

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2020

Meditation music

Variations on *Picardy* by Edward L Good
Amanda Rempel, organist

Welcome and call to worship

Susan Jantzen, pastor
Communion explanation, Sean Claassen

Prayer map

Jeremy Ewy and family

Worship Song

As I went down to the river
Ben's Band

Offering

Prayers for the offering and scripture

Philippians 2:2-5; Galatians 3:25-28

Igreja Menonita do Gama congregation in Gama, Brazil

Linda Shelly

Video clips of Pastor Deusilene's words/Communion

Dwight and Janet Regier, translation

Communion

Words from the Gospel of Mark
Music for quiet, reflective prayer
Taking the bread, taking the cup
Closing Communion prayer

Prayers of the church

Sam Claassen

Sending song

Blessing song from Mennonite Mission Network

Announcements and Benediction

Upcoming Worship Services

October 11—Heidi Regier Kreider will preach; Kurt Horst will be installed as Interim Lead Pastor.

October 18—Kurt Horst will preach.

Happy Birthday

Amy Grochowsky—October 6

Jordan Penner—October 6

Lynette Erb—October 9

Eli Weaver—October 10

**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, Eugene Waltner, Ryan Koehn and Joey Menninga are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Ben's Band.*



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Announcements

Communion is being served today.

Our closing video was compiled by Mission Network worker Peter Wigginton in Quito, Ecuador, with the voices and instrumental accompaniment of workers and partners in Latin America and Europe, including the Gama church in Brazil.

The offering today is for Mennonite Central Committee and on October 11, it will be for Local Mission. The offering for Local Mission from September 20 and 27 was \$11,202.

Thank you to each of you for sharing in Pastor Anita and Bryan's farewell weeks.

Well, words are failing me—now what? Just deep gratitude for you, for these weeks of opportunities to move toward the final good-bye, for the expressions of care we received from you, for the amazing and wonderful gifts, for those of you who coordinated everything, for our co-workers in these years. Deep love, too. Now may God hold you in hope as you move into newness. ~Anita and Bryan Kehr

Next week we welcome Kurt Horst, the Interim Lead Pastor for First Mennonite Church. Heidi Regier Kreider will be present for the installation and will bring us the sermon. Let us prepare our hearts to welcome and receive what God has for us in this next chapter.

Hurricane, flood, drought and fire! How do the Bible and our faith heritage speak to issues such as extreme weather patterns? What does it mean as a Christian to care for the earth? **Wednesday Night Bible Study begins this Wednesday evening, October 7, 7:30-8:30 PM** on Zoom. All are welcome to attend this introductory session *with no obligation to continue* with the following six sessions. We will use a Bible study curriculum, "Every Creature Singing," developed by the Mennonite Creation Care Network, which can be found on their website mennocreationcare.org. If you would like a hard copy of the curriculum to examine prior to October 7, or have questions, please contact June Thomsen at ibandjune@gmail.com or 316-239-8747 by Tuesday. Please contact the church office or June for the Zoom link.

Our book cart of anti-racism books has been packed up and returned to the Western District Conference Resource Library. Stay tuned for other helps to keep us examining our inter-racial interactions in community and nation.

Due to COVID, this year's NAMIWalks event will be virtual on Saturday, October 10. Lee and Deb Penner will be participating by walking in their neighborhood. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) provides advocacy, education, support, and public awareness to individuals and families affected by mental illness. The NAMI Mid-Kansas Family Support Group has provided immeasurable support during a challenging year. Join our team by registering online at namiwalks.org/kansas. Our team name is Mid Kansas Walkers 20, and Deb is the team captain. Please consider a donation to this vital organization. There are two ways to donate: Go online and donate securely with your credit card. Or, if you prefer to send a check, make it payable to NAMI Kansas, and mail it to Deb Penner at 1015 Trinity Drive, Newton, Kansas 67114. All proceeds go to NAMI Kansas as part of our NAMI Walk Fundraiser. Learn more about NAMI at nami.org. For questions, call Deb at 316-284-2154.

Work and Play Day! Camp Mennoscah invites volunteers to sign up for a day of service and fun on October 10. The day begins at 8:30 AM and ends around 2:30 PM. Contact staff at 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org for details. Please bring a mask!

We have service opportunities available for your whole family, even during the pandemic! Visit MennoniteMission.net/SOOP for details and to apply!

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.

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. To order contact Violeta Ajquejay Suastegui at 316-281-4342 or VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org. **Deadline to order is Thursday, October 9.**

MEDA Convention 2020: Towards an equal world. Join MEDA for two days of inspiration, information and networking online November 6-7. MEDA Convention is an intersection of faith and business where you can explore what it means to be faithful in daily work and learn about MEDA's business solutions to poverty. Go to medaconvention.org for more information.

Bluestem Communities is pleased to announce the "Double Your Impact, Double Your Gift" initiative. Thanks to several generous donors, gifts given between October 1 and December 31, 2020 will be matched dollar for dollar helping to meet the needs of the annual benevolent funds and Covid-19 expenses. We invite you to make a "Double Impact" donation by giving online at bluestemcommunities.org/giving or by calling 316-836-4879. Please designate your gift to Kidron Bethel Village, Schowalter Villa, Bluestem PACE or where it is most needed.

Transitional Information and Overview of Interim Pastoral Staff:

Kurt Horst – Interim Lead Pastor (3/5 time)

Areas of ministry will include; pastoral leadership, corporate worship, church administration, evangelism and outreach, pastoral care and Christian nurture. Responsibilities include; providing spiritual leadership, proclaiming the Word of God in preaching and teaching, supervising the administration of the church office, pastoral and administrative staff, encouraging the congregation in the Great Commission, supporting mission workers, providing leadership in crisis situations, conducting dedications, baptisms, marriages and funerals, facilitating instruction and counseling of persons for baptism and membership, attending church board meetings, serving as the pastoral contact in conference and as a representative of the congregation. Kurt will preach two Sundays a month and will be in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Susan Janzen – Interim Pastor of Worship and Visitation (½ time)

Areas of ministry will include worship and visitation. Responsibilities include; leading the planning and coordination of the weekly worship service, providing for regular visitation of home-bound persons from our congregation, assisting with crisis and situational care, assisting with funerals, maintaining an up-to-date list of seniors within our congregation, sharing the responsibility for chapel services at area retirement centers. Susan will preach one Sunday every other month and will be in the office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tammy Duvanel Unruh – Interim Youth Ministry Coordinator (¼ time)

Area of ministry will include faith formation for the high school youth group. Responsibilities include; assisting with the faith formation for high school youth, meeting with high school youth sponsors, interacting with the youth on Wednesday nights, serving as the communication hub for youth and sponsors, providing crisis intervention and pastoral care for youth and sponsors, providing input for spring and fall retreats, attending winter retreat and annual mission trip. Tammy will be in the office Wednesday morning and will preach one Sunday every other month.