

Last Word

September 27, 2020

Meditation music

Come, Thou Almighty King arr. by J. Innes and B. Fasig
Amanda Rempel and Jyl Ewy

Welcome and call to worship

Ken Regier

Words for the children

Erin Graber

Reflections

Amanda Entz (words for Bryan from Junior High)
Janice Good (Church Board)

Worship Song

Build My Life

Offering

Prayers for the offering and for the church

Renee Hamm

Scripture

Romans 8:38-39

Meditation

Bless

Pastor Anita Kehr

Service of release

Presentation

Wendy Funk Schrag, Church and Staff Relations Committee

Litany of Blessing and Release

Heidi Regier Kreider, WDC minister

Sending song of blessing

May the Lord, Mighty God

Postlude

Lacquiparle David N. Johnson, composer

Announcements and Benediction

Upcoming Worship Services

Today, 2:00-4:00 PM—Drive-By Reception Line in the east parking lot. There will be a drive by reception line for Anita and Bryan. Please enter off of Walnut street on the east side of the lot. Please wear masks and visit with them from your cars.

October 4—World Communion Sunday—Sharing from Igredja Menonitad o Gama (Mennonite Church in Gama, Brazil) Linda Shelly, Dwight and Janet Regier.

October 11—Heidi Regier Kreider will preach; Kurt Horst will be installed as interim Lead pastor.

Happy Birthday

Pamela Garcia—September 30

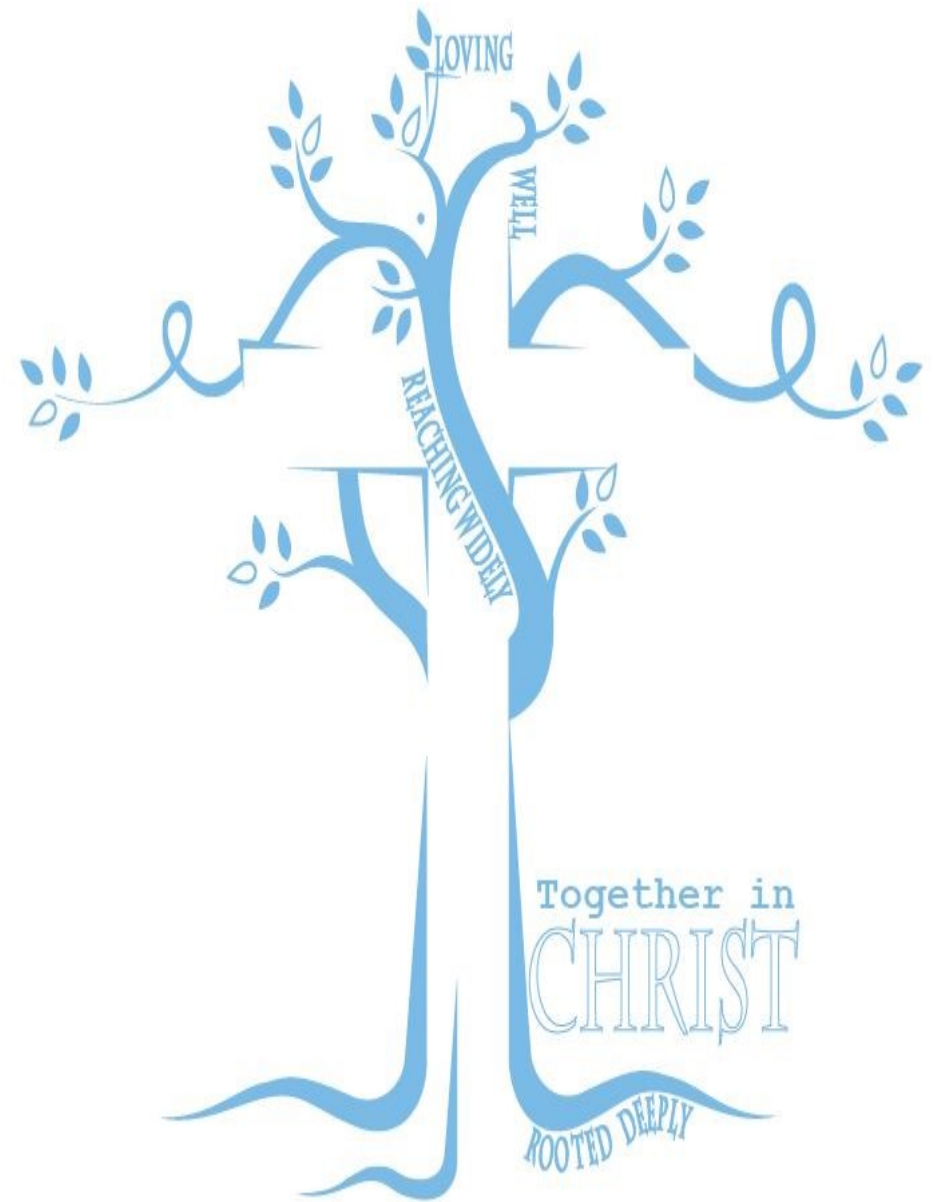
Mason Unruh—September 30

Tyler Shelly—October 1

Gladys Graber—October 3

Dwight Regier—October 3

**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, Eric Murphy, Ryan Koehn and Sarah Koehn are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Joey Menninga and Jyl Ewy. Thank you to Connie Claassen and Wendy Funk Schrag for the visual arts.*



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*First Mennonite Church
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Announcements

The offering today is for Local Mission and on October 4 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.

Today is the last Sunday of farewell with Pastor Anita and Bryan. We pray God's blessing for them. If you wish to mail a card to Anita and Bryan, their address is 2615 Goldenrod Ct. North Newton KS 67117.

Today we welcome Western District Conference minister, Heidi Regier Kreider, to our worship service.

The Nurture Commission and children's Sunday School teachers have started a Zoom Sunday School gathering for our children, ages K-5th grade, 9:00 AM. Please contact Stephanie Weaver if you need more information.

Hey Kids! Are you ready to get together on Wednesday evenings for church family nights? We will be gathering through Zoom starting this Wednesday, September 30, 6:45-7:30 PM. We look forward to being together again. Hope to see you all there. Parents, look for an email with the Zoom link.

Adult Bible Study—We will be starting a fall Bible study series through Zoom beginning on October 7 and going through November 18, 7:30-8:30 PM. Check the bulletin next week for more details.

A support group for survivors of sexual abuse will meet under the guidance of a professional therapist on Tuesday, September 29. If you are a sexual abuse survivor and would like more information about attending, please call Cindy Unruh from the Caregiving Commission (283-0010) for details as to time and place.

World Communion Day is October 4. Do you regularly pray from someone in another country? Please send in the **name of the country** of the people you remember in prayer to Susan at susanj@firstmennonitenewton.org or Tracy at tracyk@firstmennonitenewton.org. That country will be marked on a map we have for worship that day. Communion will be shared next week in worship as well. You are invited to prayer and examination of your relationships as we prepare for communion together.

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.

Pictorial Directory—Lifetouch has had very limited hours because of the pandemic. The church office was told last week that the directories will be shipped to the church at the end of October. We will let you know as soon as we receive them.

Transition information about our new interim lead pastor (beginning October 7): Kurt Horst grew up in Hesston, graduated from Hesston High School, Hesston College, and then Goshen College in 1976 with a degree in Bible. Kurt worked as administrator of Johnstown Christian School, Johnstown, PA, for three years. In 1979, he became part-time youth worker for Allegheny Mennonite Conference while continuing to teach, coach, and do development work at the school. In 1981, he became pastor of Weaver Mennonite Church near Johnstown, PA, where he served for 15 years before becoming Conference Minister of Allegheny Mennonite Conference. Most recently, Kurt was Lead Pastor at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston from 2010 until his retirement in June of 2019. Kurt and his wife Elaine live in Yoder, Kansas, and have three children; Michael (married to Lindsay) Horst, Harrisonburg, VA; Becky (married to Derek) King, Moundridge, KS; and Mark (married to Kendra) Horst, Yoder, KS; and 8 grandchildren. Kurt looks forward to getting to know the people of First Mennonite as he gives leadership during this pastoral transition, beginning October 7.

Work and Play Day! Camp Mennoscah invites volunteers to sign up for a day of service and fun on October 10. The day begins at 8:30 AM and ends around 2:30 PM. Contact staff at 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org for details. Please bring a mask!

Save the date: KIPCOR will kick off its 2020-21 Peace Lecture series with journalist and best-selling author Sarah Smarsh on Thursday, November 5, 7:00 PM, in an online format. This is a fundraiser for KIPCOR. More details to follow!

We have service opportunities available for your whole family, even during the pandemic! Visit MennoniteMission.net/SOOP for details and to apply!

Celebrate with us! Mennonite Central Committee invites you join *Celebration 2020: MCC at 100*, a livestreamed event commemorating a century of MCC's ministry on Saturday, October 17, starting at 6:50 PM (EDT). The event will feature photos, videos and storytelling that highlight MCC's work over the years. Former MCC leader and pastor Leonard Dow of Philadelphia will inspire participants to walk boldly into the next century of MCC's ministry while talented musicians will lead in prayer and thanksgiving. You can find more information about MCC's centennial and log in for the livestreamed event at mcc.org/celebration-2020.

SAVE THE DATE—IBA BENEFIT DINNER: The annual Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) benefit fundraiser will take place **Friday, October 16, here at FMC.** A burrito order to go will take place instead of the usual dinner. Burritos will be cooked by chef Carlos Lujano. (You can order Pork, Chicken or Meatless burritos by the half or full dozen) Pick up between 4:30 and 6:30 PM; instructions will be sent later. If you are not able to order you are invited to give a donation. Your generous gift will help ensure the future of this vital ministry. For any inquiries or to ORDER contact Violeta Ajquejay Suastegui at: VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org or call 316-281-4342. Deadline to order is Thursday, October 9.

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Youth Group will meet every Wednesday at 7:00 PM. When and while the weather allows, we may be meeting outside in various locations, or we will be on Zoom. Watch your email for details—and keep your mask and lawn chair at the ready!