

# Resurrection Practices: Spiritual

June 21, 2020

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## Meditation music

*Blessed Assurance* arr. by Donna Stucky  
Donna Stucky, piano/organ

## Call to worship

Don Schmidt

## Words for the children

Chris Weaver

## Song

*In Christ there is no East or West*  
*Spirit of the living God*  
Daryl Unruh

## Scripture

Acts 10:34-48  
Don Schmidt

## Meditation

*Pentecost 3*  
Anita Kehr, pastor

## Prayers of the church

Susan Jantzen, pastor

## Closing music

*Holy God, we praise thy name*  
Donna Stucky, piano/organ

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

## Prayer and Praise Notes

June 21, 2020

Psalm 98:8-9 – “Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.” Offer praise!

Give thanks for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all who repent, believe, and obey.

Give thanks for the men in your life who have been blessings to you, who have provided nurture and care and fathering.

Pray for Vacation Bible School that will be taking place this week. Give thanks for the planners from each Mennonite congregation in Newton who have worked together to think about new ways of offering this experience.

Pray for our congregation: for the Sunday School classes that continue to meet, for the groups that continue to work, for the relationships that are tested when we cannot see each other, for the staff, for this season of transition.

Pray for our congregation’s presence in the community of Newton. Pray for opportunities to listen and learn and to work for justice and healing.

Pray for those in our congregation who are experiencing financial uncertainty and hardship. (Please remember the presence of the Caring Fund!)

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 for the communities who are disproportionately experiencing the brunt of this disease.
- Pray for the leaders of our county, state, and national organizations who guide the responses to addressing this crisis.
- Pray for sustaining hope.

From Western District Conference: Pray for Camp Mennoscah and WDC members and congregations as they make new kinds of connections this summer in the place of traditional camp experiences.

From Mennonite Mission Network: On this Father’s Day, pray for fathers around the world, especially those who struggle to provide life’s necessities for their children. Pray that we may we share what God has given us, acknowledging that we are all part of God’s one global family.

## Upcoming Worship Services

**June 28**—Resurrection Practices: Acts

**July 5**—Resurrection Practices: Acts

### Happy Birthday

Linda Gaertner—June 22

Laura Myers—June 23

Terry Pryce—June 23

Shawn Bontrager—June 24

Christa Hiebert—June 24

Justin Dietzel—June 26

Bentley Hiebert—June 26

DeLane Unruh—June 26

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
Day!**

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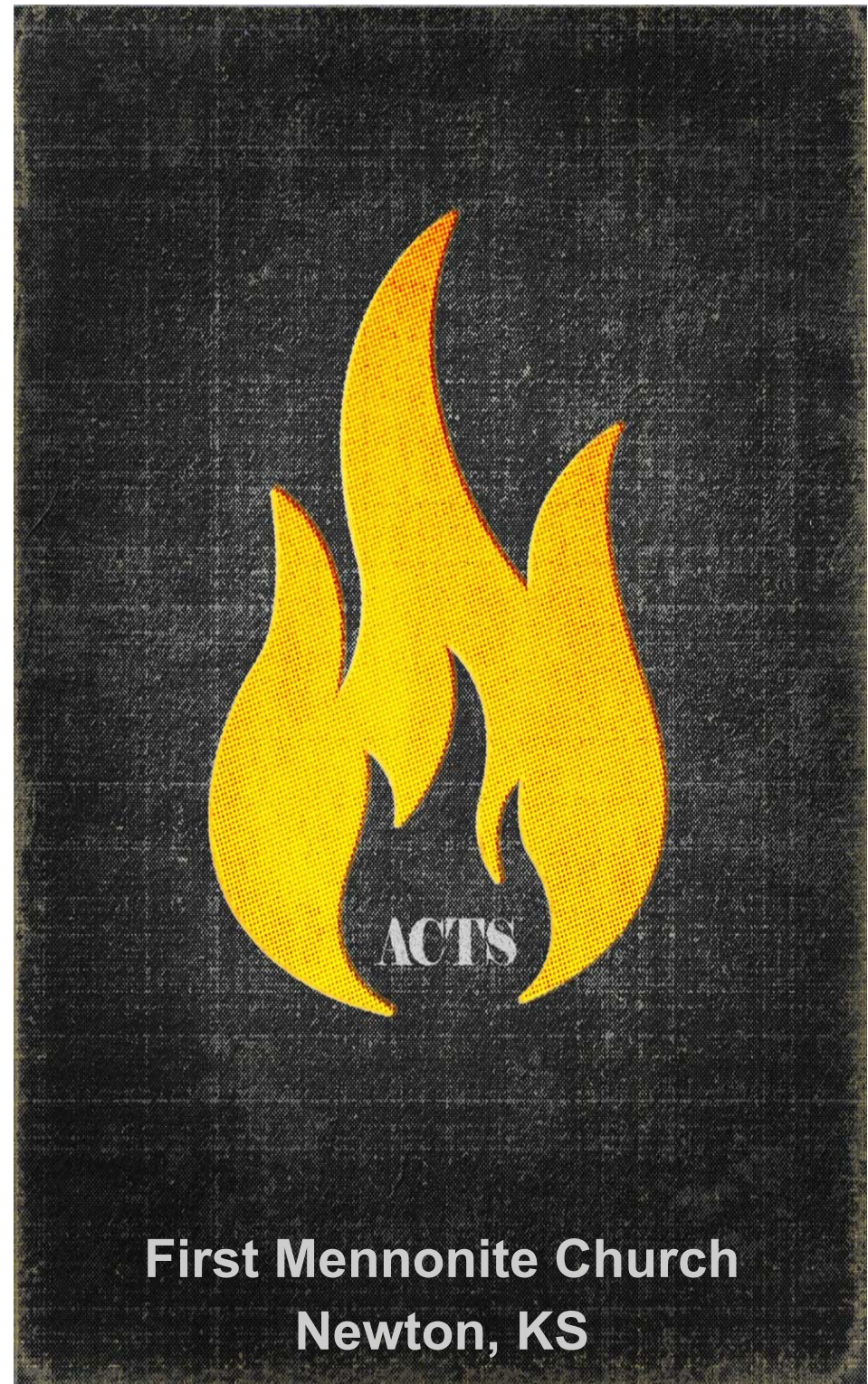
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## Announcements

The offering today is for Local Mission, and on June 28 it will be for Local Mission.

**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](http://firstmennonitenewton.org)) or contact the church office. **If you would like to choose where your donation will go, you will need to register and create a profile.** Otherwise, it will go to Local Mission.

**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.

**Tracy Kerr will be out of the church office** June 22-26. Office hours will be limited.

**Homeless Shelter**—Our next week to serve New Hope Homeless Shelter is July 8-14. If you are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

**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.

**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](https://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](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org).) We would appreciate it if you register your child(ren) at [forms.gle/mgPPft74HBDS9ZMu6](https://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](http://MennoniteMission.net/SOOP) to find flexible service terms so the whole family can be the hands and feet of Jesus!

## SR. HIGH YOUTH



**Youth Group Service Trip—Mark your calendars!** Two important dates you need to know for meetings regarding our trip:

- **7:00 PM—Wednesday, June 24—Youth**
- **7:00 PM—Wednesday, July 1—Youth and Parents**

Tammy will send Zoom invitations on the day of the meeting. If you have any questions, please let Tammy or one of the other sponsors know. We'll get back to you or have answers for you when we meet.

**Take a look!** Summer staff are sharing camp with you from a distance! Videos are being posted on the Camp Mennoscah Facebook page daily. You'll see some typical activities of camp and some of the wild, creative fun we strive for in a week of camp. A Facebook account is not needed, though they will try to get you to sign up. Just click "not now" at the bottom of the pop-up box. You can get to the Facebook page from [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) using the button at the top left corner. Send us your thoughts!

**Family Weekend at Camp Mennoscah!** Camp Mennoscah is inviting you to join in a modified Family Weekend on July 18-19. Many of the same activities like crafts and s'mores will be offered but adjusted to fit life during a pandemic. The pool is closed for the summer, but the river is still as splashable as ever. Each family group will be assigned their own bathroom. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or call Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290.

**The Western District Conference Annual Assembly** will be an all-virtual affair held on August 1-2. The theme, "Living in Exile," will use Scripture themes from Jeremiah 29:4ff and I Peter 2:11-12 with emphasis on listening to our brothers and sisters on the margins. Everyone is invited to attend (no travel required)! There will be a delegate session. Our congregation is eligible to send 10 delegates, and this year, because of being virtual, each delegate can only carry one vote. So if you're willing to serve in this way, please contact Janice Good, Church Board chair, or Anita Kehr as soon as possible. There is no registration fee, and only delegates are required to register at all! Donations are invited to help cover Assembly costs. Danny Carroll R is the keynote speaker.

**Transition information:** The Search Committee has completed the Congregation Information Form with as much information as we can. Further information will need to be decided before it can be fully completed, including the number of positions we are seeking to fill, the job descriptions for those positions, and the gifts those positions need. Our next step continues to be seeking a transition minister; the Church and Staff Relations Committee is working on this. Prayers are asked for discernment for the Search Committee, the Church and Staff Relations Committee, and the Church Board to keep the journey moving forward in this time of Covid-19 amid the challenges that brings to us as a church. Prayers are needed as we continue to seek and listen to God's leading on this journey.