

Joy Unites

November 21, 2021

Gathering

Welcome

Ken Regier, worship leader

Meditation music

Come, Thou Fount (VT 563)

American traditional/free arrangement by Donna Stucky (unpublished)

Donna Stucky, pianist

Call to worship

Ken Regier, worship leader

Passing of the peace

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Listening

Words for the children

Jenna Ratzlaff

Dedication of Everett Regier Koop

Worship song

I saw a Tree by the Riverside VT 514

Daryl Unruh, leader

Prayer for the offering—Local Mission

Ken Regier, worship leader

Scripture

Philippians 4:1-9

Ken Regier, worship leader

Sermon

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Pastor Laura Goerzen

Prayers of the church

Renee Hamm

Sending

Sending song

You Shall Go Out With Joy VT 847

Daryl Unruh, leader

Announcements and benediction

Ken Regier, worship leader

Postlude

Sing to the God of Harvest (VT 122)

by Johann Steurlein/ Arr. Dennis Eliot

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

Upcoming Worship Services

November 28—1st Sunday of Advent. Pastor Laura will be preaching—*Dare to Imagine God's Goodness.*

December 5—2nd Sunday of Advent—Judy Murphy—*Dare to Imagine God's Embrace.*



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: HIP! HIP! HOORAY! We have a second pastoral candidate! We aren't quite ready to share a name but please be patient until Sunday, November 28. The Search Committee and Church Board are excited to bring another candidate to our church family for our second pastor! Details about name, information, and candidating weekend will be shared. Please continue in prayer for this candidate, our church, and our seeking God's will for FMC.

Christmas is coming to FMC!! You are invited to help bring Christmas to our sanctuary. Join us on Saturday, November 27, 10:00 AM. We will be decorating the Sanctuary and the Gathering Area. Come join us and enjoy working together to provide beauty and cheer to our worship space. Thank you in advance.

~Daryl and Cindy Unruh and Kara Schmidt

Need assistance for Mental Health care? The Caring Fund grant would like to help. In your church mailboxes you will find more information. Also, there is more details from this project in the May 2021 Connections Newsletter.

Thank you to all who signed up for Advent Circles! Be looking for more information about your Circle coming out this week.

Harvest of Love—Throughout November and December, the Salvation Army invites you to join in our annual food and fund drive to support people in need in our county. The need for canned items is greater than it has been in the past because of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Items always needed are canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce, hamburger helper, tuna helper, cereal (of any kind), peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, and soups. Boxes are available in the Gathering Area and inside the west door by the elevator to collect nonperishable items. If you wish to make a monetary donation you may **write a check to Salvation Army** and place it in the box on the table in the Gathering Area. Every donation is a gift that makes a difference in our neighbors' lives!

Casa Betania Burrito Fundraiser—order your burritos by December 6. They will be ready for pick up on Thursday, December 9. Pick up will be a drive thru line in the east parking lot of FMC. You can choose to have your burritos cold or hot. The hot burritos will be ready to eat and comes with rice on the side. Email Pastor Graciela (pastortijerg@gmail.com) or Linda Shelly (lindajs81@gmail.com) to place your order. Cost is by donation.

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School--Sunday, November 21, in person and Zoom--9:15 AM
- NO Youth Group on Wednesday, November 24—Happy Thanksgiving!

The Kansas MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service) Unit is sponsoring a Learning and Service trip to McAllen Tx. The date is February 19-26, 2022. There are still a few spots open! This trip is kind of a new thing for MDS in that it combines service work with intentional time set aside for learning about the plight of immigrants along the Southern border. **Can we get a group together from First Mennonite?** Cleo Koop is leading the group, and you can contact him to learn more at 316-282-0797; cleohkoop@gmail.com or contact Chris Weaver our FMC contact person for MDS 620-242-7458.

Community Announcements

Check out the Advent resource for home use (written flexibly for all ages and household configurations) from MC USA. This resource follows the "Dare to Imagine" theme for Advent 2021 worship resources in Leader magazine. Download it at [Advent At Home 2021](https://www.adventathome2021.com) | [Mennonite Church USA \(mennoniteusa.org\)](https://www.mennoniteusa.org)

The next concert of the Prairie Window Concert Series, with Dan Rodriguez, will be today at 4:00 PM, at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and delicious food from Crust & Crumb in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$25 adults/\$15 kids, plus tax. Purchase tickets online at [dyckarboretum.org](https://www.dyckarboretum.org).

Bethel College Wind Ensemble Winter Concert—Monday, November 22, 7:00 PM, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Bethel's current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors with groups of 10 or more.

Full-time job opportunities are available in various departments at Mennonite Mission Network: Human Resources, Finance, Global Partnerships, and Training & Resources. See full job descriptions and apply at [MennoniteMission.net/Employment](https://www.MennoniteMission.net/Employment) or direct questions to StaffRecruitment@mennonitemission.net.

All bakers and craft makers are invited to make items for *5 Places of Christmas* on Saturday, December 4, at Goerz House on Bethel College campus. Bethel College Women's Association will again be selling baked goods, craft items, and poinsettias. Christmas candy, zwieback, peppernuts, poppyseed rolls, and cinnamon rolls are always great sellers. Please bring your items to Goerz House on Friday, December 3, from 1:30-4:30 PM or Saturday, December 4, from 7:00-9:00 AM. Thank you for your support of Bethel College!

Camp Mennoscah has an opening for 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.

Kauffman Museum at Bethel College seeks a visitor services coordinator: an organized, detail-oriented, social media-savvy, curious, friendly individual to work 75-100% FTE with visitors, school groups, volunteers and student staffers, and to do scheduling and internal office management. The VSC will be a part of a multitasking team of five. For the job description and to apply, [kauffmanmuseum.org/vsc](https://www.kauffmanmuseum.org/vsc). For more information, contact Andi Andres at asa@bethelks.edu; 316-283-1612.

We are grateful for you! We continue to get calls from volunteers and receive gifts of items off the Wish List. These items and projects help with the faith formation that happens at Camp Mennoscah. 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 these ways to Get Involved! and support camp's ministry. Email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer.

Get a seminary education at a distance! Strengthen your leadership skills and deepen your faith — from wherever you are located — through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's MA: Theology and Global Anabaptism (fully online); Master of Divinity Connect (with online and hybrid courses); or Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies (fully or partially online). We offer generous need-based financial aid, matching grants and scholarships! ambs.edu/academics.

NEW Seek discipleship program for young adults: Seek is a new six-month intentional discipleship program from MCC which encourages young adults (18-20 years of age) to learn more deeply what it means to be an Anabaptist follower of Jesus. The program will include multiple discipleship and service opportunities with MCC partners in Palestine and Israel and Jordan. The Seek program begins in January 2022 and takes place in Palestine and Israel. To learn more and apply for the Seek program, visit mcc.org/seek.

SALT applications are now open! Are you interested in learning a new language, visiting a new country, and joining a new community abroad? SALT applications are now open! Through SALT (young adults age 18-30), practice your skills in education, peace building, agriculture, community health care and more while connecting with the global Anabaptist community of faith. For more information, visit mcc.org/SALT or contact Abby Endashaw, Young Adult Programs Coordinator at MCC Central States abbyendashaw@mcc.org.

MCC seeking SWAP Location Coordinators in Hindman, Kentucky: MCC Appalachia's SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) program coordinates week-long service opportunities for young people and adults, to provide housing repair for low-income individuals and families. The Hindman Location Coordinators will plan and direct all aspects of the SWAP ministry in Hindman, Kentucky. MCC is also looking to connect with other ministries related to economic development and/or food security and would welcome location coordinators with these interests and backgrounds. Apply online for this opening by December 10 at mcc.org/swap-hindman-location-coordinators. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

Are you looking for a meaningful Christmas gift for friends or family? Give a gift of peace and inspiration with the **"Pause: Play, Breathe, Pray" card deck!** Developed by Mennonite Church USA Faith Formation leaders, each card has a different image on one side and a prayerful pause on the other. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/pause-play-breathe-pray.

Announcements

The offering for November 28 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, contact the church office or go to the church website: firstmennonitenewton.org.

First Mennonite Church worship attendance—November 14—127.

The offering for November 7 and 14—Local Missions—\$7,165; online giving for Local Missions—\$4,995; Mennonite Central Committee—\$600.

Local Missions needs \$22,000 in order for November to be completed in the black. Whatever you can do to help with this will be appreciated. Thank you for all you gifts to FMC!
~Betty Pauls, Treasurer

Thank you! Thank you for supporting the FMC Youth Ministries Turkey Dinner fundraiser! There were approximately 340 meals carried out on Wednesday evening! The donations totaled \$5864. The donations that will go towards our summer youth mission trip. Your prayers, your participation in our events, your loving support, and your donations are greatly appreciated. Thanks, again!

Pastor Susan will be out of the office this week, returning December 1.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, all bulletin announcements for next Sunday's bulletin need to be turned into the Church Office by this Tuesday, November 23 at noon.

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Roots of Justice Training will again be offered in Newton on January 14-16, 2022. This is an excellent training on anti-racism. Early registration discount cost is \$250 until December 1. Outreach Commission is offering \$150 scholarships to help with that cost for any from FMC who would like to attend. Please speak with Chris Weaver, Miriam Goertzen-Regier, Dave Wiebe, Bev Regier, or Pastor Laura if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

The registration form is: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/FAIpQLSfagGDfcJ6QDRYOMuSYUVZta0Q1416ITA0JH_sGjmNJk1LLA/viewform.

In addition, Outreach will match the funds donated for FMC scholarships with scholarships for community members including BIPOC and those without institutional backing, making it possible to enable maximum participation in our community. You also can donate for community scholarships at this link: www.flipcause.com/ecure/donate/MTMONTcw. Together we can support racial justice in the Newton community!