

The “Final Four” Hymns

May 3, 2020

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Meditation Music

Jyl Ewy, piano

Call to Worship

Joey Menninga

Words for the Children

Keith Knopp

Special Music

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Ken and Amy Regier and family

Scripture

Ephesians 2:4-10

Joey Menninga

Meditation

Fettered by Grace

Anita Kehr, pastor

Prayers of the church

Renee Hamm

Closing music

Jyl Ewy, piano

***Check email on Sunday morning around 10:30 AM for a You Tube link to this service. Thanks to Joey Menninga for recording and editing this service.**

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**

Upcoming Worship Services

Through May 17—We will be focusing on the final four hymns/songs from our tournament during worship. Next week, we will be looking at *Be thou my vision*. (And then—the winner—*Great is thy faithfulness*.)

Happy Birthday

Millie Wilmore—May 4
Eric Grochowsky—May 5
Neveah Hiebert—May 5
Olivia Reimer—May 6
Amanda Entz—May 7
Jenson Kingsley—May 8
Wenda Black—May 9



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Newton, KS**

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Announcements

The offering for today will go to Camp Mennoscah.

Offering: The Local Mission offering for April 12 and 19 was \$15,244. The offering for May 10 will be for Local Mission.

If you would like help with having someone do pick-ups or deliveries for you, please contact the Church Office. There are people ready and willing to help.

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. **We are so grateful for your continuing support!**

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.



Kids—Mark your calendars for June 22-26 and join us as we explore God's Great Big Beautiful World! Vacation Bible School has been moved to this week in June, and we're working with a fantastic team from the Newton Mennonite Churches to determine what our week of VBS will look like! No matter what it looks like, we know that we'll be worshiping, singing, exploring, creating, and celebrating God's Great Big Beautiful World!

Former WDC staff member, Marlene Bogard, is hosting a Zoom Story Hour at 11:30 AM (central time) on **Mondays and Thursdays** for the next several weeks. Children are invited! Stories will be geared to ages 3-8. In order to get the Zoom meeting link, please email Marlene at harderbogard@gmail.com.

Transition information: Because of Pastor Anita's resignation, our search process has changed. The Search Committee will continue to work on completing the Congregation Information Form which is the comprehensive overview of facts about our church filed at WDC for potential pastoral candidates to use as a first step in the application process. Church Board had a special meeting last week to accept Pastor Anita's resignation and met with Chuck Neufeld on April 30 to review the Congregation Review form. They will determine when the summary form will be shared with the congregation and ways the review can be processed with input from the congregation for future planning. On May 5, the Church Board will meet with Heidi Regier Kreider to discuss the options of how to focus the Search Committee journey in light of Pastor Anita's resignation. Work is continuing for both the Search Committee and Church Board. Please keep both groups in your prayers for God's leading, discernment, and decisions being made for FMC.

Connecting with your groups: FMC has begun a subscription with Zoom, a video-and phone-conferencing software program. If you're interested in scheduling a meeting with your Sunday School class, commission, committee, or whatever else, please contact Tracy Kerr in the Church Office during office hours (M-Th, 8:00-12:15, 1:00-4:30 and F, 8:00-12:00). She'll help you know what you need in order for an email invitation to go out to all involved. If there are persons in your meeting who can only connect by phone rather than through the internet, there is a way to do that, too. The subscription service allows us to invite more people to a meeting as well as allows for longer meetings.

You can still sign up for summer youth camps! Camp Mennoscah is planning to have summer youth camps, but recognizing the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 situation, a final decision will be made closer to the start of camps. Your camp fees, including the non-refundable, non-transferable deposit, will be refunded if camp is canceled. Further information can be found at campmennoscah.org or by calling 620-297-3290. **Please send your name to the church office if you need to be added to the Camp Scholarship list.**

Camp Mennoscah facilities and camp grounds will be closed at least until May 22. Keep in touch on the Camp Mennoscah Facebook page and YouTube channel! You can also reach us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org. We will continue to update information on our website and social media sites, as well as through email. Stay healthy!

First Mennonite cares too! You may have received your CARES check from the federal government already by direct deposit or may be still waiting for a paper check, but many in our community and around the world have been more directly affected by the pandemic and will not be getting any relief. The relief fund may have been a blessing to you in your time of need, but if you are able, the Outreach Commission would encourage you to pass the blessing on to others with unmet needs. Suggestions:

- **Casa Betania Family Relief Fund.** Checks may be written to Casa Betania and sent to Linda Shelly who will work with Pastor Graciela to administer the fund.
- **FMC Caring Fund** is responding to local needs including some initial funds for Casa Betania.
- **New Hope Shelter** has higher expenses because it is unable to use volunteers at this time.
- **Mennonite Mission Network** has a special project "IM 105 Global Disaster Response" focused on COVID-19 response.

In all cases if funding exceeds specific needs related to the COVID-19 response, the extra funds would be used to meet ongoing needs.