

# Rest, Restore, Renew

January 24, 2021

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## **Prelude**

*Nocturne* by David Lanz  
Amanda Entz, piano

## **Welcome**

David Wiebe, worship leader

## **Words for the children**

Keith Knopp

## **Hymn**

*You Hold Me Now*  
Joey Menninga

## **Scripture reading**

Romans 8:1-9; 12:1-2  
David Wiebe

## **Sermon**

*Renew*  
Kurt Horst, pastor

## **Prayers for the offering and prayers of the church**

Larry Entz

## **Sending song**

*Just a Place*  
Joey Menninga

## **Sending**

David Wiebe

## **Postlude**

*Nocturne* by David Lanz  
Amanda Entz, piano

## Upcoming Worship Services

**January 31**—Sermon by Masemo Wakibogo, Pastor of the Amani Community Church in Wichita

**February 7**—Tammy Duvanel Unruh preaching

# First Mennonite Church Newton, KS January 24, 2021

### Happy Birthday!

Kate Jolliff—January 24

Darnell Neff—January 25

Kaitlyn Black—January 26

*\*We will be live-streaming our worship beginning at 10:30 AM. You may view it on our webpage ([firstmennonitenevton.org](http://firstmennonitenevton.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, Sarah Koehn, Ryan Koehn and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship.*

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**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.

program and is the founding pastor of the Amani Community Church in Wichita, a Mennonite church plant that just celebrated their one year anniversary with over 100 people in attendance. We also anticipate hearing from the Amani Community Church choir as part of next Sunday's service.

**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.

**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 Rod Schmidt.

**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.

**It's not too late** if you still want to join the Adult Bible Study on Wednesdays, 7:00 PM via Zoom titled: *The Full Armor of God: Standing firm in uncertain times*. Look for the Zoom link sent each week by email.

**High School Youth Group and Sunday School**—we will be meeting for Sunday School at 9:15 AM via Zoom. Youth Group will meet on Wednesday, January 27. Look for more information by email for when and where.

**Homeless Shelter**—Our next week to serve New Hope Homeless Shelter is February 3-9. If you are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

**Contribution Statements from 2020** are in your church mailbox. If you would like it to be mailed to you, please contact the church office.

#### Community Announcements

**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 kate-mast@mcc.org, or 316-804-8432.

**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.

**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!

**The Camp Mennoscah Board of Directors** is pleased to announce that Olivia Bartel has accepted the position of Executive Director. Olivia has an undergraduate

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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.

**MCC Webinars on Service Opportunities:** Are you ready to step out and into service? To spend a year serving abroad or the summer serving your church or a local community organization? Check out the webinars happening this winter that will introduce these MCC service opportunities to you! Learn more at [mcc.org/mcc-me-webinar-series-service-opportunities](http://mcc.org/mcc-me-webinar-series-service-opportunities).

**Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day** event, Saturday, January 30, 11:00 AM. Starting at 11:00 AM— Food trucks, local producer booths and take-it-home crafts, location is museum parking lot and grounds; 11:00 AM via Zoom—Glen Ediger, North Newton: stories about Mennonite ethnic foods; 2:00 PM via Zoom— Jenny Masias, Newton: “The Immigrants Who Built Newton: One Spike at a Time”; walking tour to the eight “Stories Along the Trail” sites in North Newton. Please note that face coverings must be worn and distancing guidelines followed on Kauffman Museum and all Bethel College property. To get Zoom links, go to the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or [kauffmanmuseum.org](http://kauffmanmuseum.org)

**The KIPCOR Film Series at Bethel College** is serving up a second helping of *Cooked: Survival by Zip Code*, which focuses on the deadly 1995 Chicago heat wave to illustrate how Black, Indigenous and People of Color and low-income citizens suffer the most negative impact from natural disasters. The film is an indictment of U.S. disaster preparedness, and connects extreme weather, extreme disparity (income and other) and extreme racism. Go to [kipcor.org](http://kipcor.org), “Film Series,” for a link to watch *Cooked* for free and a link to register for the February 7 virtual discussion; advance registration is required to participate in the discussion, which will be held in break-out rooms, with leaders who include Chicagoans who experienced the 1995 heat disaster.

**MC USA’s annual Lent at Home guide** is now available for download at: [www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/lent-at-home/](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/lent-at-home/).

**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

**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](http://firstmennonitenewton.org) or contact the church office.

**The offering today** is for Local Mission and for January 31, it will be for the Scholarship Fund.

**In Sympathy**—Bob Schmidt (82) passed away on Friday, January 15. His graveside service was Saturday, January 23. The family is anticipating a public service to remember Bob sometime when we are again able to gather for in-person services. We extend our condolences to Mary Lou, Roxane, Renee, Kevin, Ashlynn, Trevor, Logan, Aarika, Madelynn and the rest of the family.

**The Lifetouch Picture Directories are FINALLY here**—If you had your picture taken for the directory or bought a directory, please come this **Sunday, January 24, 3:00-5:00 PM**, to pick yours up. We will have a drive through pick up in the east and west parking lots. Last name A-L, please use west parking lot and enter from southeast 2<sup>nd</sup> street; and M-Z please use the east parking lot and enter from Walnut Street. Please stay in your cars and there will be someone there to hand you the directory.

**Great news!** The new *Voices Together* Hymnals have arrived. All those who purchased a hymnal may pick them up beginning Friday, January 22, in the Gathering Area.

**Next Sunday, January 31**, Pastor Masemo Wakibogo will be preaching. Masemo and his family spent 7 years in Kenya as refugees from the violence in Congo before being allowed to come to Wichita as part of a refugee resettlement program. Pastor Wakibogo is a graduate of the Hesston College Pastoral Ministries