

# *Prayer and Peace*

## August 15, 2021

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### **Gathering**

#### **Welcome**

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

#### **Meditation music**

*Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*, Traditional  
Free arrangement by Donna Stucky, organist

#### **Call to worship**

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

### **Listening**

#### **Words for the children**

Pastor Susan

#### **Worship song**

*Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands* VT 485  
(verse 1, communion verse, and verse 4)  
Daryl Unruh, leader

#### **Prayer for the offering—Local Missions**

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

#### **Scripture reading**

Joshua 20:1-5, Jeremiah 29:4-7, Colossians 3:10-17  
Casson Schmidt, worship leader

#### **Sermon**

*Oriented in Peace*  
Pastor Susan

#### **Response Song**

*Let Us Build A House* VT 36  
(vs. 1, 3, and 5)  
Daryl Unruh, leader

#### **Prayers of the church**

Elena and/or Dave Wiebe

### **Sending**

#### **Sending song**

*The Lord Your God is With You* VT 173  
Daryl Unruh, leader

#### **Announcements**

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

#### **Postlude**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* by John Hughes, arr. James Mansfield  
Donna Stucky

**All rows remain seated during postlude.**

**Thank you.**

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*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, Brian Kennell, and Melody Enns are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Donna Stucky, Daryl Unruh. Thank you to Carol Goering for the visual art. Property Committee: Brent Voran.*

## Upcoming Worship Services

**August 22**—Michelle Rucker, pastor of Halls A.M.E. Church, preaching.

**August 29**—Installation of Pastor Laura Goerzen and Laura will also preach.

**September 5**—Pastor Laura preaching.

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### Happy Birthday!

Kent Erb—8/16

Phil Gaertner—8/16

Anne Groves—8/16

Xander Bartel—8/17

Brielle Sharp—8/17

Ryan Weaver—8/18

Rob Thieszen—8/19

Carol Goering—8/20

**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  
August 15, 2021**

**Transitional Information:** It's all good news about the work of finding our second settled pastor! The Search Committee is reviewing Ministerial Information Forms for possible candidates and scheduling interviews for candidates we feel would be a possible "fit" for FMC. This is the part of the journey that is confidential so specific information cannot be shared but as soon as it is possible to announce a candidate we will be happy to do so. The other good news on our settled pastor journey is we are moving closer and closer to Pastor Laura's start date and installation. Monday, August 23, will be her first day in the office and Sunday, August 29, will be her installation service. Prayers for both aspects of our process continue to be appreciated. We are moving closer and closer to a fully staffed pastoral team!

**You are invited to view** the Memorial Display for Helen Entz in the display case in the Gathering Area. The Caregiving and Membership Commission wishes to honor persons who passed away during the required limitations beginning March 2020.

**The south, east, and west doors have a new keypad/system.** We are in the process of improving our door keypad/camera system. When you use any of these doors, touch the screen, and then the pin symbol on the lower right. Then you will enter your door code and add four ones (1111) at the end of your code. You will not enter the star (\*). Contact the Church Office if you need help with using the new keypads.

**Are you planning to teach** or help with Children's Sunday School this fall, or are interested in doing so? Nurture Commission would love your input as we plan the upcoming fall quarter! Please join us via zoom on Wednesday, August 18, at 7:00 PM, to discuss creative options for keeping children's Sunday school safe, meaningful and fun. Please contact Stephanie Weaver at [stephweaver@live.com](mailto:stephweaver@live.com) to receive the zoom link.

**Have you felt God calling you to enter pastoral ministry but need financial support for attending a seminary?** The good news is that our church will cover the cost of tuition and housing for any member attending an Anabaptist seminary. The Anabaptist Seminary Fund which has been approved by the church board has now been funded with a beginning \$9,000 gift. Contact Janice Good or Don Schmidt for further details.

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

**Local Missions Update:** Thank you for your generous gifts so far this year. As of July 31 we are \$4,900 in the black. In the fall months however our expenses will be increasing so please bear that in mind when you give your offering in the coming months. Betty Pauls, Treasurer

**Fall Sunday School quarterlies** and Rejoice are available for pick up in the Gathering area.

## Community Announcements

**The next Work Day at Camp Mennoscah** is August 28, with all sorts of fun projects! Meet at the Maintenance shed at 8:30am and bring your lunch and a water bottle. Come for a partial day, if that's what works! You are important to Camp Mennoscah's ministry! Call or email us at 620-297-3290 or [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org)!

**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, [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org).

**The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Annual Meeting** will be Thursday, August 26, 6:00 pm at First Mennonite Church, McPherson. The cost of the meal is \$20.00. Please RSVP to Barb BJ Reeves at [bj.reeves@live.com](mailto:bj.reeves@live.com) or 620-543-6863 by August 22. We will be checking with health information sources regarding group meetings closer to the date for everyone's protection. The funds will go to the McPherson Housing Coalition for the construction of Oak Harbor Cottages for low income/homeless families.

**New curriculum now available from MCC!** Conflict is a normal part of life. It arises in our workplaces, in our churches and with our families. To help people to learn to work through divisive issues, Mennonite Central Committee has produced a new adult Sunday school curriculum, [Peaceful Practices: A guide to healthy communication in conflict](#). It invites churchgoers to follow Jesus' call to peacemaking through dialogue with each other in nine sessions. The curriculum is available to download for free, or in print for a suggested \$5 donation. Please direct questions to [karinkaufmanwall@mcc.org](mailto:karinkaufmanwall@mcc.org) 316.283.2720 or curriculum author Jes Stoltzfus Buller at [peacefulpractices@mcc.org](mailto:peacefulpractices@mcc.org).

**Kansas MDS Unit sponsoring** two Learning and Service trips to McAllen, Texas. The dates of the two trips are October 16-23 and February 19-26, 2022. Participants will leave Kansas on Saturday morning traveling to San Antonio, TX, staying overnight. Visiting San Antonio Mennonite Church on Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon traveling to McAllen, TX for the MDS project. **Costs:** Lodging and meals on the two traveling weekends. MDS will cover the remainder of the expenses. **Reservations:** To make your reservations or for more information contact Cleo Koop at [cleohkoop@gmail.com](mailto:cleohkoop@gmail.com) or call 316-282-0797.

**MCC Treats & Beats, August 26 from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. at MCC in North Newton!** Join us for this relaxed come-and-go event featuring ice cream treats from Salted Creamery and beats from the talented Kevin Gaeddert! Drop in, grab some ice cream and enjoy a little music as our thank you for your support of the work of MCC!

**Just Desserts,** a dessert and music fundraiser for Offender Victim Ministries, is Sunday, August 29, 6:00-8:00p.m. at the Carriage Factory Art Gallery Park at 126 E. 6th Street. 'Piece of the pie' promo tickets can be reserved at [offendervictimministries.org](http://offendervictimministries.org). See the poster in the Gathering area for more information.

## Announcements

**The offering for August 22** 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 [firstmennonitenewton.org](http://firstmennonitenewton.org) or contact the church office.

**First Mennonite Church worship attendance**—August 8—117.

**The southeast parking lot** by the playground will be blocked off today, August 15. The K-5th grade children's Sunday school class will be meeting outside in this space today.

**This is the week!** Students are back at school for many of our area school systems. As we pray for students, teachers, staff, parents, this worship service will help us remember that children can come to sense God's presence in those around them, and within themselves.

**Safe Sanctuaries Training Reminder and Instructions:** Anyone who works with children or youth is **required** to complete our Safe Sanctuaries training which is held every 4 years. **This year it includes watching a video AND a follow-up discussion.** Here is a link to a 38 minute video to watch online: <https://youtu.be/z4ej5VF0tEc>. If you wish to watch the video in person instead, it will be shown during the Sunday School hour on **Sunday, August 15, 9:00 AM**, in the Fellowship Hall. If you watch the video online, you will need to complete a post test. The post test is located at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FMCSS2021>. We suggest you have the post test open while you watch the video and toggle back and forth to complete the survey while you are watching the video. The post test was e-mailed out this week or is available from the church office to print out while you are watching the video if that's easier. If you fill out the paper post test, please turn it in to the church office by August 15, but no later than Friday, August 20. If you watch the video in person on August 15, you will not need to complete a post test. On **Sunday, August 22, 9:00 AM**, please attend a discussion time of the video with Anna Groff from Dove's Nest. Anna will be joining via Zoom. You may join either in person or via zoom. The zoom link will be sent out closer to the event. If you are unable to join August 22 or have any questions, please contact Sara Rickard at [sararickard@gmail.com](mailto:sararickard@gmail.com).

**Do you have trouble hearing in the sanctuary?** Thanks to a generous donation, we have installed a new hearing assist system. There are eight units that can be picked up and used during the service along with earbuds. If you have hearing aids that are compatible with t-loop, we also have the capability put the sound into your hearing aids. If you would like to use a hearing assist unit this Sunday, stop by the sound booth before the service.