

Resurrection Practices

June 14, 2020

Meditation music

Jyl Ewy, piano

Call to worship

Casson Schmidt

Words for the children

Keith Knopp

Song

Give me Jesus

Bryan Kehr

Scripture

Acts 6:1-8

Casson Schmidt

Meditation

Figuring it out

Anita Kehr, pastor

Prayers of the church

Eric Murphy

Closing music

Jyl Ewy, piano

***Check email on Sunday morning around 10:30 AM for a You Tube link to this service. Thanks to Ryan Koehn for taping 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

Prayer and Praise Notes

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Praise God for “new clothes”: “[You] have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!” (Colossians 3:10-11)

Give thanks for the work of the Holy Spirit that calls us to faithfulness.

Praise God for Clarence and Amanda’s Rempel’s 50 years of marriage as of today (June 14).

Pray in memory and hope this week of “Juneteenth” – June 19 – which marks the official end of slavery in the U. S. in 1865, two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation.

Pray for our congregation in this season of transition.

Pray for those who are suffering from chronic illnesses of mind, body, or emotion.

Pray for Rod, Andrea, and Mattea Pauls as Rod works with Intervarsity Christian Fellowship in Albuquerque and prepares new programs for the new school year.

In regard to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic around the world:

- Pray for those suffering from the illness.
- Pray for health-care workers in this season.
- Pray for those who are experiencing economic devastation.
- Pray against the politicization of the illness.
- Pray for those who are not able to be with their loved ones.
- Pray for wisdom in making plans for reopening.

From Western District Conference: Give thanks for generous contributions to the WDC Hope Fund, and pray for ongoing financial support for WDC ministries and congregations.

From Mennonite Mission Network: Jaden Hostetter serves in Ecuador through Mennonite Mission Network and VMissions. Pray for him and the Quito Mennonite Church as they deliver food to 80-100 refugee families during the rigorous COVID-19 lockdown that keeps people confined to their homes. Pray for God’s protection over all members of the congregation and their communities.

Upcoming Worship Services

June 21—Resurrection Practices: Acts

June 28—Resurrection Practices: Acts

Happy Birthday

Connie Weber—June 14
Angela Black—June 16
Gus Dorado—June 16
Zachary Kennell—June 16
Wade Nye—June 16
Carolyn Miller—June 18
Don Schmidt—June 18

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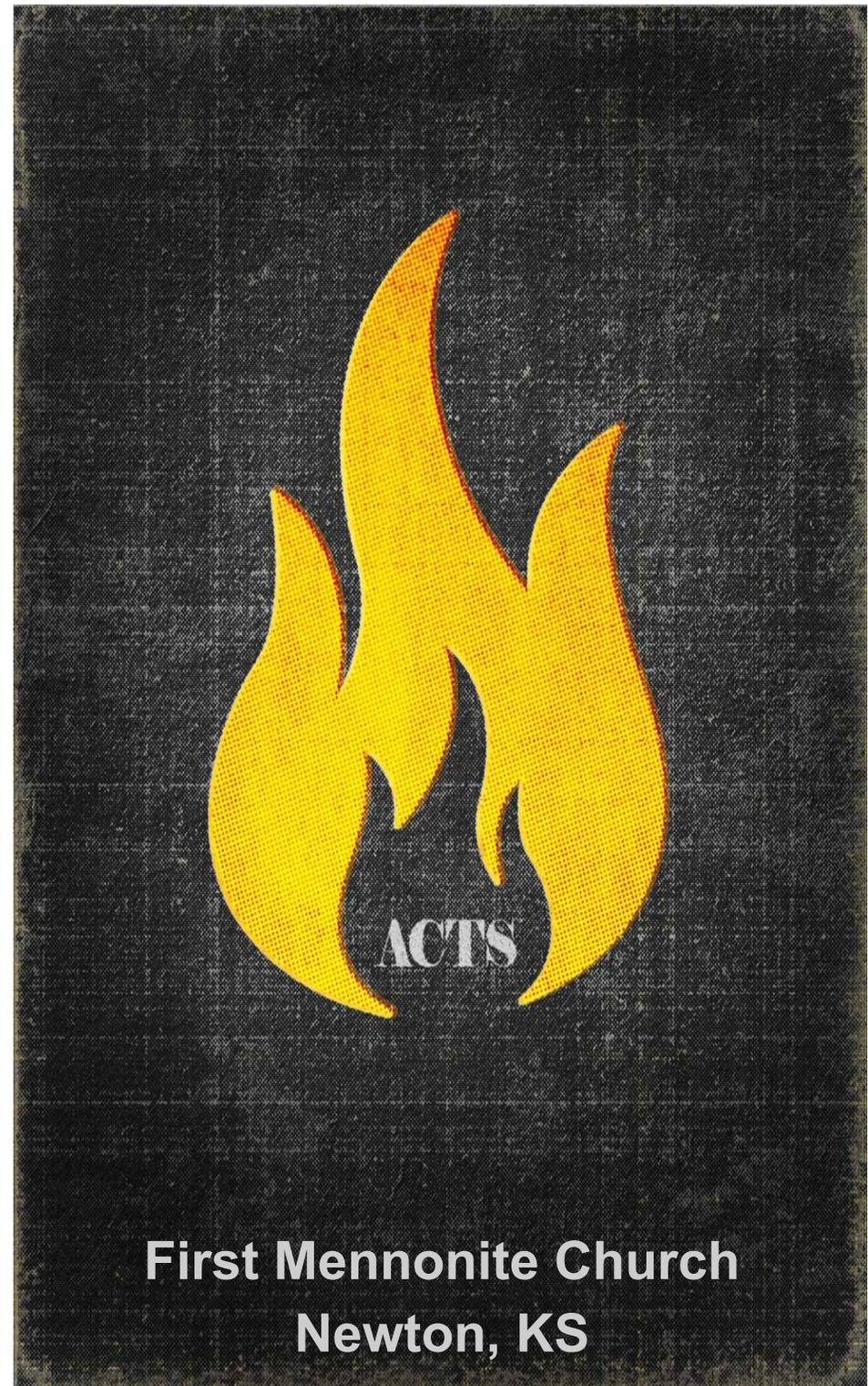
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Announcements

The offering today is for Local Mission, and on June 21 it will be for Local Mission.

The offering from May 24 and 31 for Local Mission was \$13,589. Thank you for your continuing support!

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.

If you would be interested in receiving a box of fresh produce if there are future deliveries from the Farmers to Families program, please contact the church office, and we can arrange for a delivery to be made to you.

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.

Everence will host an online Social Security and retirement income planning webinar, on Tuesday, June 16, 6:30 PM. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. The workshop is free. Register soon by contacting Darlene Buller at 283-3800, 877-467-7294 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

Virtual Summer Story Hour—Children ages 3-8, come take a dip in the ocean through Summer Story Hour! Virtually join Library Director Jennie Wintermote and volunteer Marjie Warkentine for "Oceans of Fun" with 8 weekly sessions June 15-August 3. Sign up today at <https://forms.gle/61539e9zGnE7u98y5>. The first 15 children who sign up will receive a list of supplies they will need for each project. Join us for "oceans" of stories and fun!

Please join MCC on June 16, 1:00 PM, for a webinar on MCC's migration work in Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala/El Salvador to discuss questions such as: How are MCC workers and partners in Latin America being affected by COVID-19? How are U.S. policies and protocols affecting the spread of the virus among the vulnerable population? How are organizations and faith communities responding? And how can each of us get involved and support their work during this time? Learn how to join this conversation at mcc.org/immigration-webinar-series.

You're invited to join MCC on June 17, 6:00 PM, for a webinar featuring Paul Shetler Fast, MCC's global health coordinator. Learn how COVID-19 is threatening the developing world and how MCC is responding. MCC's monthly webinar series, featuring a wide variety of stories from MCC projects from around the world, explores how MCC is responding to COVID-19. Experts in the field will give us a behind-the-scenes experience, sharing their own stories. Come with your questions! Register for upcoming webinars and browse through past recordings at mccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series.

Summer Reading Programs—Running June 1-August 15. **Adults**—This year you're invited to read any title **in our collection** and submit a brief review. Each review will be a ticket into our prize drawings for books, gift cards, and more. Reviews may be submitted at forms.gle/r4kpXQBQqZPuGjiw8, posted on the WDC Resource Library FaceBook page, or given to Library Director, Jennie Wintermote. **Children**—Contact the library for a reading log and mark off a box for each book you read (picture books) or every 15 pages (for chapter books). **Turn in your reading log after August 15 for fun prizes.** (Turn in by mailing, dropping off, or sending a picture of your log to crlib@mennowdc.org.) We would appreciate it if you register your child(ren) at forms.gle/mgPPft74HBDS9ZMu6 so we can have enough prizes ready!

Camp Mennoscah is open to a limited number of individuals and families. Reservations must be made in advance. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 for further information. We are excited to make this sacred space available to you!

Service can be a family activity! Check out MennoniteMission.net/SOOP to find flexible service terms so the whole family can be the hands and feet of Jesus!

Casa Betania plans to participate in the Newton city-wide garage sales on Saturday, June 20. If you have items that you would like to donate, please either drop them off Wednesday evening, June 17, between 6:30 and 8:30 PM, at the Casita, 510 SE 2nd, or call Pastor Graciela at 956-466-4814 to set up a time to drop them off. Large items may be easiest to receive early in the morning on Saturday, June 20. A note about large items coming can be sent to Linda Shelly, lindajs81@gmail.com. (Please put "garage sale" in the subject line.) Thank you!

Transition information: It may feel like week after week, the same statements are being made here about what is happening with the Search Committee and the Church and Staff Relations Committee. Please know that things are happening, all within the parameters of working toward what we need. The Congregational Information Form for the search process continues toward completion. The Church and Staff Relations Committee continues to seek candidates for the transition minister position. Work in both areas continues, and information will be shared as stages are completed. Prayer is the ongoing need for both groups. Please continue upholding us with your prayers.