

Teach and also...

June 20, 2021

Gathering

Welcome

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Meditation music

I Need Thee Every Hour by Robert Lowry
Donna Stucky, pianist

Call to worship

Casson Schmidt

Listening

Words for the children

Sheralyn Goering

Worship song

What a Friend We Have in Jesus VT 628
Daryl Unruh, leader

Prayer for the offering—Local Missions

Casson Schmidt

Scripture reading

Deuteronomy 5:1-3; Deuteronomy 6:1-2;10-13

Sermon

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Pastor Susan Jantzen

Prayers for the church

Larry Entz

Sending

Sending song

Guide My Feet VT 816
vs 1, 4, 5, 6 (repeat of vs 1)

Announcements and benediction

Casson Schmidt

Postlude

Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Triumphant by David Paxton
Donna Stucky, organist

All rows remain seated during postlude.

Thank you.

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, Sarah Koehn, Ryan Koehn and Eric Murphy, are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Donna Stucky; Daryl Unruh, 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**

Upcoming Worship Services

June 27—Rod Pauls will be preaching.

July 4—Pastor Kurt will be preaching.

July 11—Pastor Kurt will be preaching.

Happy Birthday!

Linda Gaertner—June 22

Laura Myers—June 23

Terry Pryce—June 23

Shawn Bontrager—June 24

Christa Hiebert—June 24

Justin Dietzel—June 26

Bentley Hiebert—June 26

DeLane Unruh—June 26



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**First Mennonite Church
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.

Rod Pauls will preach in our worship next Sunday, 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!

The southeast parking lot by the playground will be blocked off today, July 18, and August 15 (the 3rd Sundays of the month). The K-5th grade children's Sunday school class will be meeting outside in this space for those Sundays. Please find other places to park on those Sunday mornings. Thank you.

The Property Committee would like to remind you of our door monitoring policy on Sunday mornings and other gathering times. After the service or event has started, the exterior doors will be locked, especially at times when hall monitors are limited or non-existent. This is being done under the direction and guidance of Safe Sanctuaries and local law enforcement. This will help limit non-members from entering the building during times where there are activities going on but no hallway monitors. The goal is to provide a welcoming but also save environment. We are sorry for any inconvenience this might cause but encourage you to contact Tracy in the church office to obtain a code for the entrance keypads. This will allow you entrance to the building any time the church doors may be locked.

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

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Pies—we have been assigned to make 25 pies for the Relief Sale that will take place on July 2 and 3, at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. Information is on the table in the Gathering Area along with the pie pans.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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.

Family Weekend at Camp Mennoscah on July 17-18! If you are looking for a weekend to escape, Family Weekend offers a smorgasbord of camp activities for you to choose from and plenty of time to roam the river and be with your family and friends. Register at campmennoscah.org and contact 620-297-3290 with questions!

Announcements

The offering for June 20 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 13—125.

Congratulations to Logan Hamm and Aarika Bright who were married here at FMC yesterday, June 19. May God grant them many years together.

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 attenders, 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.

Local Mission offering for June 6 and 13 was \$8,050.

The Property Committee wants to thank those who helped on Saturday, June 12, for a church workday. It was a productive day and we were able to check off several items that had been on our "to do" list for some time. You should notice: the south and west exterior walls of the south addition are now one color and look great, the walls of the basement west wing are painted as well, the fence line east of the southeast parking lot was cleaned up. What you may not see are the storage areas that are now organized and now ready for the remodel, new light bulbs in the sanctuary, clean coffee makers, and locks on the mechanical rooms to keep wandering individuals safe. Cement pads were also poured for a new improved Casa Betania sign. Overall a very productive morning!

The Church Office will be closed on Friday, June 25.