

# Remembrance Sunday

## November 1, 2020

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### **Meditation music**

*Adoration* by John Leavitt  
Jyl Ewy, piano

### **Welcome and call to worship**

Wendy Funk Schrag, worship leader

### **Words for the children**

Ken Frey

### **Worship Song**

*I will always bless the Lord*  
Ben's Band

### **Offering**

### **Prayer for the offering and scripture reading**

Ruth 1:1-5, 18-22

### **Meditation**

*Remembering in Community*  
Susan Jantzen, pastor

### **Acts of remembrance**

Reading of names and lighting of candles

*Peace* by Grant Horsley  
Peter Buller, grandson of Helen Entz  
Amanda Entz, piano

### **Prayers of the church**

Kurt Horst, pastor

### **Sending song**

*On the wings of an eagle*

### **Announcements and benediction**

### **Postlude**

*Duke Street- Jesus Shall Reign*  
arr. Penny Rodriguez  
Jyl Ewy, piano

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## Upcoming Worship Services

**November 8**—*The Temptations of Jesus*—Part 1; Luke 4:1-13

*\*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, YouTube, 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 Goertzen Regier, Ryan Koehn and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Ben's Band. Thank you to Cindy Unruh for the visual art.*

### Happy Birthday!

Stephanie Weaver—November 1  
Isaac Koehn—November 3  
Arlen Wiens—November 3  
Logan Hamm—November 5  
Ron Ratzlaff—November 7

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First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS



**Transitional Information:** The Search Committee was formed in early 2020 and began meeting in early March. The committee last met in early June. The Church Board made a decision to suspend the work of the search committee to allow for the processing of the resignation of Pastor Anita Kehr. In late September, a small group of Search Committee members gathered to review and complete the process of developing the Congregational Information Form (CIF), that is nearing completion. Additionally, members of the Church and Staff Relations Committee, the Search Committee, the Church Board and at-large individuals completed the Congregational and Pastoral Priorities form. This group of 29 individuals represented all ages of our congregation from high school youth through several that were 80 plus years of age. The results of that have been tabulated and will accompany the CIF along with a brief summary job description that will be forwarded to Western District Conference following Church Board approval. Western District will then share this information with pastoral candidates who have expressed interest in First Mennonite Church. Additionally, classified advertisements may appear in Mennonite publications. Members of the Search Committee are: Janice Good, Church Board Chair; Ron Ratzlaff, Search Committee Chair/Church and Staff Relations Chair; Wendy Funk Schrag, Church and Staff Relations; Jim Huxman, Church and Staff Relations; Don Schmidt, Church Moderator; Jennie Wintermote, At-Large; Miriam Goertzen-Regier, Outreach, Missions and Peace Commission Chair; Sean Claassen, Caregiving Commission Chair; Keith Knopp, At-Large; Payton Hiebert, Youth Group Member.

If you are aware of a pastoral candidate that may have an interest in First Mennonite Church contact Ron Ratzlaff, Search Committee Chair.

**Our Fall Congregational Meeting will be next Sunday, November 8, 1:00 PM.** Main agenda items will be budget approval, action on slate of nominees, plus a Pastor Search Committee Report. This year our meeting will be held via Zoom. For those that do not have access to a computer you can participate, in sound mode only, by using your telephone. The Annual Report and the 2019 twelve months financial information have been sent to you electronically if you use email or regular mail for others. Copies are also available at the church office.

**The Annual Report book** was sent out by email last week. If you would like a paper copy, contact the church office.

## SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sr. High Sunday School will meet weekly. Check your email for more details with the day, time and Zoom link.
- 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.

**The Zoom link for the Fall Congregational Meeting** will be sent by email on Wednesday, November 4. If you don't receive an email with the link, please call the church office so one can be sent to you. For those who would rather call by telephone for the meeting, please call the church office and we can give you the phone number to use.

**Voices Together is the new hymnal** created by Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA. Our congregation will be placing an order for hymnals in December as approved at the July Church Board meeting. We are giving you an opportunity to purchase a hymnal for the First Mennonite sanctuary and/or a hymnal for your home. See insert! Last date to place your order is November 25.

**Save the date**—The Youth Group Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be Wednesday, November 18. The dinner will be of the “drive in and drive off” variety, so that all of us can be safe as well as satisfied! More details will be forth coming in the coming days.

**Yard signs** “No matter where you are from, we are glad you are our neighbor” in Spanish, English and Arabic are available from the Outreach Mission and Peace Commission! This simple message of welcome and hospitality, started by a group of Mennonite pastors in Harrisonburg VA, is something positive and unifying we can post in our yard during this time of deep divisions. Contact a member of Outreach by November 8, if you would like a sign! (Outreach will cover part of the cost, but is asking you to contribute \$5 per sign.)

**MCC Meat Canning**—Newton Area MCC meat canning is November 10-12. We will start at 7:00 AM every morning and will only have four rounds per day, so shifts will be shorter each day. Here is the link to sign-up: [tinyurl.com/MCCMeatCanning2020](https://tinyurl.com/MCCMeatCanning2020). For questions contact Alan Entz.

**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, and Bob Schmidt, chair.

### Community Announcements

**Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA,** will be sharing a message on peacemaking in the midst of uncertainty on Wednesday, November 4, 11:30 AM, via Facebook Live—[facebook.com/MennoniteChurchUSA](https://facebook.com/MennoniteChurchUSA).

**The KIPCOR Peace Lecture series** presents journalist and best-selling author Sarah Smarsh, in an online format on Thursday, November 5, 7:00 PM. Smarsh is the author of two acclaimed books on poverty and class in America, *Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth* and, just released, *She Come By It Natural: Dolly Parton and the Women Who Lived Her Songs*. To register for the Zoom link, go to [kipcor.org](https://kipcor.org), click on the event and scroll down to the “Register Now” button.

**MEDA Convention 2020: Towards an equal world.** Join MEDA for two days of inspiration, information and networking online November 6-7. MEDA Convention is an intersection of faith and business where you can explore what it means to be faithful in daily work and learn about MEDA's business solutions to poverty. Go to [medaconvention.org](http://medaconvention.org) for more information.

**Bluestem Communities** is pleased to announce the "Double Your Impact, Double Your Gift" initiative. Thanks to several generous donors, gifts given between October 1 and December 31, 2020 will be matched dollar for dollar helping to meet the needs of the annual benevolent funds and Covid-19 expenses. We invite you to make a "Double Impact" donation by giving online at [bluestemcommunities.org/giving](http://bluestemcommunities.org/giving) or by calling 316-836-4879. Please designate your gift to Kidron Bethel Village, Schowalter Villa, Bluestem PACE or where it is most needed.

**Tune into Mission Network's Facebook** on Mondays 1:00 PM (EST) for the Hope Series and let us help you dwell in the hope that is the love of Christ. Be sure to tune in on Thursdays at the same time for Hope Around the World, a check-in time with our international partners.

**Camp Mennoscah welcomes guests!** Camping areas and cabins are open to guests/groups for overnight stays and day visits. Spend time in the river, have a campfire cookout, and enjoy the open spaces of the tallgrass—prairie and the Ninnescah River! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 to make a reservation and to inquire about use of additional facilities. We can't wait to see you!

A **new video series** from Mennonite Church USA showcases the stories of Mennonites who are advocating for immigration justice and demonstrating radical hospitality. Visit the Learn, Pray, Join web page for these and other resources: [mennoniteusa.org/immigration/](http://mennoniteusa.org/immigration/).

**Mask ask!** MCC is responding to a request from people on the Northern Cheyenne reservation in southeastern Montana for cloth face masks to help stop the spread of COVID-19. If you would like to sew masks, please use the following guidelines: Adult sized, use at least two layers of good quality cotton fabric (solid colors preferred), elastic ear loops, and nose wire/filter pockets optional. Please ship purchased or completed masks to the MCC Central States Material Resources Center (Attn: Kate Mast) at 121 East 30<sup>th</sup> Street, North Newton, KS 67117, or drop off in the 24-hour donation room at MCC by **November 15**. They will all be collected and transported to Montana in time for the winter season. For questions, please contact [Kate-katemast@mcc.org](mailto:Kate-katemast@mcc.org).

## Announcements

**After seeing the sharp increase** in the number of active covid-19 cases in Harvey County in the past two weeks (double what they were two weeks ago), and the 10% positive testing rate, a decision was made to **NOT** have in person worship services for the next three Sundays. (November 1, 8 and 15) This decision will be reevaluated before our Thanksgiving week service, November 20. We will continue to live stream the services on Sunday mornings as we have been. You can watch the service via our church Facebook page, YouTube, our webpage ([firstmennonitenewton.org](http://firstmennonitenewton.org)), or at our Vimeo site beginning at 10:30 AM Sunday morning.

**In Sympathy**—Tonessa Wilmore (Driskill) (64) passed away on October 19. Her memorial service was held here at FMC on Wednesday, October 28. We extend our condolences to her son; Jeremy Schowalter and her mother; Romiolda Wilmore and the rest of her family.

**Thank you for all of your cards,** prayers, and words of encouragement during the last few weeks, with the death of our father and grandfather, Willard Entz. We are blessed to be part of a community like this. A special thanks to the Life Sharing Sunday School class for providing a meal during a busy weekend.

~Larry, Carol, Amanda, Isaac and the Willard Entz family

**With gratitude:** We have received the very generous love gift that you offered to us. Once again, we are overwhelmed. Thank you for this and for all you have shared with us over these years. May the peace of Christ abound among you.

~Anita and Bryan Kehr

**Offering:** The offering for today is for AMBS. The offering for November 8, will be for Local Missions. 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 Gathering 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. The Local Missions offering from October 11, 18 and 25 was \$11,072. Online giving for Local Mission for the month of October was \$3,821.

**Project Proposals Due:** This is a reminder from the Caregiving and Membership Commission that Project Proposals to address needs, especially programmatic or systemic needs in our community, should be turned in to the church office **today**.