

Thy Will Be Done

June 13, 2021

Gathering

Meditation music

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now by Paul Manz
Amanda Rempel, organist

Welcome and call to worship

Ken Regier

Listening

Words for the children

Nick Sharp

Worship song

For the Beauty of the Earth VT 120
vs 1-4

Prayer for the offering—Local Missions

Ken Regier

Scripture reading

Luke 22:39-46

Sermon

Thy Will Be Done
Pastor Kurt Horst

Prayers for the church

Dennis Good

Sending

Sending song

God of Grace and God of Glory VT 716

Announcements and benediction

Ken Regier

Postlude

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven by Raymond Haan
Amanda Rempel, organist

Upcoming Worship Services

June 20—Pastor Susan will be preaching.

June 27—Rod Pauls will be preaching.

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, Eric Murphy, and Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship.

Musicians: Amanda Rempel, Joan Entz, leader.

Thank you to Michelle Claassen 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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Newton, KS
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Transitional Information: This summer will be another short journey on our transition time with one big step on August 23. Laura Goerzen will officially begin as one of our settled pastors on that date with her installation occurring on August 29. We are looking forward to both those dates! During the summer months, Pastor Susan will increase her time with us to .75 FTE which means she will be in the office on Monday thru Thursday and take on some additional areas of commission needs and visitation. Pastor Susan continues to be a blessing to us and we appreciate her willingness to increase her time with us during this summer. Ongoing prayers are needed for our pastors and Tracy this summer as they will be very busy. Search Committee, and Church Board appreciate prayers also as we continue with the work of the search and church. All the prayers for God's guidance have been felt and appreciated.

As our prayers rise to God, the colors of the lit candles in our service remind us that all people are created and cherished by God. All people receive gifts from God. Forgive us where we overstep, put down, or destroy. As we are all God's children, may nothing diminish what each offers.

You are invited to share a prayer you have remembered over the years or a prayer you currently turn to. Please write the prayer(s) on a piece of paper or print from your computer, then attach to the display in our Gathering Area. Thank you for sharing! Signing your name is optional.

We will be participating in the Kansas MCC Run for Relief in Hutchinson on July 3, 2021, and are excited for it to be in person this year. If you would be interested in sponsoring us through a financial donation to Mennonite Central Committee (100% of your donation will go directly to MCC), we would be most grateful. Your donation of any amount will go toward the important work of MCC relief and development work around the world. (Visit mcc.org to learn more.) Both cash and check are accepted. Feel free to put your donation in our mailbox at church or mail it to us at 515 E. 3rd, Newton KS 67114, by July 2. Please make checks payable to *Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale*. We would love to raise \$1,000+ for MCC. Thank you for your support.
~Forrest and Nora Miller

Rod Pauls will preach in our worship on June 27, following our emphasis on prayer. He will also be present during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:15 AM. There, he will share about how he teaches students to engage openly across deep differences. Join us for Sunday School and worship!

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School —Sunday, June 6. Watch your email for where, when, and how.

Adult Sunday School curriculum available! New *Current* summer curriculum, "Seeking Justice Together," is available for all adult Sunday school classes. Downloadable curriculum includes guide with a full quarter of flexible session plans that can be used any time of year. For more details, visit <https://shinecurriculum.com/product/current-2021-adult/>. To obtain access for your class, contact the Church Office.

Looking for Adult Volunteers and Tents —The VBS Planning Committee is looking for adults (who have been Safe Sanctuary trained) to help guide groups of kids at our VBS Celebration on Friday, July 2 from 9:00-11:00 AM, at Fischer Field. No preparation needed. We are also looking for tents/shade structures to use on Fisher Field for the event. Contact Jennie Wintermote to volunteer or to provide shade. jenniewintermote@gmail.com

Community Announcements

Peace Connections is looking for volunteers to help supervise the children/grandchildren of families attending Circle of Hope and participating in the Getting Ahead Class. We are in need of 2-4 volunteers willing to donate their time on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:15 PM. If you have caring hands, a loving heart, and enjoy working with children and youth then please contact Peace Connections. Starting in July, volunteers are needed. You can donate your time once a month, twice a month, or every Tuesday. Whatever fits your schedule. Thank you so much!

There's still time to register for camp! Camp Mennoscah has a few openings at most camps. Register online at campmennoscah.org.

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.

The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel College is offering its core mediation training (Practical Skills for Managing Interpersonal Conflict) via Zoom June 14-18. Go to kipcor.org for more information and online registration.

Tuesday, June 22, 7:00 PM, join James Wheeler and Linda Herr, Area Directors for Europe and Middle East, to hear *The Gift of Love: Doing our part for healing and wholeness in the world*. Register for the webinar at mcc.org/mcc-webinar-series.

Mennonite Mission Network has openings for a Director of Finance and Director of Human Resources, two new positions for the agency. You can find details on our website at www.MennoniteMission.net/employment. To begin the application process, send a resume to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net.

SWAP summer staff needed! MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program is in need of Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators to support home repair projects in Kimball, West Virginia or Harlan, Kentucky. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but these paid 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) 634-4418 or AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org.

Serve with the Immigrant Resource Center through MVS in Alamosa, Colorado! Serve others by connecting them with educational and legal resources. Visit MennoniteMission.net/MVS to learn more.

Join others from across WDC to discuss "Why Do We Suffer and Where is God When We Do?" by Valerie G. Rempel on Thursday, June 24, 7:00 PM via Zoom. Register for the online discussion or to borrow a copy at crlib@mennowdc.org.

Virtual author events at AMBS: June 21–22. Join the AMBS Library and Bookstore team on Zoom as we interview authors of recently published books. Registration is free, and participants in each live event will be entered into a prize drawing for a free book! Monday, June 21, 4:00–5:00 PM ET: *What is God's Mission in the World and How Do We Join It?*, with Juan Francisco Martínez and Jamie Pitts. Tuesday, June 22, 7:00–8:00 PM ET: *Tongue-Tied: Learning the Lost Art of Talking about Faith*, with Sara Wenger Shenk. Register at ambs.edu/author-events.

Spiritual Direction: Foundations. Strengthen your skills in offering spiritual direction through the first level of AMBS's supervised spiritual direction program. This course—which can be done fully online or in a hybrid format (with classwork online and on campus at AMBS) —will help you grow in confidence and competence as a spiritual director. Apply by July 2 to save \$200! Register at ambs.edu/seminars.

The MCC Alumni Gathering is July 9-11 and all MCC alumni and their families are invited to join us at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Please sign up by June 25!

Current openings at MCC can be found at mcc.org. Current open positions include Canning and Trucking Manager, Multimedia Producer, Meat Canner and many international service opportunities.

Announcements

The offering for June 13 is for Local Missions. 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 June 6—128.

CHANGES TO OUR COVID 19 PROTOCOLS: It has been decided that we will make some steps forward to pre-covid worship practices as of Sunday, June 13th. Masks will still be required in order to protect our youngest attendees, 12 years old and younger, who are not yet able to be vaccinated. The front 10 rows of pews, approximately half of the sanctuary, will have no social distancing pews so you may sit wherever you would like. The back half of the pews and balcony are still marked with blue tape on the end of the rows for seating with social distancing for those more comfortable with doing so. The last song during worship will be sung, with masks on. The back half of the pews will be dismissed first by the ushers at the end of the service followed by the front half dismissing themselves. We know these are small steps but as vaccinations become available and state and national guidelines continue to be more flexible more restrictions will be eliminated. It has been noticed and appreciated that we are a congregation of grace, patience, and support for one another as we have established and followed our health protocols. We ask that we continue on with that grace, patience and support for a while longer.

We welcome Kevin Toews who is visiting this morning. A resident of South Carolina, Kevin has been researching his ancestry. He's traced his family to Rev. Jacob R. Toews (Kevin's 2x great grandfather). Rev. Toews was a member of the Heubuden Mennonite Church in West Prussia (today's Poland) until he and his family migrated to Harvey County, Kansas in 1884. After joining FMC, Rev. J.R. Toews served at FMC as a minister from 1884-1912. Rev. Toews was active in Western District Conference affairs and was a strong supporter of Bethel College. In 1886, Sunday school at FMC was formally organized and Rev. J.R. Toews was elected superintendent. Kevin is in Harvey County for several days so he can visit the sites where Rev. J.R. Toews and Jacob F. Toews (his great grandfather) worked and lived. A retired Special Agent and Senior Manager while employed with NCIS, Kevin is a 40+ year member of the Lutheran Church where he's presently Church Council President in his local Lutheran congregation. Previously, he held the positions of Elder and Trustee. Blessings to Kevin as he connects to his family roots and then travels back to South Carolina.