

Rest, Restore, Renew

January 10, 2021

Prelude

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind by Robert J Powell
Amanda Rempel, organist

Welcome

David Wiebe, worship leader

Words for the children

Andrea Enns Regier

Hymn

Twás in the moon of wintertime H190

Scripture reading

Ephesians 3:13-21
David Wiebe

Sermon

Rest
Kurt Horst, pastor

Prayers for the offering and prayers of the church

Dennis Good

Sending song

Great is thy Faithfulness H327

Sending

David Wiebe

Postlude

As with Gladness Men of Old
arr. Philip Gehring,
Amanda Rempel, organist

Upcoming Worship Services

January 17—Pastor Kurt will be preaching—*Rest, Restore & Renew*

January 24—Pastor Kurt will be preaching—*Rest, Restore & Renew*

Happy Birthday!

Michelle Claassen—January 10

Sam Menninga—January 10

Janelle Sybesma—January 15

**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 Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Amanda Rempel, Susan Jantzen and Wendy Schrag. Thank you to Connie Claassen for the visual art.*

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Office hours—Our church office hours will be different. Staff will mostly be working remotely from home. Pastors Kurt, Susan and Tammy will be available by email or by their cell number. Tracy will be in the Church Office on Monday mornings and on Thursday afternoon, and the other days will be working from home. She is always available by email. Tracy will check phone messages left on the church phone each Monday and Thursday. Please feel free to get in contact with one of us if you need anything. We will practice this way until January and then we will reevaluate again.

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Pastor Kurt is often in the office Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you want to stop in you are encouraged to call ahead.

Offering envelopes—2021 offering envelopes are in your church mailbox. You are welcome to stop by and pick them up out of your church mailbox or if you would like them mailed to you, please email the church office or call.

Community Announcements

Retired pastor Florence Schloneger, North Newton, and Pauline Sharp, Wichita, a Kaw tribal member and board member of the Kanza Heritage Society, will give a virtual presentation, sharing their family stories related to land ownership, economics, education and identity **today at 3:00 PM**. This is in connection with the special exhibit at Bethel College's Kauffman Museum, "Crossroads: Change in Rural America." Schloneger's ancestors immigrated to Kansas in the 1800s while Sharp's relatives, members of the Kanza (Kaw) tribe, lived in central Kansas for centuries before the arrival of Europeans. **Sign up for the Zoom link at:** kauffmanmuseum.org/event/sunday-afternoon-at-the-museum-with-florence-schloneger-and-pauline-sharp/ The event will also be on Facebook Live on the Kauffman Museum Facebook page.

MCC Comforter Blitz update: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Kansas Friends of MCC Comforter Blitz in Yoder, KS has been canceled. However, the Blitz committee still has a goal of collecting at least 300 comforters between February and April. We need your help to meet this goal! Fabric kits and comforter sets to tie (top, back, and batting) are available to check out from MCC in North Newton. For contactless drop-off of completed comforters the 24-hour donation room is always available. To arrange drop-off or checkout materials, contact Kate at katemast@mcc.org, or 316-804-8432.

Transitional Information: The Search Committee has met with Heidi Kreider Regier, WDC Conference Minister, for orientation on the interview process with potential pastoral candidates. The next step will be to review Ministerial Leadership Information forms as they are sent to us. Please continue to pray for the Search Committee and Church Board as we move through this journey of discernment for the future pastoral staff.

Camp Mennoscah is a wonderful place for family gatherings of whatever size! A variety of facilities fit any number of family groupings. Or maybe you only need a space during the day for walking the trails or playing disc golf. There is plenty of outdoor space! Contact Camp Mennoscah to reserve a time at 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org.

Save the date—at this time, July 2 and 3 are the dates that are set for this year's MCC Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. More information will be coming in the following weeks.

Youth Venture is accepting applications for summer 2021! Discover and experience the work that God is doing in the world with a team of other young people as you serve, learn, worship, and build relationships. Visit MennoniteMission.net/YouthVenture to learn more!

Kauffman Museum at Bethel College is hosting the Smithsonian traveling exhibit "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" through January 17. Accompanying it is a local companion exhibit, "Of Land and People: Our Community at the Crossroads," created from the museum's permanent exhibit "Of Land and People." The museum is open 9:30 AM-4:30 PM, Tuesday-Friday; 1:30-4:30 PM; Saturday and Sunday; and closed Mondays and major holidays. Admission to the "Crossroads" exhibit is free on Saturdays.

Applications for Camp Mennoscah Summer Staff positions are now being accepted! Although there is a chance positions will change to meet the needs of pandemic-impacted summer youth camps, the current summer staff leadership positions are naturalist, crafts leader, lifeguard, grounds/maintenance, music leader, office, and all-round/media. For those 21 years old or older, there is also a Director of Support opening. Find the application and information online at campmennoscah.org under Summer Youth Camps!

Monday, January 18, 6:30 PM—Bethel College’s annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration will feature spoken word artist M’Vyonne Payne and former pro athlete and motivational speaker Chris Singleton. The event will be held in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, with COVID protocols in place, and will also be live-streamed via YouTube at bit.ly/bethelks-mlk2021. Sponsors are the Bethel College Diversity Council, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Student Life Office, with support from the Bethel College Women’s Association.

The Camp Mennoscah Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Olivia Bartel has accepted the position of Executive Director. Olivia has an undergraduate degree from Bethel College and a Master of Arts from AMBS with a focus in Theological Studies. She has been with Camp Mennoscah since 2008 and is a familiar face on campgrounds and at camp sponsored events. Olivia will continue to be responsible for camp programming while taking on additional supervisory and executive responsibilities. Please join us in congratulating Olivia on her promotion and welcoming her to the role of Executive Director.

Everence will host its popular workshop, *Make Medicare an easy step*, as a webinar on Tuesday, January 19, 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.

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OUR VISION—Together in Christ: rooted deeply, reaching widely, loving well

OUR MISSION—With Jesus as our center, we are called to be:

- **Faith-Focused**
- **Mission-Minded**
- **Community-Connected**

Announcements

With the continuing high levels of infection in Harvey County, and the expectation that the holidays will contribute to keeping infection numbers high for most of January, FMC will continue with live-streamed remote worship through the month of January. Decisions about future worship services will be reviewed again near the end of January and made based on infection numbers and county guidelines. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and continued wise decision making regarding community and individual health and safety.

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.

Thank you—I would like to thank everyone who sent cards and messages and for the calls when my son, Terry, passed away. I appreciate each and every one of them. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers during this sad and difficult time.
~Louise Janzen

Thank you for your generous gifts to Local Missions in the year 2020. The final figures are not complete, but it is obvious that you have given considerably more than our expenses. It is wonderful to be able to end the year in the black.
Thank you!
~Dewayne Pauls, Financial Stewardship

In the church Gathering Area you will find a log cabin which was made for Tonessa Driskill by her husband. When Tonessa passed away, the Life Sharing Sunday School class, volunteered to clean up her house and storage unit. The family kept what they wanted as mementos of Tonessa. The family then gave the class the freedom to keep or dispose of whatever remained. The class found this log cabin among her things. It needed a little refurbishing which was completed by Doug Graham. The log cabin will be donated to the MCC sale this year. The cabin will be located in the Gathering Area for a number of weeks, if you wish to view it. Please do not touch since there are a number of delicate pieces to the cabin.

ALL CHURCH OFFICERS, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION MEMBERS please plan to attend the 2021 Beginnings event on Saturday, January 16, via Zoom, from 8:30 -11:30 AM. Breakout sessions will occur for each group to begin planning for this coming year. This is an important start in our leadership process for our ministries and function for our church life. Please be in prayer for God’s leading for FMC’s path this year.