

Voices Together Celebration

September 26, 2021

Gathering

Welcome

Joey Menninga, worship leader

Meditation music

Free arrangement on Hymn tunes:

Come Away from Rush and Worry VT 9

We Come VT 225

There's Nothing Worth More (Nada vale Mas) VT 369

Jyl Ewy, pianist

Call to worship

Joey Menninga, worship leader

Listening

Words for the children

Jenna Ratzlaff

Worship song

Build My Life VT 92

Joey Menninga and Jyl Ewy

Prayer for the offering—Local Missions

Daryl Unruh

Scripture through responsive reading

Psalm 100 VT 20

Songs of the Heart

The Lord is King VT 64 (vs 1 and 4)

Ella Regier, read by Erin Graber

Matt Graber, piano

Holy, Holy, Holy VT 76 (vs 1 and 3)

Dave Wiebe

Be Thou My Vision VT 549 (vs 1 and 3)

Rannie Goering

Prayers of the church

Renee Hamm

Sending

Sending song

In My Life, Lord VT 754

Barb Claassen, Laura Goerzen, Susan Jantzen,

Joey Menninga, Daryl Unruh

Announcements and benediction

Joey Menninga, worship leader

Postlude

Kirisuto no heirs ga (May the Peace of Christ) VT 843

Jyl Ewy, 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. Today, Sarah Koehn, Ryan Koehn and Melody Enns are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Jyl Ewy. Thank you to Connie Claassen for the visual art. Property Committee: Mason Unruh.

Upcoming Worship Services

October 3—World Communion Sunday. Pastor Laura preaching—*Joy Rides*—
Philippians 1:1-26.

October 10—Pastor Laura preaching—*Joy Rebels*—Philippians 1:27-30.

October 17—Kay Neff and Lance Pollingyouma of Peace Academic Center,
Kykotsmovi, AZ

Happy Birthday!

Jeryl Murphy—September 26

Pamela Garcia—September 30

Mason Unruh—September 30

Tyler Shelly—October 1



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

**First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
September 26, 2021**

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SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School—in person and Zoom—9:15 AM
- Youth Group—Wednesday, September 29, 7:00-8:30 PM
Community Group puzzle planned for youth group this week!
Come help us figure it out! Usual protocol of mask and lawn chair.

The Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission gives leadership to our efforts to extend God's love to the world through ministries of mission, evangelism, peacemaking and social justice. If you are curious about current projects of this group, please contact one of the members listed in the back of the church directory. If you feel led to be a part of this group, please contact Keith Knopp, member of the Gifts Discernment Committee, at

Healthcare Workers Need Your Support—Our local hospital workers are experiencing lots of stress related to this pandemic right now. Could you write a short note to let them know you are praying for them, you are thinking about them or that you are thankful for their critical work? Paper for this activity has been placed on a table in the Gathering Area. Kids pictures are welcomed! If you want to leave them in Carol Goering's mailbox at church she will deliver them during the month of September.

You are invited to view the Memorial Displays for Helen Entz and Otis Unruh 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.

Community Announcements

Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting will be held today, 3:30 PM, at Hope Mennonite Church (Wichita, KS)! Due to the recently increased Covid-19 transmission, the Camp Mennoscah gathering scheduled for September 26 has changed. The dessert auction and hymn sing portions of the event will not take place as originally planned due to the increased concerns of safety regarding food and singing. This event will be replaced with another opportunity in the future. Updated details will be shared with you as soon as they're available. We will still meet today for the Camp Mennoscah Annual Meeting! You are invited to join in person at Hope Mennonite Church (Wichita, KS) or on Zoom. A link will be shared in upcoming weeks. Please bring a mask, if attending in person. We welcome you to join us to look back on our memorable past summer and look forward to where camp is going in the next year and beyond.

Bethel College Chamber Orchestra concert will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 7:30 PM, in Memorial Hall

Plan to see the fall play, *The Game's Afoot* by Ken Ludwig on September 30-October 3 at Hesston College Campus, Keim Center. Murder mystery comedy. Presented in the Black Box Theater. Showtimes are: September 30, 7:00 PM; October 1, 7:00 PM; October 2, 7:00 PM; and October 3, 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 per adults/seniors and \$5 for students and can be purchased at hesston.edu and click the Fine Arts tab. **Masks required for audience members.**

KIPCOR Peace Lecture with Mark McCormick, "Peace: It's a Choice," will be Thursday, September 30, 7:00 PM, in Memorial Hall. McCormick is a former columnist for the *Wichita Eagle* and former executive director of The Kansas African American Museum in Wichita, and is currently director of strategic communications for the ACLU of Kansas.

Kidron Bethel Village in North Newton and Friends of Kidron will host its annual Country Breakfast on Saturday, October 2, from 7:30 to 9:00 AM. This year's event will be a drive-thru with to-go pick up for the menu of breakfast burritos and fruit. Pull up to the front door at 3001 Ivy Drive and breakfast will be delivered to your vehicle! Free will donations will support Friends of Kidron and the Health Care Benevolent Fund.

Bethel College's Fall Festival— September 30-October 3, with most activities taking place Saturday, October 2, on campus. Features include music, food, class reunions, football, exhibits in the Regier Art Gallery and Kauffman Museum, the comedy *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* [revised], and the STEM Symposium honoring Professor Emeritus of Chemistry Richard Zerger. See www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival for the complete schedule and ways to buy tickets online.

Bakers and Crafters Needed! Help support Bethel College Women's Association by donating pies for BCWA's Pie-By-The-Slice booth or any baked item or craft item for the Market in the Round at Fall Fest 2021. Peppernuts, zwieback, cinnamon rolls, and coffee cakes are popular items! Bring your pies (no refrigerated or custard pies please) to Seminar A in Schultz Student Center from 4:00 to 6:30 PM, Friday, October 1 or from 8:00 to 11:00 AM, Saturday, October 2. Baked goods and craft items can be dropped off at the Luyken Fine Arts Center Rm 140 on Friday, 1:30-4:30 PM or Saturday 7:00-8:00 AM. All proceed go to support Bethel College.

Everence to host informative webinars in October—Beginning Tuesday, October 5, Everence Financial will host three informative webinars. Topics include *Making Medicare an easy step, Maximizing your year-end giving and Estate planning basics*. The online events are free. To register, or for more information, visit www.everence.com/kansas or contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294, or central.kansas@everence.com.

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 pro-

jects 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.

Fall Fun Volunteer Day! Saturday, October 9, is a Work and Play Day for all ages. Come with your friends, your kids or grandkids and even your own work group! Let us know you're coming so we have the best projects for your skills at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org. Please bring your water bottle and a sack lunch. Mask and distance at your own comfort level. Meet at the maintenance shed by the red apartment at 8:30 AM. Stick around afterwards for one last kayak or canoe ride or a hike around camp!

Come hear the Paradizo Choir of Amani Community Church, Wichita, Kansas, at Hesston Mennonite Church on Sunday, October 10, 4:00 PM. The choir is sharing the Benefit Concert for the Amani Building Fund toward an initial goal of raising \$50,000. Translation of Swahili-language songs will be projected in English. YouTube videos of the Choir may be found under Amani Community Church.

The annual Hispanic Ministries—IBA Burrito Benefit Sale will take place Friday, October 15. Order to go (drive thru pick up) at First Mennonite Church—429 East 1st Newton. For any inquires contact Violeta Ajquejay Suastegui call 316-281-4342 or email at: VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Register at www.campmennoscah.org! There is only one Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat. Lodging will be in the Retreat Center and cropping/crafting will be in the Main Camp dining hall. Space heaters will be available for both areas since the repairs for the furnaces will not be complete by the beginning of November. Fees for the Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat have increased to \$150 to meet higher costs and the use of multiple facilities. For those who find the increase prohibitive, there is an option to receive up to \$25 in scholarship funds per person as part of the registration process.

MDS volunteers needed: Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) calls for volunteers with a heart for service and an attitude of flexibility. Volunteers are needed in Paradise, California; Jennings, Louisiana; McAllen, Texas as well as other work sites organized by local Units. MDS is seeking volunteers who, while eager to get back out there, must be ready to roll with both safety precautions and schedule changes as COVID-19 cases fluctuate. Call 1-800-241-8111 or go to mds.org to learn more. As these projects prepare to open, MDS wants volunteers to know that we are working to make sure that they have a meaningful experience and that it is as safe as possible.

The September edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: A Virginia family now has a way home, thanks to MDS Volunteers, Canada farmers work together to battle drought conditions and clean up continues in the wake of Hurricane Ida. <https://conta.cc/3EjI00M>

Announcements

The offering for October 3 will be for Western District. 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—September 19—134.

The Allies group meeting which was scheduled for today, September 26, is being postponed. Watch for a later date.

Everyone is invited to a MEET AND EAT gathering today, 5:00 PM, in the south parking lot hosted by the Church Board. Please come and enjoy sloppy joes, baked beans, potato chips, and cake. All you need to bring is yourselves and a chair to sit on! Everything else will be provided by the Church Board. It has been a LONG time since we have had a potluck and the Church Board felt it was time to reconnect! Come and enjoy a meal (our version of a potluck), conversation, and connecting with some of us you haven't seen for a while. We hope to see you there!

We will be celebrating communion on October 3, World Communion Sunday. Please consider your relationships with God and with others and you prepare to participate in a ritual that connects us to the worldwide Christian body of faith.

Mark your calendar! October 10, 6:30 PM, in our sanctuary, Rosi Penner Kaufman will be helping us explore our new hymnal, *Voices Together*. Rosi has been is Minister of Music and Worship since 2000 at Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City, is an organist, choir director and has taken the six-week courses our seminary offered on *Voices Together*. One of our First Mennonite quartets will be singing songs as we explore them. Come join us for **An Evening of Voices Together!** All who come, masking and social distance required.

A support group for survivors of sexual abuse will meet under the guidance of a professional therapist on Tuesday, September 28. If you have experienced sexual abuse, you are welcome to attend. Please contact Laura Sharp from the Caregiving and Membership Commission for details.

Transitional Information: The Search Committee continues with the interview process for our second pastor. We are, once again, in the phase of working behind the scenes until we can share with the church about our efforts. Please be patient with us as we move through this confidential and important step on our journey. Your prayers have been felt and appreciated; please continue to remember us in this critical stage of discernment.