

Prayer and Children

August 8, 2021

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Gathering

Welcome

Susan Jantzen, pastor

Lighting of the candle

We light this candle to remind us that Christ is with us when we worship.

Meditation music

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying by Ken Medema
Melody Bontrager, pianist

Call to worship

Susan Jantzen, pastor

Hymn

O, Little Children, Gather VT 515
Joan Entz, leader

Listening

Worship song

Be Still and Know VT 37
Andrea and Ben Regier
(you are invited to sign along with Andrea as she sings)

Words for the children

Matthew 19:13-15
June Thomsen

Prayer for the offering—Local Missions

Susan Jantzen, pastor

Scripture reading

John 1:1-9
Susan Jantzen, pastor

Sermon

Prayer and Children
June Thomsen

Responding

Song

Jesus Loves Me
Joan Entz, leader

Prayers of the church

Larry Entz

Sending

Sending song

Go, My Children VT 830
Joan Entz, leader

Announcements

Susan Jantzen, pastor

Benediction/Snuffing Out the Candle

The light that was in one place is now in all places at all times.

Postlude

Imaginary Landscapes by Lauren Van Rooyen
Melody Bontrager, pianist

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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, Joey Menninga, Eric Murphy, and Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Melody Bontrager, Joan Entz. Thank you to June Thomsen for the visual art. Property Committee: Brent Voran.

Upcoming Worship Services

August 15—Pastor Susan Jantzen, preaching.

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!

Keith Knopp—August 14

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
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Exercise Your Spiritual Muscles!

A huge "Thank You" to everyone who has filled out the Time and Talent Survey during the past three weeks. While this is the last week for a drawing, we hope that those who have not submitted the survey will do so ASAP. The link to the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/timetalent>. It will also be sent out from the office for one more week, and will be available from the office after that, upon request. Again, our thanks. ~June Thomsen, for the Gifts Discernment Committee

*If you need a paper copy, please contact the church office.

The south door has a new keypad/system. We are in the process of improving our door keypad/camera system. At this time, the west and east doors are still on the current system, and you are welcome to use those doors at this time. If you choose to use the south door 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 keypad.

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 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.

A support group for survivors of sexual abuse will meet on August 10, under the guidance of a professional counselor. If you have experienced sexual abuse and think you might benefit from meeting with other survivors and a professional please contact Laura Sharp, a member of the Caregiving and Membership Commission, for more information about the meeting. laura.sharp.msw@gmail.com.

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!

The southeast parking lot by the playground will be blocked off August 15. The K-5th grade children's Sunday school class will be meeting outside in this space for this Sunday. Please find other places to park on those Sunday mornings. Thank you.

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.

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!

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.

Climate Intercessors and Pray and Fast for the Climate are praying in anticipation of the Conference of the Parties 26 in Glasgow, Scotland, November 1 to 12, 2021. Mennonite Creation Care Network (MCCN) encourages congregations to join this prayer effort. (climateintercessors.org. prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk)

The Mental Health Spiritual Retreat held over Labor Day Weekend will take a hiatus to review and reflect upon mission. There will be no retreat in the fall of 2021.

Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible—September 15-October 26. Join Susannah Larry, PhD, and Drew Strait, PhD, to study pertinent biblical passages and reflect on how these texts form practices of peace and justice today. This online AMBS short course lasts six weeks. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by August 18 to save \$50! ambs.edu/shortcourses

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 cleokoop@gmail.com or call 316-282-0797.

MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride--September 18 at MCC in North Newton! Sign up today to take part in the ride and raise money to support MCC. Go to mcc.org and click "get involved" there you will find the link to register.

Announcements

The offering for August 15 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 or contact the church office.

First Mennonite Church worship attendance—August 1—115.

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.

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.

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.