

The Parable of the Ungrateful Servant

April 11, 2021

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Gathering

Prelude

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain by Johann Horn
Amanda Rempel, organist

Welcome and call to worship

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Listening

Words for the children

Nick Sharp

Hymn

Shout to the Lord VT 125
Joan Entz and Quartet

Scripture reading

Matthew 18:21-39

Sermon

A Youth Group Bible Study:
The Parable of the Ungrateful Servant
Dwight Regier, leader

Prayers for the offering and prayers of the church

Dennis Good

Sending

Sending song

The Lord Lift You Up VT 832

Benediction

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Postlude

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing setting by Paul Manz
Amanda Rempel, organist

after the postlude is finished, the ushers will then dismiss the congregation

Upcoming Worship Services

April 18—Pastor Kurt preaching

April 25—Pastor Kurt preaching

Happy Birthday!

Cindy Combs—April 11
Nora Miller—April 11
Paul Schrag—April 11
Doug Graham—April 13
Abby Koch—April 13
Elena Wiebe—April 13
Santiago Dorado—April 14
Robin Simmons—April 14
Laura Sharp—April 14
Miriam Goertzen-Regier—April 15
Maisie Pryce—April 16
Casson Schmidt—April 17

We will be live-streaming our worship beginning at 10:30 AM. You may view it on our webpage (firstmennonitewton.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 Koehn, Sarah Koehn and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Amanda Rempel, Joan Entz's quartet. Thank you to Carol Goering for the visual art.

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First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
April 11, 2021

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Youth Group, Wednesday, April 14, 7:00 PM at the church.
- Youth and Parent Zoom Meeting to discuss the Summer Mission trip—Sunday, April 18, 6:00 PM. More information will be coming soon, so check your email.

A support group for survivors of sexual abuse will take place via ZOOM on Tuesday, April 13. The group is led by a professional therapist and is open to survivors. If you are interested please call Cindy Unruh, a member of Caregiving Commission, for more information (316-288-9773).

Camp Mennoscah scholarship fund: We need funds to support our children! If you would like to donate to the camp scholarship fund (which provides \$100 towards the costs for each camper), please make your check payable to FMC, designated to Camp Mennoscah Scholarships.

Sign up for summer camp at Camp Mennoscah is here again! Things will be different at camp this year—you can find out more about that and sign up for camp on their web site www.campmennoscah.org. I encourage you to do that ASAP as they are accepting less campers this year due to the pandemic. As we have in the past, the Nurture Commission will provide a \$100 scholarship to each camper from FMC and Casa Betania. To receive a camp scholarship from FMC, email Stephanie Weaver. In your email, please include the camper's name, parents' names, and which week your child is going to camp. The \$100 scholarship will be paid directly to camp.

College scholarship money is available—If you (or a family member) will be attending (or are considering) a Mennonite college or university for undergraduate study or a Mennonite seminary during the 2021-2022 school year, you are invited to apply for scholarship funds from FMC. ***By no later than Sunday, April 11, 2021***, submit the completed application to either Jyl Ewy or Ron Dietzel. For each school year, an FMC application must be completed. Some Mennonite colleges provide matching funds so your monies would be doubled when enrolled in one of those schools. Eligibility criteria for the FMC funds are provided on the application. The form is available in the Gathering Area at FMC; or, by contacting Ron Dietzel or Jyl Ewy.

Caregiving and Membership Commission—Adopt-a-Month Program—Several years ago, the Caregiving and Membership Commission began a program called Adopt-a-Month. With this, volunteers contacted someone, usually an elderly person, once or twice during the year, who were not able to attend church, even before the pandemic. We are again asking for volunteers to be a contact for someone, in our church family, who is confined to their home or a care facility. This could be on their birthday, and/or another special occasion during the year. If you are interested in volunteering for this, contact Larry Entz at 316-217-5625, or contact the church office.

Transitional Information: The journey continues with the Search Committee and processing candidates for our pastoral staff positions. The good news is, that we are at the interview and presenting possible candidates to the Church Board step, on the journey. As soon as a recommendation is passed for a particular candidate to be presented to the congregation for consideration, information about the candidate and a candidating weekend schedule will be shared with the congregation. Please continue prayers for this process. We are moving forward but always need God's wisdom and guidance for FMC foremost on this path.

FMC DELEGATES NEEDED FOR MENNOCON '21: If you would be interested in representing FMC as a delegate for business sessions at the virtual MennoCon'21 conference to be held in July in Cincinnati, Ohio, please contact the church office or Janice Good. Please note the business sessions will be virtual which makes it easier to participate!

Community Announcements

Spring Play: *Superior Donuts*—Presented in the Black Box Theater in Keim Center at Hesston College on April 14-17, 7:00 PM and April 18, 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 per adults/seniors and \$5 for students and can be purchased at: www.hesston.edu/theatre.

Bethel College Women's Association invites donations to help purchase two earth-friendly water refill stations for the Bethel campus. The stations will accommodate water bottles, and cost \$890 each. Donate at bcwamarketonline.com by April 30. Thank you for your support!

Save the dates for upcoming events at Bethel College: April 25—KIPCOR Peace Lecture with Leonard Pitts (virtual). Registration is now open at kipcor.org. April 30-May 1—(including Saturday matinee): spring play, *I and You* by Lauren Gunderson (in person). May 2—outdoor choral concert.

Looking for HUGE tents! Camp Mennoscah is looking for at least 2 more tents that hold approximately 8-10 bunk beds for summer youth camps (18' X 36'). These would be (similar) to the ones used for Senior High Camp (military tents repurposed for peace). The cost to purchase one is approximately \$2600. If you have one stored away and are willing to lend it to Camp Mennoscah for the summer, contact us at 620-297-3290.

Camp Mennoscah is seeking a full-time Director of Development, Marketing & Communications to lead our ongoing operational and advancement needs. More information at www.campmennoscah.org. Applications accepted until the position is filled; early submission encouraged. Please send application materials (resume, cover letter, references and salary requirements) to campmennojjobs@att.net.

Men and Boys Retreat, April 16-18, at Camp Mennoscah! Come to Camp Mennoscah for time for fishing, canoeing, worshiping, sitting by the fire, or visiting with friends in fellowship. No pre-registration. Registration and payment will take place upon arrival. For more information contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515.

Announcements

It's time to finish the Campfire Amphitheater at Camp Mennoscah! Work days are scheduled for the following days: April 24 and May 15. Bring a lunch and water bottle with you when you come, and plan to arrive at the North cabin area to check in around 9:00 AM. Email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer for this project. **Let us know by the Tuesday before!**

Looking for kitchen staff and nurses! Camp Mennoscah is filling volunteer and stipend positions for kitchen staff and nurses for the upcoming 2021 summer. Contact Camp Mennoscah at office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 for available weeks and details. Kitchen staff can receive a scholarship up to full camp fees for their camper.

2021 Summer Staff! Camp Mennoscah's summer staffers are Anna Lubbers, Beth Balzer, **Karina Brandt, Emily Brandt, Schyler Entz, Ethan Entz, Seth Rudeen, Ben Rudeen, and John Koontz.** We are excited to have them be part of the summer camp staff and they are ready for an absolutely rootin', tootin' summer! Start your prayers now for these staffers and for all who are part of the summer youth program!

Join the Civil Rights Learning tour with Youth Venture! You will 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 to learn more. Deadline is May 1!

Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring a full-time Home Goods Manager! The job description and applications are available on our website (newtonetceterashop.com) and at our shop; applications are due April 19, 2021. Also, we always welcome new volunteers! If you're interested in learning more, please visit our website or Facebook page, send us an email expressing interest to manager@newtonetceterashop.com, or call us at 316-283-9461. Thank you for supporting your local MCC Thrift Shop!

MCC is hiring a multimedia producer! Check out the job description and apply today!

Responding to disaster: MCC's response to hurricanes Eta and Lota webinar on April 21 and 22 at 7:00 PM. MCC is pleased to bring you, via Zoom, the people and stories directly impacted by this disaster response that you generously supported. To register go to MCC.org—click on Get involved and then Upcoming Events. Once there, you will find the April 21/22 link to click on and register. This two night webinar to hear directly from MCC partner organizations and church partners in Honduras and Nicaragua. They will share about MCC's disaster response as well as how climate change impacts migration and poverty in Central America.

It's great to be able to join in limited in-person worship. As we return to worship remember:

- Be humble, patient, careful, and gracious toward all who come and toward all who don't yet feel safe and comfortable gathering in person.
- Wear masks, keep social distance, and save person-to-person conversations for outdoors.
- Exit from the back and move outside as directed by the ushers.

The offering for today and April 18 is for Local Mission. It will be for Local Mission. 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.

First Mennonite Church by the numbers—Attendance for April 4: Worship—110.

In Sympathy—Don Penner (95) passed away on April 3. His memorial service will be held today, here at FMC. Visitation with family will be 2:30-3:30 PM, with the memorial service following at 4:00 PM. We extend our condolences to Kathryn, Gary, Jeanne, Cathy, and the rest of the family.

We will have our Spring Congregational Meeting, today, April 11, 11:30 AM. (please take note of the time change) Agenda items include reports from the Pastors, Church Board, Treasurer, Audit Committee, Stewardship and Capital Fund Committees and the latest update on pastoral search. An introduction to the new church management system will be presented. The plans are to have a combined meeting via zoom with an in-person meeting in the sanctuary. 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: 819 6347 5058 and Passcode is: 050798.

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Pastor Susan will out of the office April 12-20 while she takes some time off. Please call the Church Office if you need anything.