

Worshipping with the Psalms

September 6, 2020

Meditation music

But the Lord is Mindful by Mendelssohn arr. Asper
Amanda Rempel, organist/pianist

Welcome and call to worship

Dave Wiebe

Words for the children

Sara Rickard

Worship song

Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Prayer for the offering

Scripture

Psalm 121; Psalm 146:5-9

Meditation

God as Keeper

Pastor Susan Jantzen

Worship song

Psalm 121

Prayers of the church

Pastor Anita Kehr

Closing music

Psalm XIX by Marcello, arr. By Dubois
Amanda Rempel, organist/pianist

**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, Sarah Koehn and Eugene Waltner are operating the necessary systems for our worship.*

Upcoming Worship Services

September 9—Last Words: Remember

September 16—Last Words: Listen and Speak

September 23—Last Words: Bless

October 4—World Communion Sunday

Happy Birthday

Jan Sommer—September 6

Melvin Pauls—September 9

Jenna Ratzlaff—September 9

Jan Claassen—September 12

Randy Doty—September 12

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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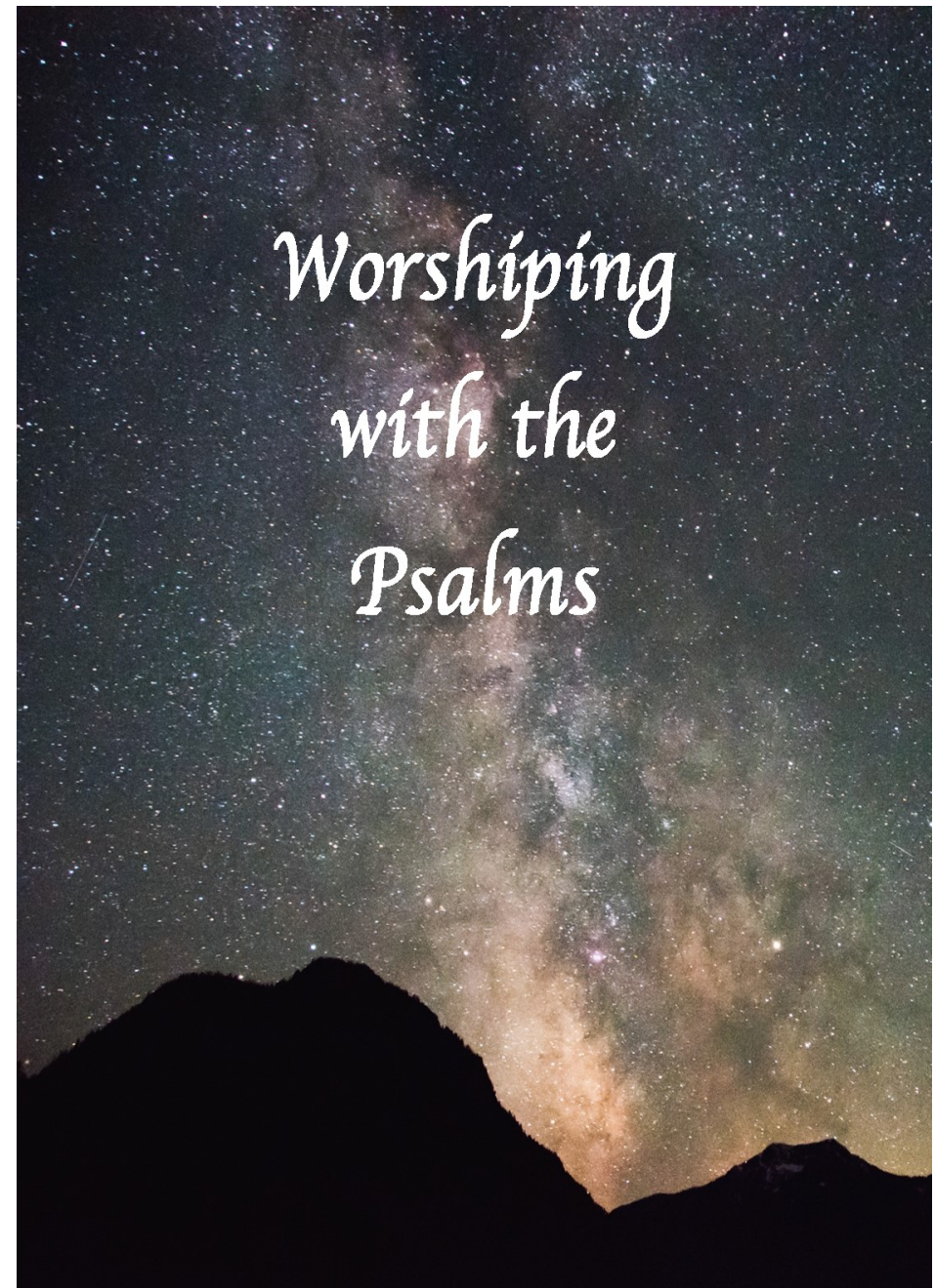
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Announcements

The offering today is for Western District and on September 13 it will be for Local Mission. The online giving for Local Mission for the month of August was \$4,778.

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.

Thank you to all who helped fold doves for the mobiles that are hanging in the sanctuary. The number in our two flocks is 202. Many of you made more than one and several made significant numbers to help make our flock a visible presence in our virtual services. Thanks to all for the beautiful representation of our togetherness while absent in this unsettling time.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

If you did not receive or need another copy of the Project Proposal and Application to the Caring Fund that went out last week, please contact the Church Office so we can get you one.

The Nurture Commission would like to get your children's Fall Sunday School materials to you sometime in the next few weeks so that you can keep "doing Sunday School" at home as you wish to. Sunday school teachers and helpers will touch base with you as they start deliveries. We are also working on some Zoom gatherings for our Sunday school children, ages K - 5th grade. Please watch your email and the bulletin for more information on this.

You are invited to explore more than 20 books on topics related to anti-racism. In our church Gathering Place, you will find a book cart with sanitizer and plastic gloves nearby. Please use gloves or sanitizer while viewing the books. Books are available by sign-out. There is a seven day check-out. When books are returned, place the book(s) in the basket provided for returned books. If you have questions, see Susan Jantzen, Marsha Schmidt of Nurture Commission or Miriam Goertzen-Regier of the Library Committee. Big thanks to Jennie Wintermote (Resource Library Director at Western District Conference) who pulled some books for our congregation. Thanks also to Bev Regier who helped compile the summaries. All books are due back to the church by October 2.

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.

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!

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- **Wednesday, September 9, 7:00 PM**—Youth Group Kick Off night! All high school students are invited to the church for food and a time of celebration at the beginning of the school year. Friends are welcome as well. More details will be coming as we get closer. Please let Tammy know if you are coming (and if you're bringing guests) at tammyduvanelunruh@gmail.com. Questions can be asked there as well. **Remember to bring a face mask**—we will be practicing Covid protocols to keep everyone safe.
- **FMC YOUTH FALL RETREAT**—will be held at Camp Mennoscah on September 12-13. Mark your calendars and save the date! In the meantime, watch your email for more details related to times, things you'll need to pack, and safety protocols. And let us know you are interested in coming and so we can get necessary forms and information to you by contacting Tammy at tammyduvanelunruh@gmail.com. See you there!

Three members of First Mennonite Church are part of the launch of *Anabaptist World*, the new magazine merging *Mennonite World Review* and *The Mennonite*. Paul Schrag is editor, Dana Neff is business manager, and Nora Miller is part-time editorial assistant. If you already subscribe to one of the former publications, you'll automatically get *Anabaptist World*. For everyone else, we're making a discount offer especially for FMC folks — new one-year subscriptions (16 issues) for \$19. That's 65 percent off the regular price. Send your name, mailing address, email address and payment to *Anabaptist World*, PO Box 568, Newton, KS 67114. Or call Dana at the *Anabaptist World* office at 283-3670. **Please order by September 10 to ensure you'll get the first issue.** Plus, we'll add two bonus months, so your subscription will run to December 1, 2021. Your subscription will become part of FMC's group plan, which will continue. Paul, Dana and Nora would love to share the magazine of "Mennonite news, inspiring stories" with you.

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!

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 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 3:30 PM. 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.

WDC/SCC Women's Retreat 2020: After much discussion and prayer, the Retreat Committee has decided not to meet in person at Camp Menoscah this year. We will miss all of you and the energy and joy you bring to camp. However **we WILL gather virtually on Saturday night, September 12, 7:00-8:30 PM, via Zoom for a worship service.** Our goal is to connect to and encourage each other through Christ and His love for us. **Susan Jantzen (interim pastor of Worship/Visitation at First Mennonite in Newton) will lead us on "Reflections on God as Keeper."** Bethany Martin from Faith and Life Bookstore will review a few books. Annelle Claassen (Retreat Committee Chair) will lead singing, and Karen Mascho (Pastor and Retreat Committee) will lead communion together. For free registration or questions, send your email to Tammy Duvanel Unruh at 2020womensretreat.rsvp@gmail.com by Thursday, September 10.