

# Living in God's Abundance

August 2, 2020

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## **Meditation music**

*Veni Sante Spiritus*

Jyl Ewy, piano; Bryan Kehr

## **Call to worship**

Janice Good

## **Words for the children**

Sheralyn Goering

## **Prayer of thanksgiving for offering**

Janice Good

## **Scripture**

Genesis 1:1-2:3

## **Meditation**

*Goodness*

Anita Kehr, pastor

## **Song of response**

*God of the Bible*

## **Prayers of the church**

Eric Murphy

## **Closing music**

*Lead me, Lord*

Jyl Ewy, piano

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*\*We will be live-streaming our worship beginning at 10:30 AM. You may view it on our webpage ([firstmennonitenewton.org](http://firstmennonitenewton.org)), on our Facebook page, or at our Vimeo site. Recordings of the service will be available afterwards as well. Thank you to all those who helped to make the new camera system possible. Today, Ryan Koehn and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship.*

**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

**August 9**—*Living in God's Abundance*

**August 16**—*Living in God's Abundance*

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Caroline Lena Becker.

### Happy Birthday

Penny Dorado—August 2

Fern Koehn—August 5

Ted Krehbiel—August 5

Kathleen Neff—August 5

Joey Menninga—August 6

Rod Wedel—August 6

Mike Combs—August 7

Hannah Gaertner—August 7

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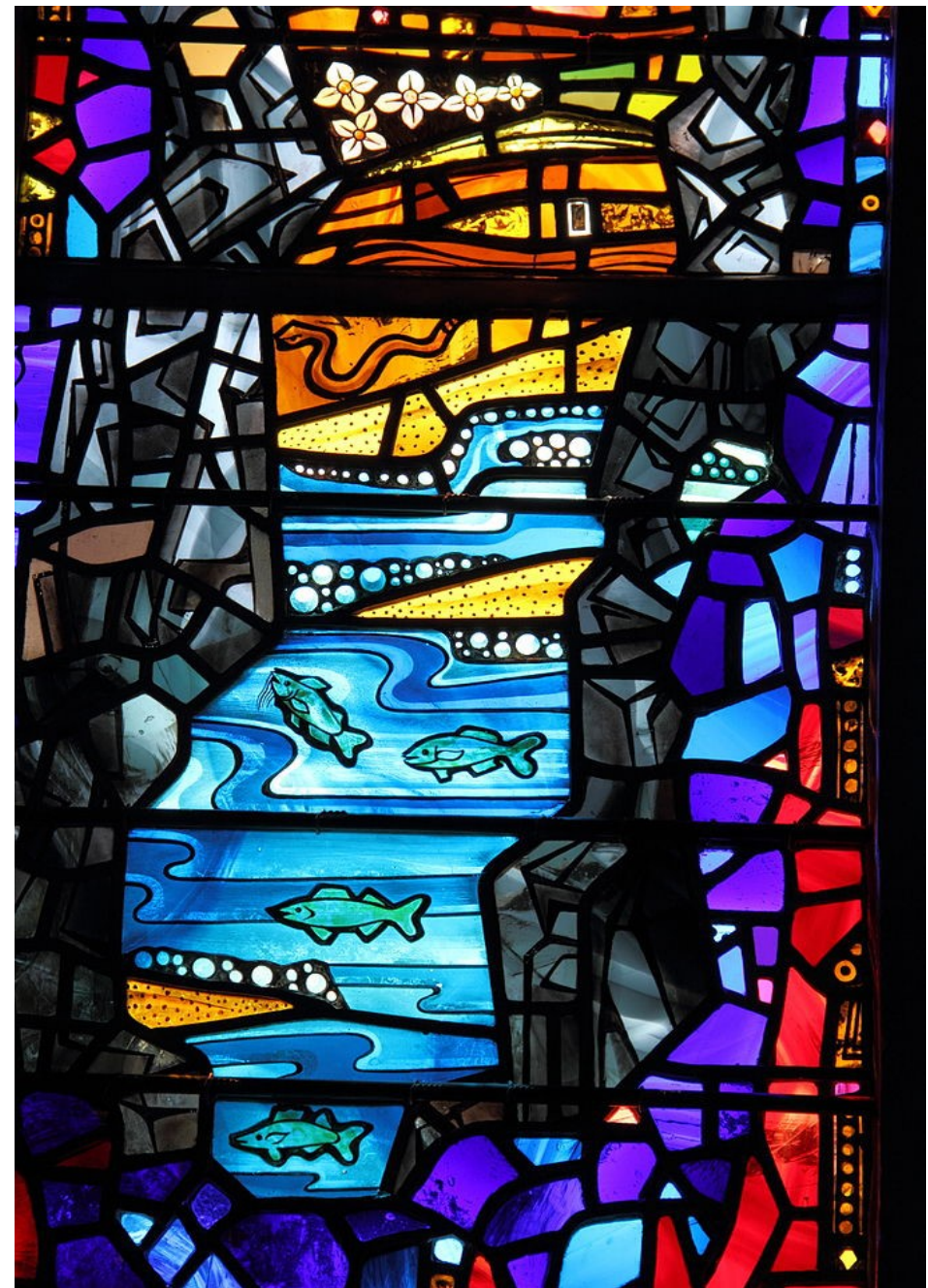
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**First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS**

## Announcements

**The offering today** is for Mennonite Mission Network and on August 9 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.

**Candles on the communion table** show us that each candle with its distinct color has gifts from God to shine into our world. May nothing diminish what each offers.

**The new camera system is installed!** We are now looking for people that would have an interest in joining the team to run the system. If you would like to inquire more about this opportunity, please contact Ryan Koehn.

**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.

**Masks for Threshers**—Do you have skills with a sewing machine? If so, you can help provide a safer campus for our Bethel College students, faculty, and staff by making masks. For an easy mask pattern visit the CDC website or use any simple mask pattern you already have. You can drop masks off at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center or send them to: Masks for Threshers, Bethel College Advancement Office, 300 E 27th Street, North Newton, KS 67117.

**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](mailto:SusanN@MennoniteMission.net) or apply online at [MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure](http://MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure).

**Transition information:** The Congregational Information Form is almost complete. Work is happening on the job descriptions and staffing needs and priorities for the form so it can be filed with WDC. The Search Committee and Church Board are both involved in doing this part. Candidates for interim minister are being looked at with continued hope that we will have information to share soon with the Church Board then the congregation. Please know your continued prayers are felt and appreciated.

**Mennonite Men**, the men's organization of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada, has an open quarter-time position in Communications and Marketing. To see a description of this position, visit [MennoniteMen.org](http://MennoniteMen.org) or contact Steve Thomas at [SteveT@MennoniteMen.org](mailto:SteveT@MennoniteMen.org). Resumes are due by August 3.

**MCC Central States offices and material resources center is closed to the public indefinitely.** The realities of COVID-19 continue to change but the dedication of MCC staff to work for relief, development and peace in the name of Christ continues on. Essential workers will continue to work at MCC, but the rest of the staff will work from home. Your material resource donations (school, hygiene or relief kits and comforters, details at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits)) are needed at this time and can be shipped directly to MCC when ordering online or dropped off in the 24-hour donation room towards the east end of the building (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> North Newton, KS 67117). In spite of the challenges from COVID-19, the global work of MCC continues. Your financial donations are needed to keep this work going. Give now at [mcc.org/donate](http://mcc.org/donate) or by sending checks to MCC PO Box 500 Akron, PA 17501. To contact staff with questions please email us at [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org) or call the office 283-2720.

**You are welcome to visit!** Camp Mennoscah is open to families, individuals, and groups for days and overnights. The number of groups on campgrounds is limited and each family/group will have their own bathroom. Canoes are available for use; paddles and lifejackets are checked out and disinfected after use. Contact us at [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290. Spend some time at the river, on the trails, or simply enjoying this sacred space!

**MCC is hosting virtual alumni gatherings** for four of the world regions where MCC works: Latin America and Caribbean, Asia, Europe and Middle East, and Africa. You are invited! Join us for this special time to hear updates from Area Directors about current programming, share stories of service experiences, and engage in small group discussions to connect with your MCC friends or meet others who served in the same world region. Find out specific dates and times, and register at [mcc.org/virtual-alumni-gatherings](http://mcc.org/virtual-alumni-gatherings). Questions? Please contact [heidihuber@mcc.org](mailto:heidihuber@mcc.org) or call 283-2720.

**Consider being an MVS participant for the 2020-2021 MVS year!** Join a community, serve, and plug into your neighborhood and local congregation. Visit [MennoniteMission.net/MVS](http://MennoniteMission.net/MVS) to learn more and apply!