

November 15, 2020

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**Meditation music**

*There is a higher throne*

by Keith & Kristyn Getty/ Arr. Lloyd Larson

Donna Stucky, piano

**Welcome and call to worship**

Kevin Hamm, worship leader

**Words for the children**

Sara Rickard

**Worship Song**

*In the morning when I rise*

Daryl Unruh, leader

**Offering**

**Prayer for the offering and scripture reading**

Luke 4:1-13

Kevin Hamm

**Sermon**

*The Temptations of Jesus, Part 2*

Kurt Horst, pastor

**Prayers of the church**

Renee Hamm

**Sending song**

*Love the Lord your God*

**Benediction**

Kevin Hamm

**Postlude**

*Ye Holy Angels Bright*

by John Darwall

Donna Stucky, organ

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## Upcoming Worship Services

**November 22**—Thanksgiving—Tammy Duvanel Unruh will preach.

**November 29**—First Sunday of Advent—Pastor Kurt Horst will preach.

*\*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, Alex Goering, Ryan Koehn and Sarah Koehn are operating the necessary systems for our worship.*

*Musicians: Donna Stucky and Daryl Unruh. Thank you to Cindy Unruh for the visual art.*

## Happy Birthday!

Kathryn Penner—November 10

Joan Ensz—November 17

Tracy Kerr—November 18

Hope Ewy—November 19

Justen Schroeder—November 19

Kenneth Fast—November 20

Frances Schrag—November 20

Lori Shelly—November 20

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*"If you will worship me, it will all be yours."*

**Transitional Information:** A final draft of the Congregation Information Form (CIF) has been reviewed by the Church Board at the November meeting and the Search Committee has been reactivated. Western District Conference (WDC) will receive the CIF in November and the search part of the process will begin. The CIF, in its final form, will be available for anyone interested in the congregation to review also. Once WDC has received the CIF it will be available for ministerial applicants to request, review, and indicate an interest in having their Ministerial Leadership Information form (resume) sent to First Mennonite. The Search Committee also has the option of advertising in publications of their choosing for applicants. We are fast approaching the final stages of our search process! Please continue to pray for the Search Committee, Church Board, and our interim staff during this ongoing journey.

**Pictorial Directory**—we have contacted Lifetouch again within the last week. The books still have not shipped. As soon the Church Office receives them, we will let you know. Thank you!

**Harvest of Love**—Throughout November and December, the Salvation Army invites you to join in our annual food and fund drive to support people in need in our county. The need for canned items is greater than it has been in the past because of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Items always needed are canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce, hamburger helper, tuna helper, cereal (of any kind), peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, and soups. Boxes are available in the Gathering Area and inside the west door by the elevator to collect nonperishable items. If you wish to make a monetary donation you may **write a check to Salvation Army** and place it in the box on the table in the Gathering Area. Every donation is a gift that makes a difference in our neighbors' lives!

**Homeless Shelter Week**—Our next week to serve at the Homeless Shelter is November 25-December 1. If you are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 316-284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

**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

**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](https://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.

**Everence will host its popular workshop, *Make Medicare an easy step***, as a webinar on Monday, November 16, 6:30 PM. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting our office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

**Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA)** is looking for Newton-area bakers to help support the college by supplying baked goods for this year's "5 Places of Christmas" on December 5. Here is the link to sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD4BABAFA2EA4FDCF8-baked>.

**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/](https://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. They will all be collected and transported to Montana in time for the winter season. For questions, please contact Kate-katemast@mcc.org.

**Giving Tuesday is coming up** on December 1. Your contribution to Mission Network will help us Be the Gospel through our valued partnerships, ministries, and resources. Visit [MennoniteMission.net/Donate](http://MennoniteMission.net/Donate) to give on or before December 1.

**Looking for a non-traditional pastoral role?** Become a unit leader in Service Adventure, a gap-year program for ages 17–20 from Mennonite Mission Network. Unit leaders, at least 24 years of age, serve as mentors to the young adults in the household. Learn more by contacting [SusanN@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:SusanN@MennoniteMission.net).

**Looking for your next opportunity** to come to Camp Mennoscah? The Christmas Gathering is tentatively being planned as an outdoor event on Saturday, December 12, 2:30 PM. Details forthcoming.

**Save the date**—Casa Betania will be having a burrito sale on December 9. Look for more information in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

## Announcements

**Reminder there is no in person worship service today.** 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**—Otis Unruh (99) passed away on Sunday, November 8. His graveside service was held on Thursday, November 12. We extend our condolences to Daryl, Cindy, Mason, Graham, Rachel, Owen, Mary Janzen and the rest of the family.

**Offering:** The offering for today is for Local Missions. The offering for November 22 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.

**WITH DEEP APPRECIATION** for all his years of voluntary expertise for the needs of our ever expanding technology at FMC, the Church Board would like to say thank you to Larry Becker. From the first introduction of computers, internet, software, and hardware needs, Larry faithfully kept us moving forward and was on call for any situations that happened. Larry has decided to step back from serving as our “IT tech” and we wish him well as he moves forward with other interests in his life. “Thank you” are two small and often used words, but we sincerely mean them for the years he has given us. **Thank you, Larry!**

**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.

## SR. HIGH YOUTH



Our FMC/Casa Betania Youth Group will serve its annual Thanksgiving Dinner fundraising meal on Wednesday, November 18, 5:00-7:00 PM, in the southwest parking lot. The planned menu of the carry-out-only meal is roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry salad, hot vegetable, whole wheat roll, and pumpkin desert. **Please make your reservations online at: [fmcyouththanksgivingdinner2020@gmail.com](mailto:fmcyouththanksgivingdinner2020@gmail.com) or by calling the FMC church office.**

