

First Mennonite Church Newton, KS

February 27, 2022

Gathering

Welcome

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Meditation music

There's Nothing Worth More

B. Torwalt/K Torwalt

Jyl Ewy, pianist

Call to worship

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Listening

Words for the children

Andrea Enns Regier

Worship song

10,000 Reasons by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Jyl Ewy, Joan Entz, Joey Menninga

Prayer for the offering—Local Mission

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Scripture

Genesis 3

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Sermon

Looking Towards Lent

Laura Goerzen, pastor

Prayers of the church

Laura Sharp

Sending

Sending song

Cornerstone

Jyl Ewy, Joan Entz, Joey Menninga

Announcements and benediction

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Sending music

Jesus Loves Me

William B. Bradbury/Arr. Shirley Brendlinger

Jyl Ewy, pianist

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, Sarah Koehn, Ryan Koehn, and Melody Enns are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Jyl Ewy, Joan Entz, and Joey Menninga. Thank you to Michelle Claassen for the visual art. Property Committee: Mason Unruh

Upcoming Worship Services

March 2—Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM

March 6—1st Sunday of Lent, Pastor Laura Goerzen

March 13—2nd Sunday of Lent, Clarence Rempel preaching



Happy Birthday!

Daryl Unruh—February 28

Alex Goering—March 1

Luke Myers—March 3

Larry Becker—March 4

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Looking Towards Lent



SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School—Sunday, February 27—9:15 AM.
- Youth Group for Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 PM—watch your email for information.

Camp Mennoscah Scholarships! There will again be \$100 scholarships available for those children and youth from FMC and Casa Betania who will be going to summer camp at Camp Mennoscah. More information will be in next week's bulletin.

DELEGATE OPPORTUNITY for MCUSA Special Assembly: FMC may send up to four delegates, including a youth delegate between ages 18-22, to an MCUSA Special Assembly May 27-30, in Kansas City. Delegates will vote on four important resolutions for MCUSA congregations:

Clarification on Mennonite Church USA Polity and the Role of the Membership Guidelines of Mennonite Church USA

MC USA For Justice Resolution

MC USA Accessibility Resolution

A Resolution for Repentance and Transformation

There are webinars available that provide detailed information on the resolutions and Church Board would encourage anyone who is interested in representing FMC, or simply desires to learn more about the process, to attend these online sessions before the assembly. You can access these webinars and more information at: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate-session-22/>. Church Board has approved covering the costs of the registration fee and lodging from our budget so only the cost of transportation and food would be at personal expense. Please contact Janice Good for further information ASAP if you are interested in serving as a delegate for FMC.

Financial support for covering the costs of the MCUSA Spring Assembly:

Church Board approved covering the costs of registration and lodging for this unscheduled assembly at the February Church Board meeting. Since this is a special assembly, costs to cover these expenses were not placed in 2022 Local Missions budget prior to its approval at the Fall Business meeting in November 2021. The cost for lodging and registration for four people sent as our delegates would be approximately \$2600. If you would be interested in supporting this cost with a donation designated as such, it would be appreciated. Any money or check given towards this expense should be designated as such in the offering. Thank you for your prayers for this session and your financial support.

~Church Board

Community Announcements

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!

All are welcome to join the fun at 14th annual MCC Comforter Blitz on March 7, 8 and 9 at the Journey Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, KS. Times are Monday and Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, and Wednesday 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Come and have a good time while helping others. No sewing skills required. Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own sack lunch. You can bring snacks to share during work day. Masks are highly encouraged and plan to practice social distancing. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC, to make good quality, beautiful comforters for MCC to send for warmth, comfort, and love all around the world. Please contact the MCC Central States office with questions at 316-283-2720, or check the Comforter Blitz Facebook Page, *MCC Comforter Blitz for Kansas*.

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!

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.

The WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force is sponsoring a Zoom book discussion of Jonathan Kuttab's book, *Beyond the Two-State Solution*. This event will take place on Tuesday April 5, 2022 from 7-8 pm CT. The first 20 registrants will receive a free copy of the book. To register email wdc@mennowdc.org or call (316) 283-6300 and provide your name, mailing address, and email address. Specific questions about the event may be referred to Bob Atchison, 785-313-2292 or by e-mail to robertleeatchison@gmail.com.

Mennonite Education Agency of Mennonite Church USA has released its free *Lent at Home 2022 worship guide and calendar* for download. The annual guide provides options for individuals and households to follow daily or weekly rituals, which include guided Scripture readings, prayers and special activities for the Lenten season. Download it here: mennoniteusa.org/lentathome.

Announcements

The offering for February 27 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.

Offering for Local Missions from February 6 and 13 was \$19,160.

Ash Wednesday service at 7pm. Join us in the Sanctuary this Wednesday for a 20-30 minute service of reflection, repentance, and grace. Those who wish will have an opportunity to receive a cross of ash on their hands or foreheads.

The Funeral Committee is updating its list for those willing to provide a dessert for a funeral meal for our FMC families. The Funeral Committee serves a light meal to families after a funeral. The meal includes a dessert. We need desserts (cookies, bars, pies, sheet cakes, etc). We hope to have enough willing bakers that we do not have to ask you to bring a dessert for every funeral. If you would be willing to provide a dessert, please email your name and email address to Jo Frye at jcfrye74@gmail.com or sign up on the sheet in the gathering area near the offering basket. We are also looking to update our list of those who would be willing to help serve and clean-up, if needed. Please let us know if you could be called upon to help there, as well. Thank you so much in advance. We are aware of the importance of this service to our families in a time of need. Thank you so much for your consideration!

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

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!

The new 2022 Yearbooks have been printed and put in your church mailbox. If you need additional copies or didn't receive one, contact the church office.