

Praying for Justice

July 11, 2021

Gathering

Welcome

Janice Good, worship leader

Meditation music

Morning has Broken arr. Martha Mier
Nora Miller, pianist

Call to worship

Janice Good

Listening

Words for the children

Jenna Ratzlaff

Worship song

In the Morning, O God
Pastor Kurt and Pastor Susan

Prayer for the offering—Local Missions

Janice Good

Scripture reading

Psalm 12
Janice Good

Sermon

Praying for Justice
Pastor Kurt Horst

Release and farewell of Pastor Kurt Horst

Janice Good, Church Board Chair
Ron Ratzlaff, Church and Staff Relations

Prayers for the church

Dennis Good

Sending

Sending song

Praise God VT 70
Amanda Rempel and Joan Entz

Announcements and benediction

Janice Good

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Victor Labenske
Nora Miller, pianist

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, Tim Regier, Joey Menninga, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Nora Miller, Pastor Kurt, Pastor Susan, Amanda Rempel, Joan Entz. Thank you to Cindy Unruh for the visual art. Property Committee: John Good.

Upcoming Worship Services

July 18—Clarence Rempel preaching.

Happy Birthday!

Steve Voth—July 11
Delora Decker—July 12
Paul Buller—July 13
Clay Nye—July 14
Myrna Grochowsky—July 15
Rhonda Brown—July 16
Rannie Goering—July 16
Ella Koop—July 16
Wendy Funk Schrag—July 16
Cora Voran—July 16
Evelyn Smith—July 17

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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support you've shown us. We would ask for your prayers - and if you are interested in sending a message of support or encouragement, you can do that! Just email any such missives to the group at tammydುವanelunruh@gmail.com and Tammy will see that the group receives it. Thanks so much!

The Allies group, which supports people with various sexual identities and their families and friends, will be meeting at FMC on Wednesday, July 21 at 6:00 PM, in room 224 for pizza and to do the online orientation module of the Safe Zone Project which can be done in person as a group or as an individual online. For more information about the meeting or the Safe Zone Project: thesafezoneproject.com/ please contact Wendy Funk Schrag at pwschrag@cox.net.

As we prepare for the upcoming remodel, we are planning two work days. July 24 will be spent cleaning out the classrooms to be remodeled and the classrooms in the basement that will be affected by the remodel. August 7, we will be removing ceiling from basement classrooms to access plumbing needs for the remodel. In order to make this successful, we will need your help. Please save the dates! We are very excited about the final results and what this will mean for the children of First Mennonite. For a short time, things will be in disarray and we ask for your understanding and patience during this process. We will keep you updated as we work through the details. ~The Property Committee

All are Invited to Attend Upcoming Safe Sanctuaries Training! Everyone who currently works or hopes to work with children in any capacity at church is **REQUIRED** to participate in our Safe Sanctuaries training in August. (This includes Sunday school teachers and helpers, nursery attendants, youth group leaders, children's feature presenters, etc.). The purpose of the training is to ensure that our faith community remains a safe place for children and vulnerable adults. Though the training is required for those who work with children, everyone is encouraged to sign up. The training will be in two parts: a 38-minute video produced by Dove's Nest and a follow-up presentation by Executive Director, Anna Groff, facilitated via zoom. There are two options for viewing the video: 1) On August 8, you can receive a link via email to the video to watch at your convenience by August 15, OR 2) On August 15, you can come to the church from 9:00-10:00 AM to watch the video. Then, on August 22, you are required to participate in the zoom discussion with Anna Groff, either from home or at church, from 9:00-10:00 AM. Please contact Sara Rickard at sararickard@gmail.com with any questions and to indicate whether you plan to participate virtually or in person.

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School — Sunday, July 11
- Youth Group — Thursday, July 15 — Leaving for Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

Transitional Information: The Search Committee continues to experience a pause in our work pending Ministerial Leadership Forms to be submitted to us from WDC. We are hoping for some before the summer is over but we know we have an exciting church life date coming within a few weeks. August 23, is the official start date for Pastor Laura to join us at FMC! Her installation service will be on Sunday, August 29. Pastor Susan continues her expanded summer hours which we are thankful for and Tammy continues her work as High School Youth Coordinator this summer. The summer preaching schedule is complete with Pastor Kurt preaching today. There is a special time in our worship service today for a final release and a cookie time after the service for an opportunity for the congregation to say thanks for all Kurt's work with us the past nine months. Life goes on for FMC this summer and it is good! Thank you for your continued prayers. They are a blessing to our pastors, and our Search Committee.

Community Announcements

Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. Encourage someone you know who has gifts for ministry to check out this distance-friendly nondegree AMBS program! Journey supports learners as they explore spiritual leadership in their local churches and communities and deepen their understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry with a dedicated mentor. Those who sign up by July 13 can save \$100! amb.edu/journey.

Join us in saying thanks to WDC Administrative Assistant Nancy Funk! If you would like to share an expression of appreciation for Nancy in anticipation of her retirement at the end of August, you are invited to stop by to visit with Nancy at the WDC office (2517 North Main Street, N. Newton, KS) over the next several weeks, or to send a note to her at WDC, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117, or wdc@mennowdc.org.

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!

Extra help needed for summer youth camps! Camp Mennoscah has paid and volunteer positions for grounds, maintenance and custodial positions. For college age folks, there is a weekly stipend position for a lifeguard, grounds, or custodial position. Contact Camp Mennoscah by email olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290 or for details. You will make camp an amazing experience for everyone!

The MCC Central States office in North Newton, KS will be open to the public starting Tuesday, July 6. Regular office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:00-5:00 PM. Masks are respected but not required for fully vaccinated adults. We look forward to welcoming you back at MCC! Contact us at 316-283-2720 or centralstates@mcc.org.

Everence will host its popular workshop, *Make Medicare an easy step*, as a webinar on Tuesday, July 13, 6:30 PM. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting our office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Bluestem Communities will host its annual community dementia forum, Innovations in Living with Dementia, as an online webinar on Wednesday, July 21, 6:30 PM. The presentation is entitled, "I Already Told You...Don't You Remember?: Understanding Memory Loss, Dementia and Dementia Communication," and is presented by national-known dementia educator Erin Bonitto. The webinar is free, and one credit of CEUs approved by the State of Kansas is available as an option for \$15. Whether you're a professional caregiver or someone caring for a loved one living with Alzheimer's Disease or other dementia needs you to know. Register at bluestemks.org/dementiaforum. Registration is required. Spaces are limited.

Want to be an integral part of a young adult's life? Become a unit leader for Service Adventure, a gap-year program for ages 17-20 from Mennonite Mission Network. Unit leaders, who are at least 24 years of age, serve as mentors to the young adults in the Service Adventure household. Leaders are needed in Johnstown, PA. Learn more by contacting SusanN@MennoniteMission.net.

August 28 is the next Work Day at Camp Mennoscah! We'll remind you again, but save the date. You make camp great!

Shaking up the WDC Assembly worship on Saturday evening, July 31! Virtual participants, grab your supper at home, and onsite participants, get your supper from a food truck (at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, KS), then join us for a time of worship and communion around the supper table. We hope you'll join us for this and other creative worship times, seminars/webinars, and more July 30-August 1, as part of the WDC Annual Assembly. For more Assembly information, go to: mennowdc.org/2021-wdc-annual-assembly/.

Announcements

The offering for July 18 will be 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 firstmennonite-newton.org or contact the church office.

First Mennonite Church by the numbers—attendance for July 4—110.

Everyone is invited to a Cookies with Kurt time following the worship service today. Please come to the Gathering Area following the service for an opportunity to say thank you to Kurt and Elaine for their time with us and enjoy a cookie and some lemonade!

Congratulations to Clay Nye and Macy Rice who were married on Saturday, June 26. They are living in Columbus, GA. May God grant them many years together.

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.

The southeast parking lot by the playground will be blocked off 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 safe 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.

This week, the FMC Youth Group leaves for a week of service at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in Divide, Colorado! We have been looking forward to this trip and the opportunity to serve together for a long time, and we are so thankful for the