

Teach Me

October 17, 2021

Gathering

Welcome

Wendy Funk Schrag, worship leader

Meditation music

Speak, O Lord

by Keith Getty/Stuart Townsend

Donna Stucky, pianist

Call to worship

Wendy Funk Schrag, worship leader

Listening

Words for the children: *Food and Light*

Ken Frey

Worship song

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty VT 88

Daryl Unruh, leader

Passing the Peace

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Prayer for the offering—Local Mission

Wendy Funk Schrag, worship leader

Scripture

Psalm 25:4-7

Wendy Funk Schrag, worship leader

Sermon

Teach Me

Kay Neff and Lance Polingyouma

Prayers of the church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Sending

Sending song

Thy Word Is a Lamp VT 398

Daryl Unruh, leader

Announcements and benediction

Wendy Funk Schrag, worship leader

Postlude

To God all Glory Given

by Rachel Sawyer

Donna Stucky, organist

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, Eric Murphy, Brian Kennell and Tim Regier are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Donna Stucky and Daryl Unruh. Thank you to Michelle Claassen for the visual art. Property Committee: Rod Wedel.

Upcoming Worship Services

October 24—Tammy Duvanel Unruh—*Joy Empties*—Philippians 2:1-11

October 31—Remembrance Sunday

November 7—Pastor Laura Goerzen—*Joy Shines*—Philippians 2:12-30

Happy Birthday!

Naaman Frey—October 17

Krys Hiebert—October 17

Bryan Becker—October 18

Elvera Suderman—October 19

Megan Voth—October 20

Barry Bontrager—October 21

Jerry Decker—October 21

Seth Bontrager—October 22

Dave Goering—October 22

Kevin Hamm—October 23



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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Peace Academic Center

First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS

Transitional Information: The Search Committee continues with the interview process for a candidate for our second pastor position. It's during this phase that confidentiality is extremely important which often leads some to question if anything is really happening. As soon as we can publicly share some good news we will! We continue to need your prayer support as we move forward.

The Allies group, which supports people with various sexual identities and their families and friends, will be meeting at FMC on Sunday, October 24, 4:00 PM, in room 224. For more information contact Wendy Funk Schrag at pwschrage@cox.net.

Remembrance Sunday is October 31. During that worship service, a designated person will light a candle for each name as it is being read. In addition to a reading of the names of those of our congregation who have died since last November 1, **you are invited to write the name of a person** you would like remembered. Please send it to the church office via mail or email. Thank you!

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.

Community Announcements

The dam at Camp Mennoscah will be removed today! The fun will begin at approximately 2:00 PM. All are welcome to help with removing and cleaning the boards or simply to watch. The dam will be removed whatever the weather, unless deemed dangerous. Contact Camp Mennoscah if you have questions.

Circle of Hope—Tuesday, October 19, there will be a presentation by Hesston College nursing students. The general public is invited to attend. Circle of Hope meets every Tuesday at First United Methodist Church at 801 N. Main in Newton. Dinner at 5:30 PM; group gathering 6:30-8:00 PM. First and third Tuesdays are open to the public.

On October 26, November 6, and November 16—Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Mennonite Men are co-sponsoring *Knowing Your Narrative: Unpacking Our Stories of Masculinity and Equity*. This three-part series of events, facilitated by Ben Tapper with the Kindred Collective, seeks to unpack narratives around masculinity, faith, and equity. After completing the series, participants will be able to coherently articulate their own personal narratives, identify the ways they've been shaped by masculine messaging, and reframe their own masculine identity so it is more inclusive and holistic. For more info and to register visit amb.edu/narrative. Early registration

ends October 19. If you have any questions or we can be of assistance, feel free to reach out to Steve Thomas at stevet@mennonitemen.org.

In the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College: "Roots and Wings: Our Gift from Mother Nature," is a group exhibition by the Springdale Arts and Nature Center, Halstead, including sculpture by Beth Vannatta, through October 22. Gallery hours: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Monday-Friday and Sunday, 2:00-4:00 PM. Bethel's current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors regardless of vaccination status.

MCC in North Newton currently has over 800 sets of comforter tops and backs that need to be tied, as well as kits of fabric that can be sewn into more tops. MCC's partners all around the world value these handmade comforters as useful, beautiful and tangible expressions of love. If you or your sewing group would be interested in tying or sewing for MCC, or if you have questions and are curious about how to make a comforter, please contact Kate Mast at the MCC Material Resources Center at katemast@mcc.org, or 316-283-2720.

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.

Mennonite Mission Network currently has two positions open for interested candidates: Human Resources Specialist and Finance Manager. See full job descriptions and apply through the Employment section of the Mennonite Mission Network website or direct questions to Marissa Stewart at MarissaS@MennoniteMission.net.

Please save the date for the Kauffman Museum annual Living Endowment Dinner on Saturday, October 23.

- Due to continued health concerns associated with the Delta variant we will host a pick-up/drive-by/delivered fall fundraising meal.
- The museum will again collaborate with Elderslie Farm of Kechi to bring you a locally sourced meal.
- In anticipation of the spring museum exhibit celebrating 125 years of a museum on the Bethel College campus (now Kauffman Museum!), the dinner will reflect menus of 1896 when the museum first opened.
- Reservations = \$125 per person. (Get it?)
- Watch for an invitation in the mail and instructions for online reservations.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, TELL YOUR FRIENDS, AND PLAN TO MAKE RESERVATIONS!

The Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra kicks off its 65th season with the Fall Classics concert on Sunday, October 24, 4:00 PM, at Bethel College Memorial Hall. Guest Conductor Elliot Moore leads "Pictures at an Exhibition," "The Moldau," and Mozart's "Piano Concerto No. 12," featuring Christina Liu. Tickets are \$15 adults/\$7 students at the door or \$13/\$6 in advance, available at Faith & Life Bookstore, or online at www.nmkso.org.

The October 28th WDC Library Zoom discussion will be on *Who Are Our Enemies and How Do We Love Them?* by Hyung Jin Kim Sun. What did Jesus demonstrate and teach about loving enemies? How is nonviolence connected to Christian faith and spirituality? Isn't violence sometimes necessary? This book leads toward a deeper faith as we consider how to live with enemies in a violent world. See more about the book from Herald Press. Email crlib@mennowdc.org to borrow a copy of the book and to register for the discussion.

Newton Et Cetera Shop is getting ready for the holidays! Our Christmas Shop will open on Wednesday, November 3, and we'll continue putting out new holiday items throughout the remainder of the season. Please consider decorating your home or workplace with secondhand decor! We also have many gift items for sale during the holidays, including some extra special items such a diamond ring, local railroad memorabilia, and vintage German, Italian and American Christmas decor.

Send camp up in flames! The brush piles from the month-long tree trimming this past spring are ready to burn! Get a group together and schedule a day to burn (wind speed permitting). We'll keep trying until a day works! Contact Camp Mennoscah at office@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

Thank you for granting wishes! We are grateful for the recent donations of items off the Wish List. The list has more wishes and there are more projects to do. We can accommodate every group size, skill set and length of project you would like to tackle. Check out ways to get involved! Email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer. See the Wish List at campmennoscah.org.

Camp Mennoscah has openings for a part-time custodial/housekeeping position (10 hours) and a part-time office/administrative position (30 hours with benefits). Some of the office/administrative tasks can be done from home. For more information, contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Marlena Fiol and her husband Ed O'Connor have written a book about her parents Dr. John and Clara Schmidt. (Clara is a sister-in-law of Ella Regier. Clara was Edwin's sister) The book is titled *Called* and is about the extraordinary story of medical missionary pioneers, who were her parents. They are hosting an online event to talk about the book on Saturday, October 31, 7:00-8:00 PM. If you would like to join the online event, contact the church office and Tracy will send you the link to register.

The United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 26) will be held November 2021 in Glasgow. Consider holding leaders and participants in prayer.

Announcements

The offering for October 24 will be for Local Mission. 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, contact the church office or go to the church website: firstmennonitenewton.org.

First Mennonite Church worship attendance—October 10—120.

Offering for October 3 and 10 which includes online giving—Local Missions was \$14,686 and Western District was \$1,025.

Today we welcome Kay Neff and Lance Polingyouma to our worship service. Kay Neff is from Sedgwick, Kansas, where she and her family have farmed since 1990. Kay began working with the Old Mission School in 1996, and has been involved with fundraising, building and teaching at the school ever since. She returned to the Peace Academic Center full time in 2018 to help reopen the school and is currently serving as head of school. Lance Polingyouma is an alumni of the Old Mission School, and has served for most of the last 20 years as a board member of the Hopi Mission School Foundation, and raised funds and awareness of the school. As an advocate for the community, he currently works at the Peace Academic Center as the Cultural Liaison and student mentor.

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.

We are looking for singers to form an ensemble to help lead in worship on Sunday, October 31 (Remembrance Sunday). Barb Claassen will lead the group in singing two songs during the service as well as the congregational "Sending Song" toward the end of the service. There will be a rehearsal on Wednesday, October 27, 7:00 PM, to practice these easy to learn selections, with Covid precautions observed. Please let Barb (s.claassen@sbcglobal.net) or Pastor Susan (susanj@firstmennonitenewton.org) know that you would like to be involved so we know how many to plan for. Thank you!

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School—in person and Zoom—9:15 AM
 - Youth group—Wednesday, October 20—7:00 PM
- Check your email for more information on Sunday School and Youth Group