

Joy Shines

November 7, 2021

Gathering

Welcome

Kevin Miller, worship leader

Meditation music

Fresh and Green by Steve Bell
Ben Reiger

Call to worship

Kevin Miller, worship leader

Listening

Words for the children

Nick Sharp

Worship song

On the Wings of an Eagle by Steve Bell
Ben's Band

Passing of the peace

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Prayer for the offering—Mennonite Central Committee

Kevin Miller, worship leader

Scripture

Philippians 2:12-18
Kevin Miller, worship leader

Sermon

Joy Shines
Pastor Laura Goerzen

Prayers of the church

Sean Claassen

Sending

Sending song

This Little Light
by Harry Dixon Loes | Neil A. Johnson
Ben's Band

Announcements and benediction

Kevin Miller, worship leader

Postlude

Ashokan's Farewell
by Jay Ungar · Molly Mason

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, Ryan Koehn, Ryan Goertzen Regier and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Ben's Band Thank you to Cindy Unruh for the visual art. Property Committee: Kevin Hamm.

Upcoming Worship Services

November 14—Anabaptist history quiz led by Jr. High.

November 21—Pastor Laura Goerzen—Joy Unites—Philippians 4:1-9.

November 28—1st Sunday of Advent. Pastor Laura will be preaching.

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

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School—in person and Zoom—9:15 AM
 - Monday, November 8—Parents (and Youth) Meeting—7:30 PM on Zoom. Watch your email for a meeting link and other details. If you need a link and don't have one by meeting time, contact Tammy - 316-207-3472.
 - Youth group—Wednesday, November 10—7:00 PM
 - Tuesday, November 16 - Prep work for Thanksgiving Dinner
- Check your email for more information on Sunday School and Youth Group.

Scholarship Fund update. The Scholarship Committee, the parents and the students who are recipients of scholarship awards appreciate the continued support of the college scholarship program. It is a blessing to have a congregation who believes in and assists students from FMC who are pursuing higher education at a Mennonite Christian college. For the 2021 Fall semester, a total of \$4,000 was paid out to Bethel College for eight scholarships. The students and their parents plus the Scholarship Committee appreciate the past and current generosity of the congregation.

Save the date—Our FMC Youth Group will serve its annual Thanksgiving Dinner fundraising meal as a drive thru and pick up style on Wednesday, November 17, 5:00-7:00 PM. The menu of the meal is roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry salad, corn, whole wheat roll, and pumpkin desert. Please make your reservations online at: fmcyouththanksgivingdinner2021@gmail.com or by calling the FMC church office.

You are invited to view the Memorial Displays for Bob Schmidt 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.

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.

Nurture Commission is looking for approximately two dozen 8-12 oz. canning-type jars for an Advent project (no lids needed). Please contact Jennie Wintermote (jenniewintermote@gmail.com or call) if you have any you're willing to donate.

Transitional Information: The Search Committee has entered a critical time in the interview process where decisions about candidates are being made. We ask for your prayers for God's discernment for the committee, the Church Board, and our church family as we journey through this time. The Search Committee and Church Board have felt and appreciated your ongoing prayers. Please continue.

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 central 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.

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!

Community Announcements

The next concert of the Prairie Window Concert Series, with Moors & McCumber, will be today, 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: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. Purchase tickets online at dyckarboretum.org or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

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.

On 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 Kin-dred 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.

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 | Mennonite Church USA \(mennoniteusa.org\)](https://www.mennoniteusa.org)

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>.

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.

Looking for summer staff! Camp Mennoscah will be at Hesston College (November 8), Tabor College (November 9) and Bethel College (November 10) recruiting for summer staff with other Mennonite Camping Association camps. Camps are usually set up at tables near the cafeteria. We'll be there from mid-morning through lunch. Stop by to hear more about Summer 2022!

Life Enrichment at Bethel College has been canceled for spring 2022, due to ongoing health and safety concerns. Organizers hope to resume Life Enrichment in fall 2022.

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.

Announcements

The offering for November 14 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](https://www.firstmennonitenewton.org).

First Mennonite Church worship attendance—October 31—118.

Each Sunday, Pastor Laura is exiting to the front following our worship services to move to locations where people are gathering. We hope that over the weeks each of you is finding a way to greet Pastor Laura.

Our Fall Congregational Meeting will be today, immediately following the worship service. Main agenda items will be the approval of the 2022 budget, limited reporting, and action on the slate of nominees.

Thank you—Thanks so much for the cards and kind words that were given to us through my mother's passing. We appreciated each and every one of them.
~Carolyn and Kevin Miller

Thank you—We would like to thank the men from the Small Jobs Group who took down our shed from our yard and cleaned up the mess from taking it down last Saturday. We appreciate all the help so very much! ~Harland and Oneta Unruh

The offering and online giving for Local Missions from October 17, 24, and 31 was \$16,708.

The Caregiving and Membership Commission via email on November 2, accepted Stan and Esther Epp's withdrawal of membership. Blessings to Stan and Esther as they continue to serve God.

Advents Circles—Strengthening and Inspiring our Church Body during the Advent/Christmas season. Nurture Commission invites individuals and households who wish to connect with and pray for each other in a small, intergenerational setting to sign up for Advent Circles. We envision each circle meeting at least once (either in person or virtually) and staying connected through other methods (prayers, emails, snail-mail, etc) during the rest of the season. Nurture Commission will help assemble the Circles and provide suggestions for activities and ways to foster connection. We will be collecting sign-ups for Advent Circles through Monday, November 15. Questions or trouble signing up? Contact Pastor Laura or Jennie Wintermote.