

Imagine

July 12, 2020

Meditation music

How Firm a Foundation

Nora Miller, piano

Call to worship

Larry Entz

Words for the children

Erin Graber

Song

Where Justice Rolls Down

Ben Regier

Scripture

Micah 6:8; Mark 12:28-31

Larry Entz

Meditation

Centered

Anita Kehr, pastor

Song

Do It All

Ben Regier

Prayers of the church

Sean Claassen

Closing music

Great is the Lord

Nora Miller, piano

***Check email on Sunday morning around 10:30 AM for You Tube and Vimeo links 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

July 12, 2020

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances. Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.”
Psalm 119:105, 108, 111-112

Give thanks for this congregation. Pray especially this week in gratitude and petition for those who are in their 20's.

Pray for the Church Board and the Search Committee as they continue to work on plans for coming months.

Pray for those who are dealing with cancer.

Pray for wisdom in discerning the timing of a resumption of in-person worship. Give thanks for technology that makes virtual worship possible.

Pray for the pastoral staff: Susan Jantzen, Tammy Duvanel Unruh, and Anita Kehr.

Pray for the members of a household from Casa Betania who experienced a house fire this week.

Pray for a growing love of God and love of neighbor; pray for a renewed commitment to doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God. (Mark 12:28-31, Micah 6:8)

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 a renewed commitment to doing what needs to be done to slow the spread of the virus.
- Pray for school leaders at every level who are making plans to educate their students well, however that make look this fall.

From Western District Conference: Give thanks for generous donors and congregations who contribute faithfully to WDC, and pray for ongoing financial support for WDC in its mission to empower congregations and leaders during this uncertain time.

From Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their family as they begin the North American segment of their two-way mission. Pray for them as they continue their Ecuador ministry from a distance and as they engage in teaching ministries from Goshen, Indiana.

Upcoming Worship Services

July 19—Guest Preacher: Roger Neufeld Smith

July 26—Youth Sunday

Happy Birthday

Delora Decker—July 12
Paul Buller—July 13
Clay Nye—July 14
Myrna Grochowsky—July 15
Rhonda Brown—July 16
Rannie Goering—July 16
Ella Koop—July 16
Wendy Schrag—July 16
Cora Voran—July 16
Evelyn Smith—July 17
Michael Garcia—July 18



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**First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS**

Announcements

The offering today is for Local Mission and on July 19 it will be for Local Mission. The Local Mission offering for June 28 and July 5, was \$6,690.

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. **YOU REALLY CAN NOW DESIGNATE FUNDS—either for one-time giving or with a profile.**

Our offerings for the first six months have only been \$4,500 less than a year ago at this time. Since our expenses have been considerably lower than last year we are only \$960 short. The Financial Stewardship Committee wishes to thank you for so generously giving in this difficult time.
~Dewayne Pauls, Treasurer

In our July 19 worship, we will hear from Roger Neufeld Smith of Topeka. Roger and his wife, Cynthia, completed two years with Service Adventure in Jackson, Mississippi. Roger and Cynthia were co-leaders of the Service Adventure Unit which is sponsored by the Open Door Mennonite Church in Jackson. We look forward to Roger's sharing. First Mennonite, Newton, is Roger's home congregation.

Some changes are coming to our worship! The Irene P. Schmidt Estate Gift has allowed us to purchase a three-camera system and all the necessary equipment to live-stream our services. The system began to be installed this week and the A/V Team will begin training on it before too long. When we begin to use this new system, our services will not be pre-recorded and edited but instead transmitted while they are happening. A copy of the service will also be available to watch afterward. Another change that has already happened is that the main "housing" location for our recordings are on Vimeo. On your PC or Laptop, browse to Vimeo.com/firstmennonitenewton. If you are using a tablet, phone, or roku device, you will need to install the Vimeo app. There you will already find some of our past services, and that's where this Sunday's and all future ones will be. However, during livestreaming, Vimeo allows you to view the service on Facebook, on our website (firstmennonitenewton.org), on YouTube, and at Vimeo. There's going to be some big learning in the next few weeks, and hopefully, you will give grace as we all learn together. Thank you to all who have been involved in making this happen.

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)! On August 1, there will be four interactive Zoom webinars to choose from and links to many videos from Mennonite Mission Network, Mennonite Central Committee, Everence, and more of our partners in ministry! Themes include creation care, reconciliation, mission, and immigration justice, among others. 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: We are continuing our process for finding a transition minister for our church. The Church Board is continuing to discuss ways to keep moving on our search process and filling our need for a transition minister. Your prayers are still needed and appreciated. Pray for God's leading in all of this and our seeking to listen and respond well.

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.

Service Adventure only has five spots remaining for the 2020-2021 term beginning this fall. If you are interested in taking a gap year to serve, live in community, and grow spiritually, contact SusanN@MennoniteMission.net or apply online at MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure.

Everence will host its popular workshop, *Make Medicare an easy step*, as a webinar on Tuesday, July 14, 6:30 PM. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting Darlene Buller at 877-467-7294, 316-333-1808 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a director to provide leadership and oversight to the Marketing and Communication department. This collaborative leader will participate in Mennonite Mission Network organizational leadership by guiding effective promotion of our distinct brand and storytelling of our domestic and overseas work that inspires constituents. The Marketing and Communication director works closely with the Director of Donor Relations in the Advancement Division and all other department directors to achieve effective stewardship of the Mission Network brand. Previous supervisory experience as well as experience with 501(c)(3) agencies is needed. The ideal candidate will be passionate about God's reconciling mission to the world and committed to Jesus Christ. Embracing cultural diversity and anti-racism is essential. Anticipated start date is late July 2020. View the complete position description on our website at www.mennonitemission.net or contact staffrecruitment@mennonitemission.net for more information.

Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a full time Network Systems Administrator located in the Newton, KS office. This position will ensure the stable operation of the organizations Local Area Network (LAN), wide area network (WAN), Internet systems and software applications. The ability to analyze and resolve end user hardware and software computer problems in a timely and accurate fashion is essential. Ability to provide excellent customer service is a must. Committed to denominational and agency goals of anti-racist action. Degree in computer science/information technology or 3-5 years' experience is preferred. View the complete position description at www.MennoniteMission.net. Submit cover letter and resumé to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net for consideration.

Camp Mennoscah is open to a limited number of individuals, families, and groups for both days and overnights. 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!