

# *Installation for Pastor Laura Goerzen*

**August 29, 2021**

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## **Gathering**

### **Welcome**

Janice Good, worship leader

### **Meditation music**

*For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Victor Labenske

Nora Miller, pianist

### **Call to worship**

Janice Good, worship leader

## **Listening**

### **Words for the children**

Sara Rickard

### **Worship song**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Greg Bontrager, leader

### **Prayer for the offering—Scholarship Fund**

Janice Good, worship leader

### **Service of Installation for Pastor Laura Goerzen**

Heidi Regier Kreider, Western District Conference Minister

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### **Scripture reading**

Genesis 1:1-5, 26-28, and 31

Janice Good, worship leader

### **Sermon**

*Beginnings*

Pastor Laura Goerzen

### **Prayers of the church**

Ryan Koehn

## **Sending**

### **Closing hymn**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Greg Bontrager, leader

### **Announcements and benediction**

Janice Good, worship leader

### **Postlude**

*Be Thou My Vision* arr. Victor Labenske

Nora Miller, pianist

**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](http://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 Melody Enns are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Nora Miller and Greg Bontrager. Thank you to Carol Goering for the visual art. Property Committee: Alan Entz*

## Upcoming Worship Services

September 5—Pastor Laura preaching.

### Happy Birthday!

Alyssa Becker—August 29  
Susan Jantzen—August 29  
Harry Ensz—August 29  
Rick Ortman—August 30  
Henry Nickel—August 31  
Delia Schroeder —September 4  
Matthew Shelly—September 4

**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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# Beginnings



*First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS*

**Transitional Information: PASTOR LAURA started this week!** She is here, moved into her office, and beginning the process of taking on her role as one of our new settled pastors. The interview process has begun for the Search Committee with two possible candidates and references have been checked. The Search Committee is working well as a team and moving along on the journey for another settled pastor. Everything is moving forward for an exciting and busy Fall in the life of FMC! Please continue to pray for our Pastors, Search Committee, and the Church Board as we are still on a journey to seek and do God's will for our church family.

**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 (\*). **All doors** now have a keypad that have a bell for you to push to be let in the church if you do not have a code and come during office hours. When coming to the church and you need the door unlocked to get in, please hold the bell symbol on the pad until it chimes and the office will then be able to communicate with you through the intercom. Contact the Church Office if you need help with using the new keypads.

**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.

**Check out the September Connections Newsletter** for reports from Western District and Mennonite Church USA gatherings this past summer.

**Fall Sunday School** quarterly's and Rejoice are available for pick up in the Gathering Area.

### Community Announcements

**Just Desserts,** a dessert and music fundraiser for Offender Victim Ministries, is **today** 6:00-8:00 PM, 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.

**Saturday, September 4—Kauffman Museum's monthly bird walk** will be a special event in cooperation with the Kansas Humanities Council: a book and poetry walk with Megan Kaminski and Molly Zahn from the University of Kansas. Start time will be at 9:30 AM at the museum's front door. For more information, call 316-283-1612 or e-mail [kauffman@bethelks.edu](mailto:kauffman@bethelks.edu).

## SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School —Sunday, August 29
  - Youth Group—Wednesday, September 1, 6:00 PM
- Check your email for more information on Sunday School and Youth Group.

**Women's Retreat:** All women 13 years and older are invited to the annual Women's Retreat being held Saturday, September 11 and on Sunday, September 12 at Camp Mennohah near Murdock, KS. Kathy Neufeld Dunn will be our main speaker on *Re/Connecting with God and Each Other*. Whether we need time to reconnect with God, with our sisters in Christ or both, Women's Retreat is a chance to do that. Join us for a special time of focus on spiritual and emotional connection with each other and the One who loves us and cares for us beyond imagining. More information and registration forms are at this link: [mennowdc.org/womens-retreat-2021/](http://mennowdc.org/womens-retreat-2021/). Covid rules and restrictions will be followed, and a few things will look different so please read the information carefully. We hope to see you there!

**WDC and Bethel College invite you to save the date** for Bethel's 5th Biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College—*Joining Voices Together*, November 5-8, 2021, featuring the new denominational hymnal, *Voices Together* (2020). This worship book is resonating across Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada as we reach for connection with each other and with God's work in the world. The Symposium will include convocation speakers on November 5 and 8, seminars and evening worship on November 6, and guest presenters in area congregations on November 7. Come gather around stories that shaped *Voices Together*; contemplate the visual art curated for this collection; experience historical, contemporary and intercultural worship; and develop tools for adopting new resources in your worshiping community. More information and registration available soon at [bethelks.edu/worshiparts](http://bethelks.edu/worshiparts).

**Camp Mennohah is seeking a full-time** Director of Development, Marketing and Communications to lead our ongoing operational and advancement needs. This position reports directly to the Board of Directors while taking directive from the Executive Director when related to operational considerations. As a member of a small, very hands-on staff, the role is expected to be highly collaborative. This professional must embrace the mission of Camp Mennohah, have an established background in coordinating nonprofit donation strategies, possess strong written, interpersonal, leadership and relationship building skills, and work as an independent contributor with good organization and follow-through. Most of the work will commence off campus, however some in-person time at camp is required. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled and early submission is encouraged. Please send application materials (resume, cover letter, references and salary requirements) to [campmennojobs@att.net](mailto:campmennojobs@att.net).

## Announcements

**Sunday, September 12 – KIPCOR Film Series resumes live**, with *The Prison Within*, at 2:00 PM, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Individuals incarcerated in San Quentin Prison and charged with murder take a journey of redemption through participation in a restorative justice program. Talk-back to follow. **Bethel's COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors regardless of vaccination status.**

**September 26 is a Camp Mennoscah Combo!** It's the Hymn Sing-Dessert Auction and Annual Meeting all in one! There are still details to be determined, but plan on some hymn singing (masked and distanced), bidding on delectable desserts, and information about Camp Mennoscah's year. We'll keep the details coming your way!

**Join MCC in prayer** and support for those suffering in our world. MCC has prepositioned relief materials in Haiti for immediate use. Earlier this month an additional shipment of supplies was sent to Haiti and is expected to arrive in September. MCC continues to respond to needs around the world in Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Congo and other crisis areas. We greatly appreciate your monetary donations to keep current projects going and to help with extra expenses due to recent disasters; and we could use your help in replenishing our supplies of relief kits and hygiene kits. Questions can be directed to 316-283-2720 or [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org)

**What's coming up at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary?** Download our *Coming Up* flyer to see our lifelong learning and academic offerings for the 2021–22 academic year at: [ambs.edu/coming-up](http://ambs.edu/coming-up).

**The August edition of *On the Level*** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: A couple who served as RV volunteers reflect on their time with MDS, bridges are constructed in collaboration with Engineers in Action and MDS, and MDS actively monitors the wildfire situation in the western and central U.S. and British Columbia. To read the edition go to: <https://conta.cc/3D1sPDO>.

**There are volunteer opportunities for you!** Camp Mennoscah has year-round work to support the maintenance and upkeep of the campus and facilities. We can accommodate every group size, skill set and length of project you would like to tackle. Email [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer.

**Praise God from whom all Blessings flow!** Today we welcome Pastor Laura Goerzen in our midst, the first of many Sundays of worship. We are glad you are here! We also welcome Western District Conference Minister Heidi Regier Kreider. Heidi has worked with our congregation's search committee over these months and is present this morning to officially install Pastor Laura as a Pastor, part of First Mennonite's pastoral team. Welcome, Conference Minister Heidi!

**We welcome Pastor Laura's family**, husband John and kids Jacob (9<sup>th</sup>), Oliver (7<sup>th</sup>), and Martha (preschool). May we all experience the joy of mutual love given as a gift to the people of God.

**COME MEET PASTOR LAURA AND HER FAMILY**—Because of Covid protocols, we will not be able to have our traditional potluck to welcome Pastor Laura and her family following her installation service this Sunday BUT we are going to have a "Meet and Greet" time with her and her family immediately following our worship service **today**. Please join us for cookies as we welcome Pastor Laura and her family to FMC.

**The offering for September 5** will be for the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. 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 22—110.

**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.

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

**Dave Wiebe is now a part of Western District Conference Executive Board**, approved by ballot at the WDC Assembly on July 31. Dave is filling an unexpired term and will begin a two-year term at the September meeting. May God's spirit of relationship and discernment rest upon you, Dave.