

Thanksgiving

November 22, 2020

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Meditation music

We Gather Together Arr. Victor Labenske
Nora Miller, piano

Welcome and call to worship

Brent Voran, worship leader

Words for the children

Andrea Regier

Worship Song

Come to my Rescue
Joey Menninga

Offering

Prayer for the offering and scripture reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Brent Voran

Sermon

Goats, Sheep and More Sheep
Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Interim Youth Ministry Coordinator

Prayers of the church

Eric Murphy

Sending song

Build My Life

Benediction

Brent Voran

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God with Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Johann Cruger, George Elvey, Arr. Cindy Berry
Nora Miller, piano

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Upcoming Worship Services

Advent Theme: On the Road...

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

December 6—Second Sunday of Advent

**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: Nora Miller and Joey Menninga. Thank you to Cindy Unruh for the visual art.*

Happy Birthday!

Andrew Simmons—November 22

Shirley Dietzel—November 23

Chad Frey—November 23

Jim Schrag—November 24

Barb Walker—November 25

Reid Graber—November 27

Virginia Bestvater—November 28

Rick Brown—November 28

Helen Ortman—November 28

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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.

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.**

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!

Missing pans—The church kitchen is missing two stainless deep steaming pans. If you know where they might be, please let the church office know as soon as possible. They are about 12 inches across, 24 inches long and 7 inches deep.

Updated phone number—Jean Ann Unruh is now back home. Her phone number has changed. It is 316-350-0505. Her home address is in the Yearbook if you would like to send her a card.

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.

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Office hours may vary each week for awhile due to being careful with distancing because of COVID precautions. All of us are available by email and the pastors are also available by cell phone, anytime.

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!

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 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.

Order Christmas goodies and gifts at Bethel College Women's Association online market. Find hand made crafts, and one-of-a-kind items, and fresh homemade treats including peppernuts, zwieback, cinnamon rolls, poppy seed rolls, and candies at bcwamarketonline.com. Place your order by December 1, and pick up at Bethel College Mennonite Church south entrance from 10:00 AM to noon Saturday, December 5. This event is part of the annual Five Places of Christmas, sponsored by Newton Chamber of Commerce, and all proceeds will support Bethel College. And, if you are not local, most items can be shipped including peppernuts! Christmas shopping and supporting Bethel at the same time doesn't get much better than that.

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.

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 to give on or before December 1.

A memorable, meaningful and unique MCC gift to give this Christmas! Grab a piece of MCC history to use in a modern day Mennonite feeding station—your home! Get one for yourself and order more for family and friends. Hang it on the wall in your kitchen or dining room, display it on a shelf or use it as a serving tray! Remember the kitchen at your church, too. Each tray was uniquely handcrafted by an artisan in Siberia using Siberian hardwood. The tray is 16" in diameter and 2" deep. Suggested donation per tray is \$150. Full details and pictures are available at mcc.org/feeding-station-tray.

Mennonite Voluntary Service is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 service term. Two units are still accepting applications for *this year*! Serve, learn, and grow in faith with a community of your peers! Visit MennoniteMission.net/MVS to learn more!

We're thinking s'mores and socially distanced activities. The Camp Mennoscah Christmas Gathering is tentatively being planned as an outdoor event on Saturday, December 12, 2:30 PM. **Registration required.** Call 620-297-3290. Plans may change depending on coronavirus case rates and the desire to keep everyone safe. Bring your mask!

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.

MCC asks for support for Central American hurricane recovery. Not one, but two hurricanes within two weeks have caused extensive flooding in Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua. Hurricanes Eta and Iota have destroyed crops and forced people from their homes. MCC is working with churches and community organization to provide emergency food, hygiene supplies and cleanup support. Join us as we help these communities recover. You can donate online mcc.org/eta-iota-relief, by phone (888) 563-4676 or by mail at MCC, 21 S. 12 St., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

Announcements

Because of the rising concerns about the increase in the number of Covid-19 cases in Harvey County, a decision was made to **NOT** have in person worship services for the next six Sundays. (November 22-December 27) This decision will be reevaluated again before the start of January with the hope that we will see a downward trend in active cases in Harvey County. 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 (firstmennonitenewton.org), or at our Vimeo site beginning at 10:30 AM Sunday morning. Thank you for your understanding. In person worship opportunities are important to us as a church, but we feel we should err on the side of caution at this time. Our health and safety is a concern for all of us.

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 or contact the church office.

Offering for October 1, 8 and 15 was \$6,455 for Local Missions. The offering for today is for Local Missions. The offering for November 29 will be for Western District.

Thank you! Thank you for supporting the FMC Youth Ministries! There were 365 meals carried out on Wednesday evening! The donations totaled \$5,806. We appreciate all of the donations that will go towards our summer youth mission trip.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, all bulletin announcements for next Sunday's bulletin need to be turned into the Church Office by this Tuesday, November 24 at noon.

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sr. High Sunday School will meet weekly at 9:15 AM by Zoom. Check your email for more details and the Zoom link.
- Youth Group will meet every Wednesday at 7:00 PM. If the weather allows it, we may be outside or we may be on Zoom. Watch your email for details—and keep your mask and lawn chair at the ready!