

Gracious and Compassionate

August 23, 2020

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Meditation music

Dancing on the Berlin Wall by David Lanz
Amanda Entz, organist

Welcome and call to worship

Wendy Funk Schrag

Words for the children

Nick Sharp

Worship song

Leave It There
Ken and Amy Regier Family

Prayer for the offering

Wendy Funk Schrag

Meditation

Gracious and Compassionate
Psalm 145:8-13
Clarence Rempel

Prayers of the church

Anita Kehr, pastor

Sending song

Will the Circle Be Unbroken
Ken and Amy Regier Family

Closing music

Go Tell it on the Mountain arr J. Wayne Kerr
Amanda Entz organist

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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), 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.*

Upcoming Worship Services

August 30—Worshiping with the Psalms

September 6—Worshiping with the Psalms

Happy Birthday

Louise Janzen—August 24
Bethanie Wedel—August 24
Tonessa Driskill—August 25
LaWanda Wiens—August 25
Pat Denno—August 26
Dwight Claassen—August 27
Nick Sharp—August 27
Brent Voran—August 27
Isaac Entz—August 28
Alyssa Becker—August 29
Harry Ensz—August 29
Susan Jantzen—August 29

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

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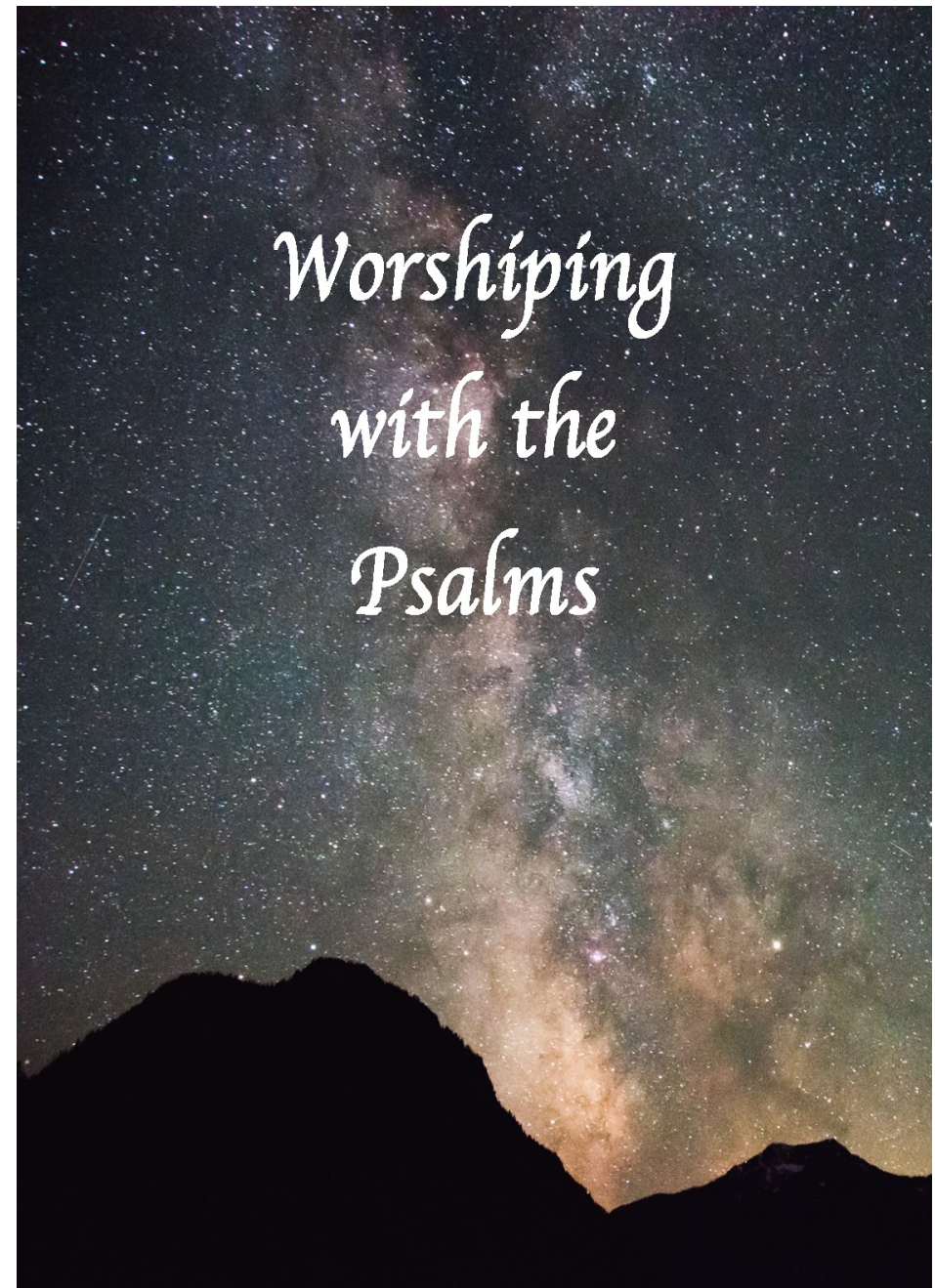
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Worshiping
with the
Psalms

First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS

Announcements

The offering today is for Local Mission and on August 30 it will be for Mennonite Central Committee.

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.

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.

In Sympathy—Jerald Jantz's sister, Janice Jantz Donovan (74) passed away on June 30. We extend our condolences to Jerald.

The adult Sunday School books/quarterlies are now available to pick up. They are located on the table in the Gathering Place.

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.

Two more in-person fellowship opportunities are planned for this coming week.
*Tuesday, August 25, 10:00-11:00 AM: Gathering of up to 12 people with masks and social distancing in the small parking lot south of the church building and east of the playground. (The playground will unfortunately be closed.) Bring your own water bottles! **Please call the church office to sign up for this gathering!**
*Sunday, August 30, 6:00-7:00 PM: Open gathering at Athletic Park with masks and social distancing. Please bring your own water bottles. We are also asking that children please stay with their parents. Looking forward to seeing some of you!

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 to learn more and apply!

MCC is in need of school kits to fulfill requests from our partners around the world! Complete kits and/or supplies (find a full list of items at mcc.org/kits) can be shipped to MCC Central States (121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117) or dropped off in the

24-hour donation room at MCC. If you would like help unloading, please contact Kate at (katemast@mcc.org, (316) 804-8432) to schedule a drop off time. Thank you for your continued support of MCC!

For the health and safety of participants and the wider community, Life Enrichment at Bethel College is canceled for the Fall 2020 semester.

Preschool Story Hour at the Conference Resource Library returns this fall with VIRTUAL LIVE story hours full of stories, rhymes, and craft ideas on Tuesdays at 10:00am and Thursdays at 3:30pm. Tuesday and Thursday sessions will be different, join us for one or both sessions each week. Story Hour will start Tuesday, September 8 and be geared toward ages 3-5. Story Hour will be led by Library Director Jennie Wintermote and will be shorter than our Summer Story Hour. Contact Jennie with any questions at crlib@mennowdc.org. Register at forms.gle/vpk7DXRwwHAbSo5A7

Support MCC and celebrate MCC's centennial with a new shirt, hoodie, tea towel, bag or hat! Check out this online store set up by the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale to place your order today (it's never too early to start Christmas shopping!). Visit wearatomic.com/product-category/mcc/ and start shopping to support MCC!

Mental Health Spiritual Retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be a one-day event on Monday, September 7. This retreat is for those affected by mental illness, including friends and family. Activities will be outside. We will follow social distancing and mask guidelines. Please bring a mask with you. Those interested in attending the retreat should contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290.

Mennonite Central Committee is accepting donations to support people in need of food and other assistance in Beirut, Lebanon. A massive explosion on August 4 destroyed the country's main port and silos filled with grain and worsened an existing economic crisis. You can donate online at mcc.org/beirut-response, by calling (888) 563-4676 or by sending a check earmarked for "Beirut response" to MCC, 21 S. 12th St., Akron PA 17501.

The Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA) is now online! Visit us at bcwamarketonline.com

Transition information: There is still lots of "behind the scenes" work going on for our transition journey. The Church and Staff Relations Committee is interviewing for our interim lead pastor position. The results of the Pastoral Priorities Survey are being tabulated for use by the Church Board and Search Committee to formulate job descriptions and complete the Congregational Information Form. These are required prior to starting the interview portion of our search for pastoral staff. All of this work needs our prayers wrapped around it for God's will and guidance as we move forward in the coming months. All your prayers are appreciated and felt!