

First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
April 3, 2022

Gathering

Welcome

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Meditation music

Calling Out Your Name

Ben's Band

Call to worship

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

People: who makes a way in the sea and provides rivers in the desert.

Leader: God fills our lives with love and beauty as sweet fragrance fills the air.

People: We live within the abundance of God,

Leader: so let us laugh and shout for joy

All: as we worship God together.

Listening

Words for the children

Nick Sharp

Worship song

On the Wings of an Eagle

Ben's Band

Prayer for the offering—Mennonite Mission Network

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Scripture

John 12:1-8

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Sermon

Seeing Abundance

Laura Goerzen, pastor

Prayer of confession

Laura Goerzen, pastor; Oliver Goerzen, helper

Leader: Holy One, have mercy upon us, for your ways are higher than our ways.

People: Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

Leader: Forgive us for believing the myth of scarcity.

People: Help us live into your abundance.

(Helper moves compass)

Leader: as we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey,

let us see your way more clearly

ALL: and follow your way more faithfully.

Prayers of the church

Sean Claassen

Sending

Sending song

Now Thank We All Our God

Ben's Band

Announcements and benediction

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God (instrumental)

Ben's Band

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, Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship.

Musicians: Ben's Band. Thank you to Carol Goering for the visual art.

Property Committee: Rod Wedel.

Upcoming Worship Services

April 10—Palm Sunday, Judy Murphy preaches.

April 14—Maundy Thursday Communion Service.

April 17—Easter Sunday, Pastor Laura preaches.

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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From Scarcity to Abundance

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Full day youth retreat at Camp Hawk—today, 9:00AM-6:00PM
- Youth Group for Wednesday, April 6— 7:00 PM—watch your email for information.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Pies and Zwieback—we have been assigned to make 40 pies for the Relief Sale that will take place on April 8-9, at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. **There are still lots of pie tins available to pick up.** Information is on the table in the Gathering Area along with the pie pans. We have also been assigned to make 15 Dozen Zwieback. Both the pies and Zwieback need to be delivered to the sale on Saturday morning, April 8.

We will again be participating in the Kansas MCC Run for Relief in Hutchinson on April 9. And again we will be raising money for MCC. If you would be interested in sponsoring us through a financial donation to Mennonite Central Committee (100% of your donation will go directly to MCC), we would be most grateful. Your donation of any amount will go toward the important work of MCC relief and development work around the world. (Visit www.mcc.org to learn more) Both cash and check are accepted. Feel free to put your donation in our mailbox at church or mail it to us at 515 E. 3rd, Newton KS 67114, by April 8. Please make checks payable to *Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale*. We would love to raise \$1,000+ for MCC. Thank you for your support. —Forrest and Nora Miller

College scholarship money is available – If you (or a family member) will be attending (or are considering) a Mennonite college or university for undergraduate study or a Mennonite seminary during the 2022-2023 school year, you are invited to apply for

Wednesday Nights are BACK! Under a new name, “Community Night,” we will have activities following the curriculum “God Rocks!” from 6:30-7:30 PM, April 6, and 13. Everyone is invited to begin our time in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM for songs and a short skit. Then groups will disperse for more Bible study and fun. Masks requested, please.

- Preschool-Kindergarten group – will meet outdoors following the songs and skit until 7:15 PM. If weather is not favorable, activities for this age group will be cancelled. Contact Person: Jennie Wintermote.
 - 1st-5th Grade group – meeting location will vary between indoors and outdoors depending on the activities. Concludes at 7:30 PM. Contact Person: Laura Goerzen
 - Junior High group (grades 6-8) - meeting in the Fellowship Hall/junior high room from 6:30-7:30 PM.
 - High School – will continue its regular pattern of meeting at 7:00PM
 - Adults – Sorry adults, no teachers for this group have been found. You are welcome to come hang out, but no study for adults will be available.
- To-go snacks will be provided as activities conclude at 7:30PM courtesy of Fellowship Commission.

scholarship funds from FMC. ***By no later than Sunday, April 17, 2022***, submit the completed application to either Jyl Ewy or Ron Dietzel. For each school year, an FMC application must be completed. Some Mennonite colleges provide matching funds so your monies would be doubled when enrolled in one of those schools. Eligibility criteria for the FMC funds are provided on the application. The form is available in the Gathering Area at FMC; or, by contacting Ron Dietzel or Jyl Ewy.

Community Announcements

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, John M. Janzen, “Drums or Organ: Contesting Musical Styles in African Christianity,” will be Sunday, April 3, 3:00 PM, Kauffman Museum auditorium. This program is associated with the current special exhibit marking 125 years of Kauffman Museum, and Janzen will be talking about items included in the exhibit.

Bethel College Jazz Combo and Jazz Ensemble, featuring guest artist Aaron Linscheid, trumpet, will be Tuesday, April 5, 7:00 PM, Krehbiel Auditorium/Luyken Fine Arts Center.

The Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) has been responding to the Cottonwood Complex Fire in Reno County Kansas. We have completed 17 jobs of clearing debris from homes that were a total loss in the fire and have 5 more sites we are working on. We will be concluding the clean up phase of the disaster response soon. Thanks to all of the volunteers who responded with equipment and labor in this project, Cleo Koop Kansas MDS Chair person.

Join the MCC Thrifty 50 Challenge! 50 years ago the first MCC thrift shop opened and now there are 85 shops that provide millions of dollars each year for MCC’s work at home and around the world. To celebrate, we’re inviting you to sign up for the Thrifty 50 Challenge to get one practical challenge sent to your inbox and have a chance to win a \$25 MCC Thrift gift card every week. Visit thrift.mcc.org to find a shop near you and learn more about MCC Thrift!

Summer Youth Camp Registration Open! Register now for your week of faith, friends, and gobs of fun! We do not know exactly what to expect for the 2022 summer, but once again we will build on the Rock and play in the sand! While we hope for a summer with minimal restrictions, the pandemic may change by June and camp guidelines will change with it. Register at www.campmennoscah.org!

Youth grades 6-12 are invited to a weekend of Mennonite fun! Starting at the at the Kansas MCC Relief Sale at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson, KS, on April 9 (on your own or with your youth group) meet at 1:00 PM for a Camp Mennoscah picture at the big yellow slide. After the picture, youth can travel to Camp Mennoscah for the Youth Volunteer weekend. Registration will begin at 2:30 pm on Saturday and the weekend will end around 4:30 PM on Sunday. To register for the volunteer weekend visit <https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com/> (Registration is under Summer Camps).

Announcements

The WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force is sponsoring a Zoom book discussion of Jonathan Kuttub's book, *Beyond the Two-State Solution*. This event will take place on Tuesday, April 5, 7:00-8:00 PM. 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 e-mail to robertleeatchison@gmail.com.

Bethel College Women's Chorus concert, Sunday, April 10, 4:00 PM, Administration Building chapel (may be different from some previously printed calendars)

Everence will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income webinar on Tuesday, April 12, 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.

Newton Et Cetera Shop invites organizations to apply for this year's Local Giving Grants. Local Giving grants are made available by the Newton Et Cetera Shop board of directors. Application forms may be downloaded at newtonetceterashop.com/local-giving-fund/ and must be submitted by April 25, 2022 by e-mail to: localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com Micro-grants will be awarded to selected groups in June 2022, in amounts up to \$500.

Anabaptist Witness: Call for submissions. *Anabaptist Witness* welcomes submissions on "Mission and Health" for the October 2022 issue. Submissions can be from various genres and should relate to the journal's focus on Anabaptist and Mennonite churches in mission. What guidance do Scripture and Anabaptist/Mennonite theology offer for churches, mission agencies and missionaries faced with medical crisis? How might faith communities witness to God the Healer amid a pandemic? What does Christian witness to healthcare systems look like? The deadline is June 1, 2022. View guidelines: anabaptistwitness.org

MCC is seeking host families in Newton and Wichita Would you be interested in learning from and sharing a cultural experience with a young person from another part of the world? Do you know someone in Newton or Wichita who might be a great fit? MCC is expecting 3 international service workers to join our communities beginning in August of 2022. Host families are needed to provide a private bedroom, within their home, and serve as a bridge to church, community, activities and places of interest. A monthly stipend of \$350 is available for the host family to assist with the basics of food, toiletries and household expenses. If you are interested and would like more information about being a host, please contact Abby Endashaw at (720) 500-3413 or abbyendashaw@mcc.org.

The offering for April 10 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: firstmennonite-newton.org.

First Mennonite Church worship attendance—March 27—137

Offering for Local Missions from March 20 & 27--\$5,415; online Local Missions--\$5,258.

Deep thanks for your sentiments and your presence in these weeks of leavetaking from First Mennonite. Thank you. It has been a joy. And, there is more joy ahead for us all.
Godspeed, Susan Jantzen (for Jim as well)

Camp Mennoscah Scholarships! There will again be \$100 scholarships available for those children and youth from FMC and Casa Betania going to summer camp at Camp Mennoscah. If you need the link so sign up for a scholarship, please contact Stephanie Weaver.

Thank you to all who are attending the *Diversity, God's Design* class in person and online! We are so encouraged by your participation. During the next two weeks and for a couple of weeks following the class, there will be a selection of books to continue learning about diversity. There will be materials for adults and children on a cart downstairs during class time, and in the library during the week. Thank you to Jennie Wintermote for gathering these up for us! Also, we would like to compile a list of resources you have found helpful in your learning about diversity. Please send the names of books, movies, and other resources, such as websites or training, to Bev Regier chuckandbev.7@gmail.com.

Youth Group Auction: Only two and a half weeks left before the big auction on April 20! If you have an item you want to donate, please get information to Carol Entz, 283-0525, as soon as possible so it can be included in the auction listing. All proceeds will go toward our mission trip to the Hopi Peace Academic Center, Kykotsmovi, Arizona.

Calling all Singers! We would like to gather a choir for leading in worship on Maundy Thursday (April 14) and Easter Sunday (April 17). We will rehearse on Wednesdays, April 6 and April 13 as part of the Wednesday Community Night activities 6:30-7:30 PM. Please let Barb Claassen know (s.claassen@sbcglobal.net) if you would like to participate or if you have any questions.

A support group for survivors of sexual abuse will meet with the guidance of a professional therapist on Thursday, April 7. If you have experienced sexual abuse, you are welcome to attend. Please contact Laura Sharp from the Caregiving and Membership Commission for details: 574-849-7205.