

# Breathing

## June 7, 2020

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### **Meditation Music**

*Holy Spirit, come with power*  
Amanda Rempel, organ

### **Call to Worship**

Lee Penner

### **Words for the Children**

Jenna Ratzlaff

### **Scripture**

Genesis 2:4b-7; Jeremiah 10:14; John 20:19-23; Acts 2:1-2  
Lee Penner

### **Meditation**

*God's Loyalty to God's Future: Receiving the Breath of God*  
Susan Jantzen, pastor

### **Song**

*On the Wings of An Eagle* Steve Bell  
Ben Regier

### **Prayers of the church**

Anita Kehr, pastor

### **Closing music**

*To God be the glory* Don Hustad  
Amanda Rempel, organ

**\*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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Give thanks, for “The spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.” (Job 33:4)

Praise God for being present in disconcerting times.

Pray in lament for the injustice exposed in our nation in these weeks. Pray for a healing that re-forms deep, prejudicial structures. The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board staff has written a statement that can help to guide your praying, thinking, and acting. Find it at: [http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mc\\_usa-statement-on-racial-injustice/](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mc_usa-statement-on-racial-injustice/)

Pray for the comfort of those who mourn losses of all kinds.

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 for sustained hope.
- Pray for the wisdom of those making decisions about when and how to open things up.
- Pray for the elders who are carrying a weight of isolation.
- Pray for new birth to come out of this disruption.

From Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Executive Board as it meets this week to offer vision and leadership to the conference in the midst of challenging times.

From Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Juliet Kilpin and Peaceful Borders, an Anabaptist organization in the United Kingdom that advocates for refugees. Pray for resources for refugee-led support groups (Hopetowns) that bear witness to suffering and injustice and provide the basics: food, water, shelter, and a cellphone charger.

## Upcoming Worship Services

**June 14**—First in a series on the book of Acts.

**June 21**—Continuing the series on the book of Acts.

### Happy Birthday

Darlene Bontrager—June 9

Camryn Entz—June 9

Lee Penner—June 9

Kaitlin Abrahams—June 11

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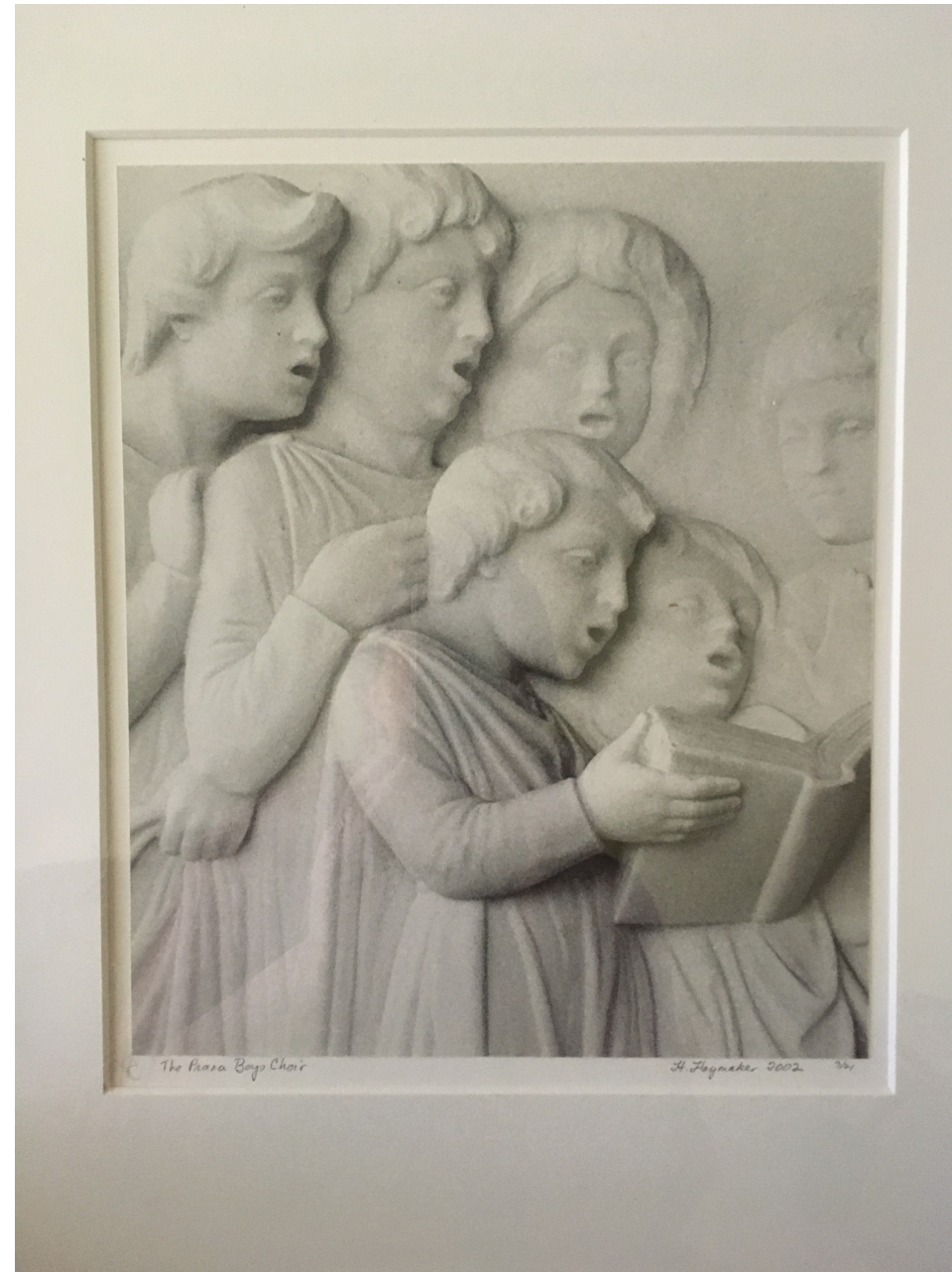
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# First Mennonite Church Newton, KS

## Announcements

**The offering today** is for the Scholarship Fund, and on June 14 it will be for Local Mission.

**Thank you from Mel and Nancy Pauls** for the concerns for Rod Pauls. His knee surgery went well, and he is doing therapy at his home in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Rod appreciates all the prayers.

**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. **Thank you for your continuing support!**

**The Nurture Commission** would like to get your children's Sunday School materials to you sometime in the next few weeks so that they can keep "doing Sunday School" at home as you wish to. The paper leaflets would complement the online link that has been sent out each week. Please contact a Nurture Commission member only if you **do not** want to receive this curriculum. We will touch base with you as we start deliveries. Members are: Marsha Schmidt (chair), Betty Pauls, Stephanie Weaver, Bethanie Wedel, Jennie Wintermote, and Anita Kehr.

**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.

**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.

**Looking for a non-traditional pastoral role?** Become a unit leader in Service Adventure, a gap-year program for ages 17–20 from Mennonite Mission Network. Unit leaders, at least 24 years of age, serve as mentors to the young adults in the household. An opening is available at the Service Adventure unit in Jackson, MS. This is a two-year term beginning in July 2020. Learn more by contacting [SusanN@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:SusanN@MennoniteMission.net).

**The Conference Resource Library** now has its own FaceBook page. Like and follow **WDC Resource Library** to see what's new in the library, how to access resources, giveaways, and more!

**A rally for George Floyd will take place** on Friday, June 12, 7:00 PM, in cooperation with the Newton Police Department. Location information is yet to be determined.

**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 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [darlene.buller@everence.com](mailto:darlene.buller@everence.com).

**Please join MCC on June 16, 1:00 PM, for a webinar**—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](http://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 [mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series](http://mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series).

**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!