

Voices Together Dedication

February 21, 2021

Prelude

The Love of God by Robert W. Thygerson
Amanda Rempel, organ

Welcome

Joey Menninga, worship leader

Words for the children

Sheralyn Goering

Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness VT 419
Joan Entz, leader

Scripture reading

2 Corinthians 5:14-19; Psalm 150
Joey Menninga

Sermon

Our Songs & Their Songs
Kurt Horst, pastor

Prayer of Dedication for *Voices Together* hymnal

Worship Commission: Joey Menninga, Barb Claassen,
Daryl Unruh and Susan Jantzen

Hymn

Summoned by the God Who Made Us VT 1

Prayers for the offering and prayers of the church

Larry Entz

Sending song

Mountain of God VT 11
Joan Entz, leader

Sending

Joey Menninga, worship leader

Postlude

They'll know we are Christians by our love by Lani Smith
Amanda Rempel, organ

Upcoming Worship Services

February 21—First Sunday of Lent, Pastor Susan Jantzen preaching

Happy Birthday!

Paige Frye—February 7
Kara Schmidt—February 7
Joshua Kennell—February 8
Stan Claassen—February 9
Lexi Pauls—February 13
Brooklynn Black—February 14
BJ Stahly—February 17
Conner Hiebert—February 19
Marilyn Nickel—February 25

**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, Ryan Goertzen Regier, Ryan Koehn and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Amanda Rempel, Joan Entz, leader. Thank you to Michelle Claassen for the visual art.*



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First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
February 21, 2021

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- This Sunday, February 21, there will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** for High School. Instead, we are meeting at 12:00 PM, at the Church for WINTER RETREAT (part 2.) We will begin with a meal. Please remember to bring a lawn chair (so we can be outside for at least part of the time), and a Bible. Also, remember a mask and clothing that is appropriate for some outdoor time. We will be finished around 3:00 PM.
- Youth Group will meet at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, February 24, at FMC.

As always, watch your email for updates, changes, cancellations, and other information.

Coming soon! The FMC Youth Group will be hosting a March Fundraiser Fasma Carryout meal, Wednesday, March 10, 5:00-7:00 PM. The meal includes zweiback (double decker yeast rolls), sliced ham, cheese, coleslaw, pickle, cherry moos (pudding). Vegetarian, Gluten/dairy/sugar-free options are available upon request. **Please be aware of the order deadline of March 8** (or up to 350 total meals), by calling the church office or emailing: firstmennoniteyouthfaspa@gmail.com.

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.

Transitional Information: Announcements—The Search Committee continues to follow the search for settled pastors journey by reviewing Ministerial Leadership Forms as they are sent to us by Western District Conference. As MLI's are available that the Search Committee feel would be a candidate we would like to talk with references are checked and interviews are scheduled. It is exciting to be working in this phase of our journey as we are moving closer and closer to finding our settled pastoral staff. Please continue praying for God's discernment and leading during this phase of our search to find pastoral staff to be a part of FMC and our future.

Church Library Books—The restrictions of Covid19 slowed the process of getting new books on our church library shelves. However, there are now more than 50 new adult fiction, nonfiction, and children's book available in our library. The new fiction books are on the shelves labeled "newer books." The nonfiction books are on the cart, and the children's books are displayed above the children's shelves. A list of the books will be included in the March newsletter, but are welcome to check out books at any time.

Community Announcements

MC USA's first Learn, Pray, Join initiative of 2021 will focus on the "Cost of War" to highlight a core peace church value: resistance to war, both in our neighborhoods and overseas. In a webinar on Thursday, February 25, 6:30-7:30 PM, panelists will bring awareness to the economics of war and share the various ways they have resisted paying for war. For more information and to register, visit: mennoniteusa.org/ministry/peacebuilding/learn-pray-join/cost-of-war/webinar/.

Join Mennonite Mission Network on February 23, 7:30 PM Eastern time to hear about Mennonite Mission Network's service programs! Drop in and learn about Service Adventure, Youth Venture, Mennonite Voluntary Service, SOOP, and international service opportunities. Contact EricFM@MMNWorld.net to register!

You are invited to join the virtual MCC Central States annual meeting on Saturday, February 26, 9:00 AM. The meeting will include a reflection on MCC in pandemic times, details about what COVID-19 has meant for MCC thrift shops and a look at our financial statements. To join the meeting please email centralstates@mcc.org and then Zoom meeting information will be sent directly to you.

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.

MC USA's annual Lent at Home guide is now available for download at: www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/lent-at-home/.

Registration is open for Summer Youth Camps at Camp Mennoscah! Spaces are limited; we will make more spaces available as possible on a first-registered basis. The waitlist is your friend!

There are volunteer opportunities for you! Camp Mennoscah continually has year-round work to support the maintenance and upkeep of the campus and facilities. We can accommodate every group size, skill set and length of project you would like to tackle. Check out these ways to **Get Involved!** Email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer.

Registration is open for the Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats at Camp Mennoscah on March 5-7 and March 19-21! Once the retreats are full, sign up on the waitlist. Register at campmennoscah.org!

Use your skills or try something new! Join the summer staff of MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program to support home repair projects in Kimball, West Virginia or Harlan, Kentucky. Positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators are now open. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. For more information and to apply, visit mcc.org/swap-summer-staff or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 633-4008 or AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org.

Join the Youth Venture Civil Rights Tour! Visit places of historical significance, hear stories and learn why our faith calls us to stand against injustice and with the oppressed. Visit MennoniteMission.net/YouthVenture for more information on this summer trip.

Online Book Study for Parents: The WDC Resource Library is hosting an online discussion (via Facebook) of *Upside Down Living: Parenting* by Katherine and Peter Goerzen. Weekly videos and questions for reflection will be posted from **February 17-April 7**—go at your own pace. Email the library for information on joining the Facebook group at crlib@mennowdc.org.

Mennonite Voluntary Service is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 service term. Visit MennoniteMission.net/MVS to learn more! Serve, learn and grow in faith through intentional community!

SOOP (Service Opportunities with our Partners) is accepting applications! Use your gifts and skills to work alongside others in a network of ministries across the church. This program is flexibly designed for retirees, families and adults over 25. Visit MennoniteMission.net/SOOP to learn more!

MCC Comforter Blitz: At Home update—We are half-way through the blitz and have received 193 completed comforters. The goal is to receive 300 completed comforters at MCC in North Newton by the end of March! All the details and information on getting comforter making supplies from MCC are at mcc.org/blitz-at-home. Share pictures of your work on the MCC Comforter Blitz Facebook page. Contact kate-mast@mcc.org or 804-8432 with questions. Need batting? Contact Charlotte's Sew Natural for their special MCC batting price at 284-2547. And THANK YOU to everyone working to create beautiful comforters for MCC.

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

As levels of Covid-19 infections have begun to trend downward in Harvey County decisions about in-person worship at First Mennonite are being reviewed. The goal is to be confident that, once we return to limited in-person worship, we will not need to return again to live-streaming only. With cautious optimism these trends will be reviewed again in two weeks with the hope that we might begin limited in-person worship sometime in the season of lent (with proper masks, social distancing, and continued live streaming, of course). *Let's continue to be patient, flexible, and extend grace to all.*

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.

The offering today and for February 28 is for Local Mission.

DO YOU LIKE TO WORK WITH CHILDREN AND HAVE AN INTEREST IN THEIR FAITH FORMATION? We have a wonderful FMC opportunity to do so! Nurture Commission is in need of two additional people to work in this important children's ministry of our church. This is a wonderful dedicated group of people involved with leadership in this program and they are in need of more help. If you have an interest or questions, please contact Janice Good.

The next quarter Sunday School materials are here. You can stop by the church and pick up the books in the Gathering Area.

Anabaptist World magazine orders are due by Monday, February 22. Please turn in the forms to the church office if you would like to start a new subscription or continue your subscription.

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.