

Teach Us to Pray

June 6, 2021

Gathering

Meditation music

I Sing the Mighty Power of God by Forrest Green

Gentle Shepherd by William and Gloria Gaither

Jyl Ewy, pianist

Welcome and call to worship

Sean Claassen

Listening

Words for the children

Erin Graber

Worship song

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

Ben's Band

Prayer for the offering—Mennonite Central Committee

Sean Claassen

Scripture reading

Luke 11:1-13

Sermon

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Pastor Kurt Horst

Prayers for the church

Laura Sharp

Sending

Sending song

Psalms 40

Ben's Band

Announcements and benediction

Sean Claassen

Postlude

Sweet Hour of Prayer by Wm. Bradbury

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need arr. James M. Stevens

Upcoming Worship Services

June 13—Pastor Kurt will be preaching.

June 20—Pastor Susan will be preaching.

June 27—Rod Pauls will be preaching.

Happy Birthday!

Melody Bontrager—June 5

Darlene Bontrager—June 9

Camryn Entz—June 9

Lee Penner—June 9

Kaitlin Gligorevic—June 11

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, Ryan Goertzen Regier and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Jyl Ewy and Ben's Band. 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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THE LORD'S PRAYER



Transitional Information: Church and Staff Relations Committee have been in contact with Laura Goerzen about finalizing the details of her job description and starting date. Both will be shared with the congregation when they are complete. This is exciting news for FMC but the not so exciting news is that we will be saying good bye to Pastor Kurt as of June 6. He will no longer be in the office but he will be preaching three additional Sundays this summer so our wishing him well for the last time will be in July. More details will be announced in a few weeks. His gifts of preaching, guidance, and administration have been a blessing to us! The Search Committee does not, currently, have any Ministerial Leadership Forms to review for our second pastoral position, but we are hoping to have some in the very near future. Prayers are always appreciated for us as we move forward through this transition time of anticipating Laura's ministry beginning later this summer and our continued search for a person for our second full time position.

Volunteers needed to teach children's Sunday school! We are looking for teachers and helpers from June through August to teach children's Sunday School via Zoom. Sessions take place on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 9:30 AM. Curriculum is provided. Must be trained in Safe Sanctuaries policies. For more details, please contact Stephanie Weaver.

Volunteers needed for Summer Enrichment Activities for kids (and families) (SEAK). First Mennonite Church is partnering with Newton Area Peace Center, New Creation Mennonite Church and Shalom Mennonite Church to provide activities and help serve lunch to neighborhood children this summer. The program will be held Monday—Thursday, June 7-July 29. We will be planning and supervising the activities and helping serve on Wednesdays. We will need about three volunteers each Wednesday from 11:15 AM to 12:30 PM. In past years, First Mennonite provided water-based activities, so if you don't mind visiting and playing with kids with possibility of getting soaked once in a while please contact Miriam Goertzen-Regier or anyone on Outreach Commission.

Save the date: Saturday, June 12. Property is planning a work day from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. There are several projects that we would like to get done but lack the time and people power to accomplish them. Please let Kevin Hamm or John Good know if you are planning to attend but we won't turn you away if you just show up. (Kevin Hamm, Brent Voran, Mason Unruh, Rod Wedel, John Good—Property Committee)

SR. HIGH YOUTH



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

Bring the Peace! VBS for Preschool through upper elementary will take place June 28-July 2. Join us online Monday-Thursday and in person on Friday, July 2, 9:00-11:00 AM at Fischer Field. VBS will again be a joint venture between First Mennonite, Faith, Shalom, New Creation Fellowship, Bethel College Mennonite, and Casa Betania. Please register at <https://forms.gle/SB3mHuUEzmkgYUKb6> by Monday, June 7. Questions? Contact Jennie Wintermote.

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

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.

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.

Announcements

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.

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.

MCC Central States COVID-19 update: We look forward to re-opening the MCC office in North Newton on July 6. Please keep us in your prayers as we consider our protocols, processes and capacity. Material resources donations continue to be accepted in the 24-hour donation room. Financial donations can be made at mcc.org, mailed to the office (MCC Central States PO BOX 235 North Newton, KS 67117) or dropped off by appointment. Please call the MCC office at 316-283-2720 with any questions. Thank you for continuing to support the work of Mennonite Central Committee.

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.

Everence to hold *Basics of investing* webinar: Everence will host a free, online webinar, *Basics of investing*, on Tuesday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. Register for this webinar to learn about:

- The fundamentals of investing.
- Different types of investments available.
- How faith values can play a role in your investment decisions.

To register, or learn more about this webinar event, please visit our webpage at everence.com/kansas.

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 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 May 30—109.

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 or put down. As we are all God's children, may nothing diminish what each offers.

A support group for survivors of sexual abuse will meet on June 8, under the guidance of a professional counselor. If you have experienced sexual abuse and think you might benefit from meeting with others and a professional please contact Laura Sharp, a member of the Caregiving and Membership Commission, at laura.sharp.msw@gmail.com for more information about the meeting.

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 are glad to share that Rod Pauls will be present with us on June 27, sharing about his work with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. More details to follow.