

Fear vs Fear

October 18, 2020

Meditation music

God will make a way
Don Moen/Arranged by Mark Hayes
Donna Stucky, piano

Welcome and call to worship

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Words for the children

Nick Sharp

Worship Song

O God, in restless living H 557
Forrest and Nora Miller, song leaders

Offering

Prayer for the offering and scripture reading

Psalm 34

Sermon

Listen, my child, and I will teach you...
Kurt Horst, pastor

Prayers of the church

Susan Jantzen, pastor

Sending song

God of grace and God of glory H 366

Announcements and Benediction

Postlude

Solid Rock
William Bradbury/ Arranged by Adam Mason
Donna Stucky, organ

Upcoming Worship Services

October 25—Kurt Horst will preach—*1*²—1 Corinthians 11:1

Happy Birthday!

Bryan Becker—October 18
Denetta Denno—October 18
Elvera Suderman—October 19
Tyler Doty—October 20
Megan Voth—October 20
Barry Bontrager—October 21
Jerry Decker—October 21
Seth Bontrager—October 22
Dave Goering—October 22
Kevin Hamm—October 23
Ethan Entz—October 24
Addie Kauffman—October 24

**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, 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, Melody Enns, Ryan Koehn and Sarah Koehn are operating the necessary systems for our worship.*

Musicians: Forrest and Nora Miller. Thank you to Michelle Claassen for the visual art.

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**There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear;
for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears
has not reached perfection in love.**

1 John 4:18 NRSV

Transitional Information: One big step in our transition time has been the installation of Kurt Horst as our Lead Interim Pastor. We welcome Kurt and are looking forward to our time of working for God's mission in the world with him as our lead pastor. With that step complete, our interim pastoral staff is complete. The Search Committee will begin this week to finish the final steps of our Congregation Information Form, present a job description to the Church Board for approval, and turn all needed documents over to WDC. When those documents are accepted by WDC, it will be possible for our settled pastoral staff search to begin its final phase which consists of reviewing Ministerial Leadership Information forms from those in search of pastoral positions then selecting candidates to be interviewed and finally presented to the congregation for possible calling in the final and last step. The Church Board and Search Committee are looking forward to moving forward into the final steps for this process. Please continue praying for Church Board, Search Committee, and our decision making process in the coming months.

Save the date—Our Fall Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, November 8, at 1:00 PM. 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. Watch the bulletin for more information and for the link you will need to participate in the meeting.

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.)

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

Camp Mennoscah volunteers will be removing the Camp Mennoscah dam **today**, beginning at 3:00 PM (after a morning baptism). You are welcome to come watch the process (please bring a mask and/or expect to stay at least 6 ft. away from others). If you would like to help in the removal process, please contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290. Physical distancing and mask wearing may not be feasible for those in the water.

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is conducting an Online Quilt Auction. The Quilt Auction begins on Monday, October 12, and will run through Monday, October 26. There are 25 quilts that have been selected by the Quilt Committee. The Quilt Auction is on the Auctria website at charityauction.bid/KMRSQuilts. The link is now live and there are pictures of the quilts with a complete description of each quilt that would be in the MCC Sale Quilt booklet. This includes title, dimensions, as well as the individual that donated the quilt if known. These are lovely quilts that are a representative of the more than 200 quilts that were donated in April. Check out the pictures and start bidding. If you have questions concerning the quilts, please contact Charlene Driggers at 620-947-1749.

If you can tie a knot you can help MCC! There are lots of comforters at MCC in North Newton that need to be tied and we're looking for volunteers! If you would be interested in borrowing a set of sticks/stands from the MCC Workroom to set up and tie comforters at home, please contact Kate Mast at 316-804-8432 or at kate-mast@mcc.org.

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a socially distanced Bel Canto Block Concert. The Hesston College Bel Canto Singers will perform an outdoor concert in the Mullet Drive parking lot north of Hesston Mennonite Church today, 4:00 PM. Weather delay will be announced via the Hesston College website and rescheduled for the following Sunday. A limited number of drive-in parking spots will be available and can be reserved by emailing finearts@hesston.edu or calling 620-327-8141.

Everence will host a *Social Security and retirement income planning webinar*, on Tuesday, October 20, 6:30 PM. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. This online workshop is free. Register soon by contacting our office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

2020 Menno Simons Lectures at Bethel College—For the first time in 68 years, this annual series will be delivered virtually. The speaker is **César Garcia**, general secretary of Mennonite World Conference, Kitchener, Ontario. The series title is *Towards an Anabaptist Catholicity*. Lectures are Sunday, October 25, 7:00 PM. (live online with Q&A to follow); Monday, October 26, 11:00 AM (pre-recorded); and Monday, October 26, 7:00 PM. (live online with Q&A to follow). To register, go to forms.gle/t55EqJrttWn4md8A. All registered participants will receive the Zoom link a day or so before the series begins.

Tabor College Presents Beth A. Silvers, the fourth speaker in the vocation and service lecture series “Exaudio: Listen and Live.” She is coauthor of *I Think You're Wrong (But I'm Listening)* (Thomas Nelson, 2019). On October 26, she will give two major public presentations on the Tabor campus on the theme, “Respecting Those

Who May Be Wrong.” Beth Silvers owns and operates Checking In with Beth Silvers, a life and business coaching practice. Her professional experience includes eleven years with a large Midwestern law firm as an attorney and human resources executive.

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 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 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's Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat on October 30-Nov. 1 has some space available. The November 6-8 Scrapbook and Crafts retreat is waitlist only. Participants will stay in the Retreat Center with their own bathroom and scrapbook/crafts tables will be set up in the dining hall to provide more space and better ventilation. Register at campmennoscah.org! Call 620-297-3290 for more information.

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!

Announcements

Because of rising concerns about the increase in the number of Covid-19 cases in Harvey County, USD 373 moving to an orange level of hybrid learning only, and feedback from some in the congregation, a decision was made to **NOT** have in person worship services for the next two Sundays. (today and October 25) This decision will be reevaluated before our worship service on November 1, with the hope that we will see a downward trend in active cases in Harvey County over the next two weeks. We will continue to live stream the service on Sunday morning as we were before. You can watch the service via our church Facebook page, YouTube, our webpage (firstmennonitewton.org), or at our Vimeo site beginning at 10:30 AM Sunday morning. Thanks for your understanding and please know this was not an easy decision to make. In person worship opportunities are important to us as a church, but we feel we should err on the side of caution for at least two weeks. Our health and safety is a concern for all of us.

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.

Offering: The offering for October 25 is 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 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 firstmennonitewton.org or contact the church office.

You are invited to explore more than 15 books on topics related to creation care. In our church Gathering Area, 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 box provided for returned books. If you have questions, see or call June Thomsen. Big thanks to Jennie Wintermote (Resource Library Director at Western District Conference) who pulled these books for our congregation.

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—and keep your mask and lawn chair at the ready!