

Where Does Hope Go?

February 6, 2022

Gathering

Welcome

Carol Entz, worship leader

Meditation music

In Lonely Mountain Ways VT 589

Ben's Band

Call to worship

Carol Entz, worship leader

Listening

Words for the children

Penny Dorado

Worship song

Psalm 40: I patiently waited for you

Ben's Band

Prayer for the offering—Mennonite Mission Network

Carol Entz, worship leader

Scripture

Romans 8:18-25

Carol Entz, worship leader

Sermon

Where Does Hope Go?

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Prayers of the church

Larry Entz

Sending

Sending song

Zephaniah 3:17 (The Lord Your God Is with You) VT 173

Ben's Band

Announcements and benediction

Carol Entz, worship leader

Sending music

The Lorica

Ben's Band

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, Joey Menninga, Ryan Koehn, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Ben's Band. Thank you to Michelle Claassen for the visual art. Property Committee: Mason Unruh

Upcoming Worship Services

February 13—Tammy Duvanel Unruh, preaching. Farewell for Tammy.

February 20—Sara Dick, manager for Newton Et Cetera Shop preaching.

February 27—Pastor Laura Goerzen preaching.

Happy Birthday!

Brayden Fox—February 6

Charlynn Reimer—February 6

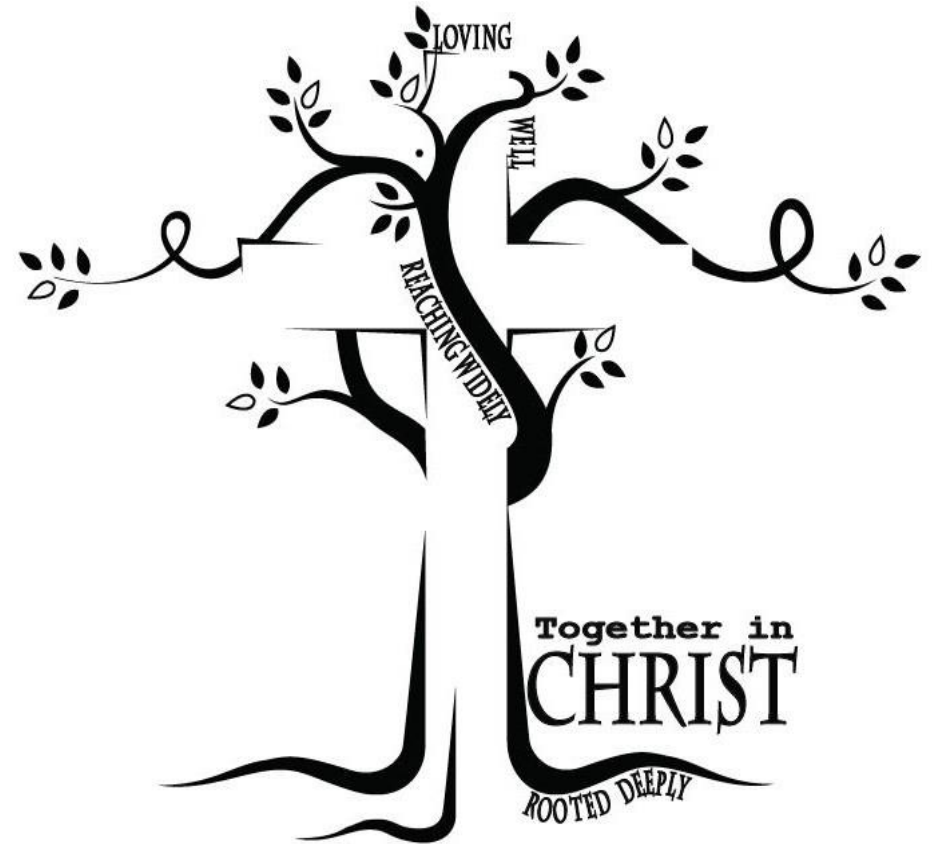
Peter Wintermote—February 6

Kara Schmidt—February 7

Paige Frye—February 7

Joshua Kennell—February 8

Stan Claassen—February 9



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**First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS**

Community Announcements

Bethel College Organ Recital Series with Dr. David Pickering of Kansas State University, Tuesday, February 8, 7:00 PM, in the Administration Building chapel. **Current Bethel COVID protocols require masking indoors regardless of vaccination status.**

Guest recital with Bethel College Professor Emeritus of Music Don Kehrberg, oboe, Friday, February 11, 7:00 PM, in the Administration Building chapel. **Current Bethel COVID protocols require masking indoors regardless of vaccination status.**

The Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra will continue its 65th season with the Winter Classics concert on Sunday, February 13 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.

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.

Job opportunities are available at Mennonite Mission Network. See full job descriptions and apply at MennoniteMission.net/Employment or direct questions may be sent to: StaffRecruitment@mennonitemission.net.

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. Contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org for more information.

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 1:00-2:30 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.

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.

Chaplain Needed: Prairie View seeks a part-time chaplain (approximately 16 hrs/wk) Must have CPE training. For a full job description for more information visit their website: prairieview.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.

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.

One more Sunday for online worship only! The Covid Protocol Advisory Committee has continued to monitor statistics about Covid cases in Harvey County this past week. Although we see a decline in positive cases our numbers are still high and the overall positivity rate is still above 20%. We have decided to be cautious one more Sunday. Please be aware that we are monitoring data almost daily and are making our decisions week by week. If numbers continue to decline we will resume offering worship services through in person and online and, hopefully, that will occur on February 13. Once again, we ask for your patience, participation, and prayers as we move through these times that require thoughtful consideration.

~Janice Good, Church Board Chair

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

You are invited to view the Memorial Displays for Donald Penner in the Library display case and Bob Schmidt and Otis Unruh in the Gathering Area. The Caregiving and Membership Commission wishes to honor persons who passed away during the required limitations beginning March 2020.

Contribution statements for 2021 have been placed in your church mailboxes. Please call the church office if you would like to have yours mailed to you.

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!

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School—Sunday, February 6—by Zoom, 9:15 AM.
- Youth Group for Wednesday, February 9—watch your email for information.