

Sin, Righteousness, Judgment, and the Holy Spirit

April 25, 2021

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Gathering

Meditation music

Prelude to the Dance by David Lanz
Amanda Entz, pianist

Welcome and call to worship

Ken Regier, worship leader

Listening

Words for the children

Keith Knopp

Hymn

New Earth, Heavens New VT 377
Pastors Kurt and Susan

Prayer for offering and scripture

Ken Regier

Scripture reading

John 16:5-15

Sermon

Sin, Righteousness, Judgment, and the Holy Spirit
Pastor Kurt Horst

Prayers for the offering and prayers of the church

Renee Hamm

Sending

Sending song

My Soul Cries Out VT 412

Benediction

Ken Regier worship leader

Postlude

Firedance by David Lanz,
Amanda Entz, pianist

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

Upcoming Worship Services

May 2—Pastor Laura Goerzen will be preaching.

May 9—Tammy Duvanel Unruh will be preaching.

Happy Birthday!

Christian Krehbiel—April 25

Karen Regier—April 25

Deb Penner—April 26

Sheralyn Goering—April 27

Marjorie Janzen—April 27

JoAn Thieszen—April 29

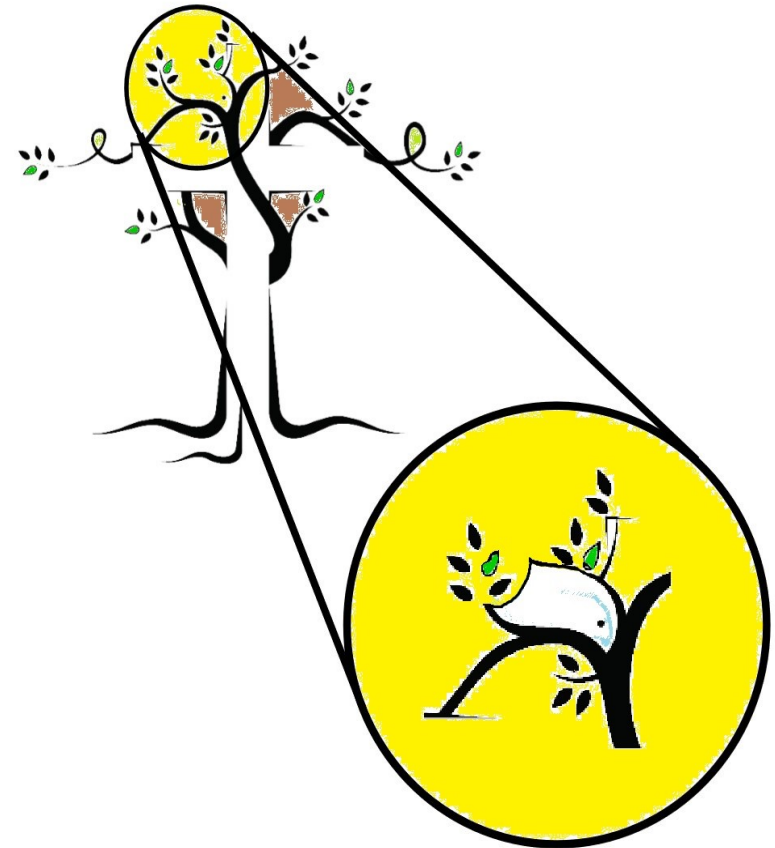
Kathy Becker—April 30

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 Koehn, Joey Menninga and Melody Enns are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Pastor Kurt Horst, Pastor Susan Jantzen, and Amanda Entz. Thank you to Carol Goering for the visual art.

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



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First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
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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.

If you are graduating from high school or college this May, or know of someone from our congregation that will be graduating, please email or call the Church Office so we can include them in the announcement for the upcoming bulletin.

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.campmentoscah.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 at stephweaver@live.com. 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.

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!

Pastor Graciela from Casa Betania Church is looking for a bookshelf for her office that is in good condition. If you know of one, please contact the Church Office. Thank you!

Transitional Information: The Search Committee was pleased and excited to announce the name of Laura Goerzen as a candidate for one of our settled pastor positions. Please read the information shared about her carefully and plan to attend any of the opportunities listed on the schedule that apply to you and available via zoom or in person to meet her and ask questions on the candidating weekend of April 30, May 1, and May 2. Laura will share the children's time and a sermon on Sunday, May 2. A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, May 2, following the worship service to vote on extending a call to Laura to serve as our pastor. Please continue to pray for this process and God's leading for Laura and FMC.

Invitations to sign up for *Realm*, our new church software, were sent out this last week. If you did not get an email invite and would like one, please email or call the Church Office.

Community Announcements

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!

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

It's time to finish the Campfire Amphitheater at Camp Mennoscah! A work day is scheduled for 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@campmentoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer for this project. **Let us know by the Tuesday before!**

Godspell will be performed at the Buhler High School Auditorium under the direction of Greg Bontrager, on April 28 and 30, 7:00 PM, May 1, 7:30 PM and a matinee, May 2, 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for K-12 students and are available by calling BHS at 620-543-2255. Tickets will also be available at the door or at <http://our.show/buhlerhighschool/13758>

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@campmentoscah.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.

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School — Sunday, April 25, 9:00 AM — Zoom — check email .
- Youth Group, Wednesday, April 28, 7:00 PM

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!

Mennonite Central Committee is hiring a multimedia producer! Check out the job description and apply today at MCC.org under the tab *Get Involved*.

Camp Mennoscah is seeking to fill a part-time custodian/housekeeper position. Hours average 10 per week and are flexible, dependent upon the camp schedule. For more information, contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org

The April edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: MDS is celebrating National Volunteer Week, the Homes of Hope facility in Ephrata, Penn. is almost completed and a royal thank you to MDS volunteers. To read more about this, go to: conta.cc/3eLY7dd.

Reservation deadline for Kauffman Museum's spring fundraiser, *FaspBox* (*faspa* in a box) is Monday, April 26. *Faspa* is a light evening meal traditional among Low German-heritage Mennonites. Each box serves one and costs \$50. Reserve for pickup or delivery on May 2 at www.kauffmanmuseum.org/faspbox or by contacting the museum with credit card information at kauffman@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612.

Kauffman Museum first-Saturday bird walks resume—Saturday, May 1, 7:00 AM. Meet in the museum parking lot (corner of Main and 27th streets in North Newton) to join experienced birders for a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail. Trails are mostly unpaved and sometimes steep or sloping. **Please note that face coverings must be worn, and physical distancing between non-family members practiced, at all times.**

April 29-May 1 (including Saturday matinee)—Bethel College spring play, *I and You* by Lauren Gunderson, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Thursday, 7:30 PM; Friday, 7:30 PM; Saturday, 2:00 PM and 7:30 PM – and there is a livestream option! Call or stop by Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM 316-284-5205, for tickets for either in-person or livestream. **Please note: This play has adult content and is not suitable for children. Face coverings must be worn and physical distancing will be enforced for in-person performances.**

Smorgasborg of volunteer opportunities for you! Camp Mennoscah has multiple opportunities to support the maintenance and upkeep of the campgrounds. Get involved and be part of the fun! Email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer.

Announcements

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 is for Local Mission and the offering for May 2 is for Camp Mennoscah. 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 18: Worship—111.

A special Congregational Meeting is called for Sunday, May 2, 2021 following the worship service for the purpose of calling a pastor. The meeting will be in the sanctuary with a zoom connection. Provisions for voting will be made for those on a online zoom connection. Telephone connections will not be able to vote.

~Don Schmidt, Moderator

We are thankful for the decrease in Covid-19 infections and hospitalizations in Harvey County and are glad for the adult Sunday School classes that are beginning to meet again as the number of persons vaccinated increases. However, we want to remind everyone that there is still no vaccine approved for persons under age 16. For that reason we will continue to ask that masks are worn, practice social distancing, exercise caution regarding congregational singing, and wait to begin gathering children's and youth Sunday School classes in the building. Thanks for your understanding and patience.

In what pastoral role will Laura be serving? We continue to consider both a Co-pastor and a Lead/Associate Pastor model. The model and specific duties may not be determined until the second candidate has been selected. Once we know the experience and skill set the second pastor will add to the team, we can determine the model that's most appropriate for the pastors and our congregation. In addition to preaching and teaching, Laura has expressed interest in these ministry areas; young children, outreach and caregiving.

Check your email this week for the Zoom links that you will need for the candidating weekend (April 30, May 1-2) of Pastor Laura Goerzen.