

November 8, 2020

Meditation music

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty by David Paxton
Amanda Rempel, organist

Welcome and call to worship

Dave Wiebe, worship leader

Words for the children

Erin Graber

Worship Song

Holy Spirit, Come with power (H 26)
Joan Entz, leader

Offering

Prayer for the offering and scripture reading

Luke 4:1-13

Sermon

The Temptations of Jesus, Part 1
Kurt Horst, pastor

Prayers of the church

Susan Jantzen, pastor

Sending song

Heart with loving heart united (H 420)

Announcements and benediction

Dave Wiebe

Postlude

Toccata on the Doxology
by Darwin Wolford
Amanda Rempel, organ

Upcoming Worship Services

November 15—*The Temptations of Jesus*—Part 2; Pastor Kurt will preach.

November 22—Thanksgiving—Tammy Duvanel Unruh will preach.

**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, Joey Menninga, Ryan Koehn and Eugene Waltner are operating the necessary systems for our worship.*

Musicians: Amanda Rempel and Joan Entz. Thank you to Cindy Unruh for the visual art.

Happy Birthday!

Alisa Krehbiel—November 8

Clint Litsey—November 8

Mary Lou Schmidt—November 8

Evelyn Gaertner—November 9

Jordan Schroeder—November 10

Harland Unruh—November 12

Janice Good—November 14

Charlie Regier—November 14

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



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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.

A support group for survivors of sexual abuse will meet under the guidance of a professional therapist on Thursday, November 10. If you are a sexual abuse survivor and would like more information about attending, please call Cindy Unruh from the Caregiving Commission (316-283-0010) for details as to time and place.

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.

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. For questions contact Alan Entz.

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!

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 or by calling the FMC church office.



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 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.

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/10COD4BABA2EA4FDC8-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/.

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 30th 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).

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.

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.

Announcements

After seeing the sharp increase in the number of active covid-19 cases in Harvey County and the 10% positive testing rate, a decision was made to **NOT** have in person worship services for the next two Sundays. (November 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, or at our Vimeo site beginning at 10:30 AM Sunday morning.

Offering: The offering for today is for Local Missions. The offering for November 15 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 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!**

Our Fall Congregational Meeting will be today, 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.** 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. The link for the Zoom meeting is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85228845619?pwd=azlTlZrQ0l5MUtINDYwTDh6NVpSUT09>. If you want to use the telephone to be a part of the meeting, the number to call is, 1 312 626 6799, The meeting ID is: 852 2884 5619. Passcode: 279387.

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 **today**, if you would like a sign! (Outreach will cover part of the cost, but is asking you to contribute \$5 per sign.