Farewell for Tammy Duvanel Unruh February 13, 2022

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Gathering

Welcome

John Goerzen, worship leader

Meditation music

The Love of God by Robert Thygerson
Amanda Rempel, organist

Call to worship

John Goerzen, worship leader

Listening

Words for the children

Nick Sharp

Worship song

My Hope is Built VT 621

Prayer for the offering—Local Mission

John Goerzen, worship leader

Scripture

Isaiah 6:1-8

Sermon

Change is Going to Come Tammy Duvanel Unruh

Words of appreciation for Tammy Duvanel Unruh

Ron Ratzlaff, Janice Good, Youth and Youth Sponsors

Prayers of the church

Laura Goerzen, pastor

Sending

Sending song

Here I am, Lord VT 545

Announcements and benediction

John Goerzen, worship leader

Sending music

Jesus, Priceless Treasure by Johann Gottfried Walther Amanda Rempel, organist

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

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 Goertzen Regier, Ryan Koehn, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Woody and Nora Miller, Brent Voran, Susan Jantzen, Amanda Rempel. Thank you to Michelle Claassen for the visual art. Property Committee: Rod Wedel

Upcoming Worship Services

February 20—Sara Dick, manager for Newton Et Cetera Shop preaching. **February 27**—Pastor Laura Goerzen preaching.

Happy Birthday!



Lexi Pauls—February 13
Brooklynn Black—February 14
BJ Stahly—February 17
Conner Hiebert—February 19



Change is Going to Come

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First Mennonite Church Newton, KS

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 Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra will continue its 65th season with the Winter Classics concert today, at 3:00 PM, at the Tabor College Richert Auditorium in the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts (300 South Jefferson) in Hillsboro, Kansas. Chris David Westover Muñoz will kick off his tenure as conductor with the following works: Augusta Reed Thomas, Prayer and Celebration & Cesar Franck, Symphony #2 in D minor. This concert will also feature Caleb Garber, playing Lalo's Cello Concerto in D minor, mvt 1 and Takuto Kametsu, playing Mozart's Violin Concerto no 5 in A Major, mvt 1. Tickets are \$15 adults/\$7 students at the door or \$13/\$6 in advance or online at www.nmkso.org. Children 12 and under are free with an adult. Masks are required for attendance.

Everence will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income webinar on Tuesday, February 15, starting at 6:30 PM. Specifics will include Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be plenty of time for questions. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

MCC SALT applications are due by February 15! 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, practice your skills in education, peace building, agriculture, community health care and more while connecting with the global Anabaptist community of faith. For priority consideration, submit your application by February 15th! Learn more at mcc.org/SALT or contact Abby Endashaw, Young Adult Programs Coordinator at MCC Central States abbyendashaw@mcc.org.

Grand opening of Kauffman Museum's 125th-anniversary exhibit, *The Magic of Things*. Saturday, February 19, come-and-go, 2:30-4:30 PM, with remarks by lead curator Reinhild K. Janzen at 3:00 PM. **Current Bethel COVID protocols require masking indoors regardless of vaccination status.**

WANTED for the Kansas MCC Sale General Auction: Cars, Trucks, Tractors, Motorcycles, Campers, etc. Call Jerry Toews, 620-367-8257, for details and pickup now so we have time to get them cleaned up and ready for the sale in April. ALL proceeds go to MCC. We usually get GOOD prices for your donations. Help make a difference in the lives of those struggling around the world through MCC. Thank you!

Online Registration for the March 18-20 Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat is open! There is only one retreat in spring and only one in fall. Cropping and crafting will happen in the Dining Hall and lodging will be in the Retreat Center. As of February 1, masks are recommended inside per CDC guidelines; guidelines will depend on the state of the pandemic in March. Call 620-297-3290 with questions. Register at www.campmennoscah.org!

MCC Central States Annual Meeting will take place virtually on Saturday, February 26 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM. Please email tinaschrag@mcc.org for a link to the Zoom meeting.

MCC U.S. is hosting a Young Adult Peacebuilders Training in Colorado from March 6-11, 2022! Young adults ages 18-30 are invited to participate in a rich, week-long experience that will provide opportunities to build new relationships, visit organizations doing powerful work in and around Colorado Springs, and apply Anabaptist, Biblical foundations of peace and justice to real world issues. Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp will serve as a home base for participants, offering a beautiful and relaxing space to rest, study and have fun together as a group. This Peacebuilders Training will touch on themes of racial equity, immigration, mass incarceration, gun violence and conflict transformation. It will include trips to visit RAWtools, an organization working out of Colorado Springs to move communities away from violence, as well as Casa de Paz, an organization working out of Aurora to reunite separated families. Group time together to reflect on these and other learning experiences during the Peacebuilders Training will provide young adults with tools to implement their own dreams for peace and justice projects in their local communities. The participant fee is \$200. All other costs (including travel, lodging and meals) will be covered by MCC. Register at: mcc us.formstack.com/forms/ peacebuilderstraining.

Join the WDC Resource Library's Final Thursday Book Discussion on Thursday, February 24 to discuss, *Been in the Struggle: Pursing an Antiracist Spirituality* by Regina Shands Stoltzfus and Tobin Miller Shearer. Discussion will be via Zoom from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Register by emailing crlib@mennowdc.org. Copies of the book available at the library.

Peace Connections—Circle of Hope is looking to fill a three-five hour a week position for Tuesday night childcare. Information can be found at info@peaceconnections.org.

Please join MCC in praying for peace and safety for everyone in Burkina Faso and Ukraine. MCC staff and partners are safe in both countries and are following security protocols. In Ukraine, there are two SALT participants from Kansas Micah Epp from North Newton and Aaron Ensz from Buhler, please keep them and their families in your prayers as well.

Anabaptists & Philosophy Roundtable: On February 16, 10:00 AM, Philosopher Diane Enns will present on "The Reluctant Mennonite: Reflections on an Ambiguous Inheritance," with John Caruana providing a response. The Anabaptists & Philosophy Roundtable is an occasional webinar series featuring scholars discussing Anabaptist life and thought in relation to philosophical themes, topics and methods. RSVP online for the link at: ambs.edu/anabaptists-and-philosophy-roundtable

Prayer and Praise Notes February 13, 2022

Announcements

The offering for February 13 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.

During February, our Words for the Children will seek to expand our understanding by hearing stories from African American perspectives.

There are several homemade air filtration units available for use here at church to help mitigate the risk of Covid transmission. You will find them stored along the East wall in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to help yourself to the use of one or more in your classroom or gathering.

"Outreach, Mission and Peace Commission

Wanted: VHS recording of FMC's 2002 Christmas Eve program. A church member has expressed interest and we are trying to track a copy down. If anyone has a personal copy you'd be willing to loan out, let the church office know. Thank you!

A thank you email the church office received this week! Hello! I don't attend your church and you don't know me, however I just wanted to let you guys know that I have a cookbook I got from an auction and I guess it was put together by your church. It's called *The Cookbook Favorite Recipes from our Best Cooks*. And the date on it is from 1985. I just wanted to tell you guys that is my favorite cookbook out of all the ones I own. Thank you! ~Shawna C.

Combined Adult Sunday School Coming this Lent! All interested adult Sunday schools are invited to join Outreach Commission in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday school hour, 9:15-10:15 AM, March 6, March 13, March 27, April 3, and April 10 for a journey through the new curriculum from MCUSA called "Diversity: God's Design." March 20 will be a Sunday set aside for participating adult Sunday schools to meet separately and reconnect as small groups. Outreach is seeking ways to make this Sunday school option available via zoom in addition to in person. The curriculum features the work of leaders such as Sue Park Hur and Michelle Armster and explores many of the concepts of intercultural competency through a biblical lens. Outreach Commission is super excited about this Sunday school series and hopes you will join us!

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School—Sunday, February 13—9:15 AM.
- Youth Group for Wednesday, February 16—watch your email for information.