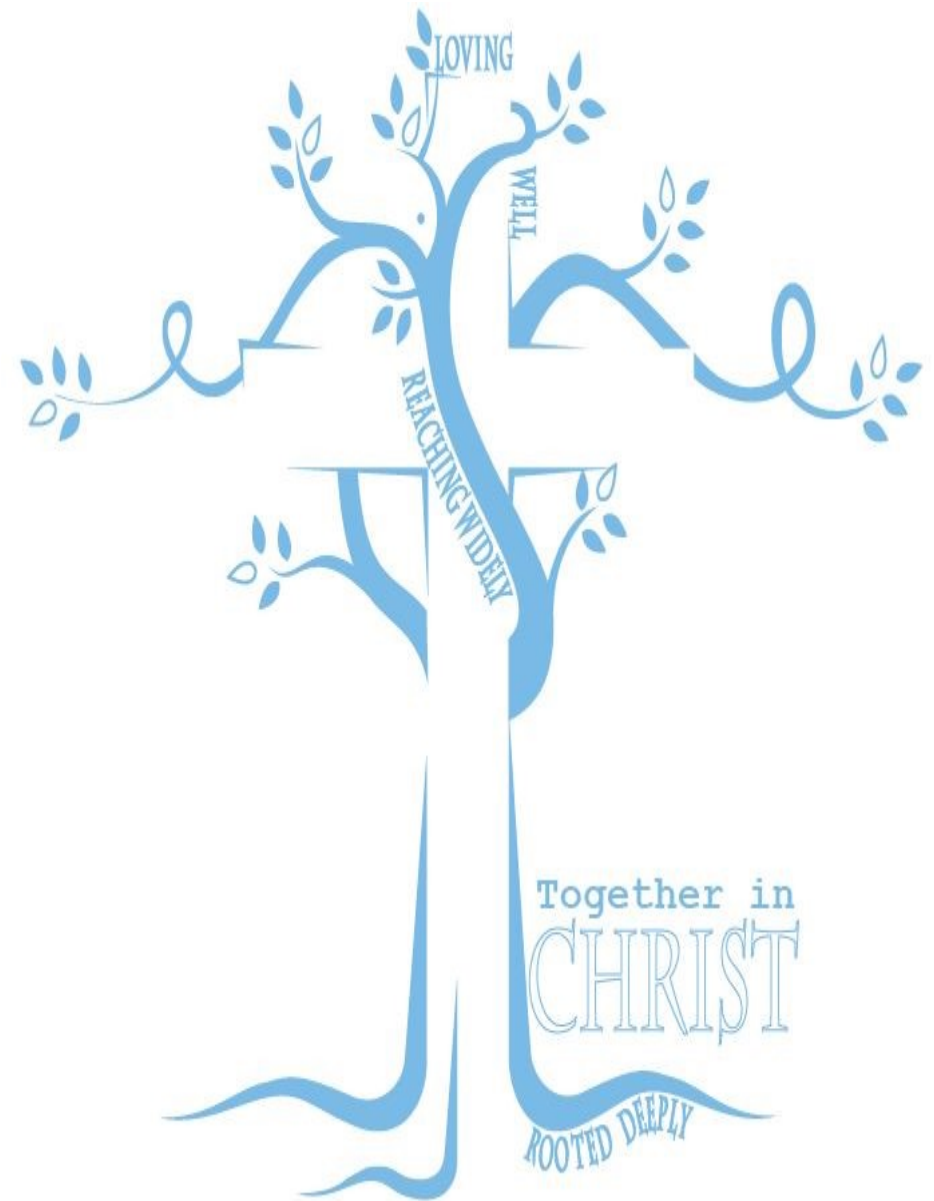
Interim Youth Ministry Coordinator

316-207-3472

Administrative Assistant

Tracy Kerr

316-283-0273



First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS

Announcements

The offering today is for Local Mission and on September 27 it will be for Local Mission. The Local Mission offering from the last two weeks was \$11,320.

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.

Congratulations to Kaitlin Abrahams and Matej Gligorevic who were married yesterday, September 19. May God grant them many years together.

The Caregiving and Membership Commission met on September 16 and accepted Jordan Miller's withdrawal of membership. Blessings to Jordan as he continues to serve God.

The Nurture Commission and children's Sunday School teachers has started a Zoom Sunday School gathering for our children, ages K - 5th grade beginning today, 9:00 AM. Please contact Stephanie Weaver if you need more information.

Per FMC policy, we need to notify the church that Jerry Bullard has been accused and arrested for the fondling of a child. Jerry has attended FMC sporadically in the past and was a volunteer with VBS approximately 7 or 8 years ago. If anyone has any concerns about inappropriate contact with Jerry, please notify church leadership, our office, or the Newton Policy Department. Prayers for all involved are needed.

Have your checked your church mailbox recently? If you are worshiping in person, take a moment as you go **into the church** to collect items in your mailbox. Thank you for keeping safe distance as others may be at the mailboxes as well.

If you are interested in attending a Zoom meeting or an in-person outdoor gathering for Pastor Anita and Bryan, please e-mail Tracy at the office by **Monday, September 21**, at office@firstmennonitenewton.org or call the church office. Zoom meeting days/times: Tuesday, September 22, 7:00 PM; Thursday, September 24, 7:00-8:00 PM. In-person outdoor gathering day/time: Wednesday, September 23, 7:00-8:00 PM.

World Communion Day is October 4. Do you regularly pray from someone in another country? Please send in the **name of the country** of the people you remember in prayer to Susan at susanj@firstmennonitenewton.org or Tracy at tracyk@firstmennonitenewton.org. That country will be marked on a map we have for worship that day, World Communion Day. Thank you!

A support group for survivors of sexual abuse will meet under the guidance of a professional therapist on Tuesday, September 29. If you are a sexual abuse survivor

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- We will meet for Sunday School by Zoom today, September 20, 7:30 PM. Watch for an email for more information.
- Youth Group will meet this Wednesday and every Wednesday at 7:00 PM. When and while the weather allows, we may be meeting outside in various locations, or we will be on Zoom. Watch your email for details—and keep your mask and lawn chair at the ready!

and would like more information about attending, please call Cindy Unruh from the Caregiving Commission (316-283-0010) for details as to time and place.

Pictorial Directory—Lifetouch has had very limited hours because of the pandemic. The church office was told last week that the directories will be shipped to the church at the end of October. We will let you know as soon as we receive them.

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.

SAVE THE DATE—IBA BENEFIT DINNER: The annual Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) benefit fundraiser will take place **Friday, October 16, here at FMC**. A burrito order to go will take place instead of the usual dinner. Burritos will be cooked by chef Carlos Lujano. (You can order Pork, Chicken or Meatless burritos by the half or full dozen) Pick up between 4:30 and 6:30 PM; instructions will be sent later. If you are not able to order you are invited to give a donation. Your generous gift will help ensure the future of this vital ministry. For any inquiries or to ORDER contact Violeta Ajquejay Suastegui at: VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org or call 316-281-4342. Deadline to order is Thursday, October 9.

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