

Joy Empties

October 24, 2021

Gathering

Welcome

Wendy Funk Schrag, worship leader

Meditation music

Come, Now is the Time to Worship VT 29
Joey Menninga, Joan Entz, Jyl Ewy

Call to worship

Wendy Funk Schrag, worship leader

Listening

Words for the children

Andrea Enns Regier

Worship song

This is Amazing Grace
Joey Menninga, Joan Entz, Jyl Ewy

Prayer for the offering—Local Mission

Wendy Funk Schrag, worship leader

Scripture

Philippians 2:1-11
Wendy Funk Schrag, worship leader

Sermon

Joy Empties
Tammy Duvanel Unruh

Prayers of the church

Laura Sharp

Sending

Sending song

10,000 Reasons VT 111
Joey Menninga, Joan Entz, Jyl Ewy

Announcements and benediction

Wendy Funk Schrag, worship leader

Postlude

What Wondrous Love is This?
Traditional, arr. Mark Hayes
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, Joey Menninga, Joan Entz. Thank you to Michelle Claassen for the visual art. Property Committee: Mason Unruh.

Upcoming Worship Services

October 31—Remembrance Sunday

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

November 14—Anabaptist history quiz led by Jr. High

Happy Birthday!

Ethan Entz—October 24

Addie Kauffman—October 24

Cameron Weaver—October 25

Rod Schmidt—October 27

Gary Grochowsky—October 29

Sarah Koehn—October 29

Lewis Wiebe—October 29



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

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.

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!

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!

Save the date—Mennonite Central Committee works to meet hunger, sanitation and education needs around the world. One of the ways local people can help is at our yearly meat canning event. This year it will be November 16 and 17 for Newton area churches at the MCC mid states building in North Newton. Please go to: tinyurl.com/MeatCanning2021 to sign up. Financial donations are also needed. If you have questions, talk to Alan Entz or call the MCC office.

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School—in person and Zoom—9:15 AM
 - Youth group—Wednesday, October 27—7:00 PM
- Check your email for more information on Sunday School and Youth Group

Community Announcements

The Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra kicks off its 65th season with the Fall Classics concert today, 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.

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 ambs.edu/narrative.

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.

Sunflower Performing Arts: Sunflower Soirée—October 31, 3:00 PM, at Hesston Mennonite Church. (formerly known as Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts) Sunflower Performing Arts series will open with the first-ever Sunflower Soirée, a concert of local and regional artists that also promotes the season ahead and kicks off the organization's annual patron drive. Free of charge, this event will feature the following artists: pianist Karen Schlabauh; The Sunflower Trio; flautists Kristin Shaffer and **Kenna Graber**; guitarists Howard Glanton and Excier Rodriguez; soprano Holly Swartzendruber and pianist Karen Unruh; and musicians Ken Rodgers and Russell Adrian. Sunflower Performing Arts season tickets can be purchased or picked up at the concert. Tax-deductible donations can also be made to Sunflower Performing Arts during this time. Light refreshments will be served. Audience members are required to wear masks while inside the church, and the artists will wear masks when not performing.

Circle of Hope 9th Annual Celebrity Servers To Go—Tuesday, November 9, 2:00-5:00 PM. This event will be a pick up/delivery event. More information and the menu is on the board in the Gathering Area. Deadline to order is Friday, October 29. Call 316-284-0000 to order a meal.

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.

Alexanderwohl Names 1622-2020—is a fascinating collection of birth names as recorded in the 400-year church records of the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel, KS. The author, Brian D. Stucky is a retired Art and Photography teacher, coach, local historian, tour guide and lives in Goessel, KS. There is more information and how to purchase the book on the table in the Gathering Area.

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 Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty presents: *United Against the Death Penalty: All Roads Lead to Repeal*. This will be held on Saturday, November 6, 1:00-3:00 PM, by Zoom. Please send your name and email address to info@ksabolition.org and they will send you the Zoom information. Please call 785-235-2237 if you have any questions.

Mennonite Mission Network currently has four positions open for interested candidates: Human Resources Specialist, Finance Manager, Director of Global Partnerships and Benefits Specialist. 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.

You are invited to the Region 3 Annual Meeting for MDS—November 12 and 13, Hesston Mennonite Church; 309 S. Main Street; Hesston, KS. The meeting is in hybrid fashion. (local and virtual) Online registration is at <https://tinyurl.com/2xa9bys9>. There are no registration fees. If attending local, masks and social distancing will be required. For virtual Zoom meeting go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2e4v6ups>.

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 as a diamond ring, local railroad memorabilia, and vintage German, Italian and American Christmas decor.

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, 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.

Announcements

The offering for October 31 will be for Mennonite Mission Network. 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: firstmennonitewton.org.

First Mennonite Church worship attendance—October 17—108.

In Sympathy—Margaret Coffman, (94) Carolyn Miller's mother, from Shipshewana, Indiana, passed away on October 16. Her funeral service was held on October 21. We extend our condolences to Carolyn, Kevin and the rest of their family.

In Sympathy—Dale Frans (74) of McPherson, KS, passed away on October 12. His memorial service was held on October 18, in McPherson. Dale was a member here at FMC and joined in 1993. We extend our condolences to Dale's family and friends.

Church Fall Event—Please join us today at 4:00-6:00 PM for a fun time of gathering and conversation. Come join us for a hayrack ride, walk along a trail, conversations with friends and refreshments. We will gather at Horst Family Farm 3910 N. Spencer Road, Newton. You will go north on KS-15 and turn east on NE 36th (Payne Oil Company is at that corner) and go for 1 ¼ miles and then left on Spencer Road for a ¼ mile. The place will be on the east side of the road. Everyone is welcome to join us for a fun time of fellowship! Please bring your lawn chairs. This event is planned and hosted by FMC Church Board.

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

This year, the Fall Congregation Meeting Agenda will mainly be approving the 2022 Annual Budget and approval of a slate of nominees for service in the calendar year 2022, plus some limited reporting. The Commission and Committee reports and the financial statements for the calendar year 2021, will be moved to the Spring Congregational meeting. This is more in line with the intent of our last Constitution revision. Commission and Committee reports for the calendar year 2021, should be written after the close of this year in January. Also, the annual report will include financial information for twelve months rather than nine months. **The Fall Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, November 7, immediately following the worship service. It will also be available by Zoom.**

~Don Schmidt, Moderator