

First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS  
March 13, 2022

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## Gathering

### Welcome

Carol Entz, worship leader

### Meditation music

*Wondrous Love* Dale Wood  
Amanda Rempel, organist

### Call to worship

Carol Entz, worship leader

Leader: Together we seek the way of God.

**People: As disappointment oppresses and violence threatens,**

Leader: we come to ask: Whom shall we fear?

**People: We come to be reminded of God's power  
and to be led more deeply into God's love.**

Leader: We long to gather under the wings of Christ, as a mother hen,

**All: and to learn the holy way of compassion.**

## Listening

### Words for the children

Chris Weaver

### Worship song

*As We Rise, O God, to Meet You* VT 39  
Wendy Funk Schrag, leader

### Prayer for the offering—Local Mission

Carol Entz, worship leader

### Scripture

Luke 13:31-35 and Psalm 27:1-5, 13-14  
Carol Entz, worship leader

### Sermon

*From Fox Fear to Mother Hen Compassion*  
Clarence Rempel

### Prayer of Confession

Carol Entz; Isaac Koehn, helper

Leader: Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways.

**People: Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.**

Leader: We seek God's ways.

**People: Forgive us for living with fear. Help us to live out compassion.**

(Pause)

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey,  
let us see your way more clearly

**All: and follow your way more faithfully.**

### Special music

*Precious Memories*  
Daryl Unruh

### Prayers of the church

Larry Entz

## Sending

### Sending song

*Healer of Our Every Ill* VT 644  
Wendy Funk Schrag, leader

### Announcements and benediction

Carol Entz, worship leader

### Postlude

*The Solid Rock* arr. by Don Hustad  
Amanda Rempel, organist

*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, Sarah Koehn, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Amanda Rempel, Wendy Funk Schrag, leader. Thank you to Cindy Unruh for the visual art. Property Committee: Phil Gaertner.*

## Upcoming Worship Services

**March 20**—Third Sunday of Lent, Pastor Susan Jantzen preaches.

**March 27**—Fourth Sunday of Lent, Pastor Laura preaches. Farewell for Pastor Susan.



**Daylight Saving Time  
begins this Sunday,  
March 13.**

### Happy Birthday!

Madelynn Hamm—March 13

Clarence Rempel—March 13

Jean Ann Unruh—March 15

Melanie Koop—March 16

Ken Regier—March 17

Sarah Myers—March 18

Sara Reimer—March 19

Kim Stahly—March 19



**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

### FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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**From Fox Fear to Mother Hen Compassion**

# SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School—Sunday, March 13—9:15 AM.
- Youth Group for Wednesday, March 16— 7:00 PM—watch your email for information.
- Save the date-Full day youth retreat at Camp Hawk—April 3, 9:00AM-6:00PM

**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.

**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.

**Youth Group Auction**—Did you mark your calendars? Wednesday, April 20, 6:00 PM, for the youth auction and meal. Many items donated by the youth and our church family will be sold. Be thinking of what you might like to donate--last time we had everything from a pickup load of firewood to a weekend cabin retreat. "The sky is the limit." For questions, call Carol Entz, 283-0525.

**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, March 23, 30, April 6, and 13. Everyone is invited to begin our time in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm 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 7:15pm. If weather is not favorable, activities for this age group will be cancelled. Contact Person: Jennie Wintermote.
- 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade group – meeting location will vary between indoors and outdoors depending on the activities. Concludes at 7:30pm. Contact Person: Laura Goerzen
- High School – will continue its regular pattern of meeting at 7:00PM
- Adults – Contact Person: TBD, we're still looking for a teacher!

To-go snacks will be provided as activities conclude at 7:30PM courtesy of Fellowship Commission.

**Homeless Shelter**—Our next week to serve New Hope Homeless Shelter is March 30-April 5. If you are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

**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](http://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

## Community Announcements

**The next concert of the Prairie Window Concert Series**, with DALA, will be today at 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: \$25 adults/\$15 kids, plus tax. Purchase tickets online at [dyckarboretum.org](http://dyckarboretum.org) or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

**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 at: [mennoniteusa.org/lentathome](http://mennoniteusa.org/lentathome).

**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!](http://www.campmennoscah.org)

**The dam in the Ninnescah River** will be replaced on March 20 beginning at 2:00 PM. Meet by the shelter/stairs to the dam. Everyone is invited to help or watch the process. Some activities are not appropriate for young children. Kevin Neufeld will organize and direct volunteers. Questions can be directed to Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290.

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**Youth Volunteer Weekend is April 9-10!** This weekend of service and worship for grades 6-12 returns with vigor. Start your weekend of fun on Saturday at the MCC Sale in

Hutchinson (on your own or with your youth group) and then bring the fun with you to Camp Mennoscah in the afternoon. Register at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org)!

**Kidron Bethel Village invites you** to share notes of dedication and prayer for the new chapel and classroom spaces that are currently being constructed as a part of the Live Forward capital project. We welcome a written or emailed response as we honor these new spaces and look forward to using them in the near future. Please submit your words of dedication by Friday, March 25, so they can be written and/or attached to the walls and framing meant to be left as a symbolic “blessing” of the space. Prayers and dedications can be emailed to [TonyaK@blustemks.org](mailto:TonyaK@blustemks.org). There will also be a collection box at the Kidron Bethel Village welcome desk. Notes can be signed or anonymous and will not be shared with others.

**Sunflower Performing Arts presents:** Kevin Vaughn, organ, and Stephen Lancaster, baritone—March 27, 3:00 PM, Hesston Mennonite Church in collaboration with the Andover Organ Series. Enjoy a splendid musical performance that will include *Five Mystical Songs* by Ralph Vaughan Williams joined by Bel Canto Singers. Info at [sunflowerarts.org](http://sunflowerarts.org).

**Kitchen helpers needed for Summer Youth Camps!** Your time and skill give campers a week of growing in Christian fellowship and experiencing God's great creation. Cooks need only willing hands and the ability to follow directions. Kitchen staff is needed for June 19-23, July 3-9 and July 17-23. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org).

**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/](http://newtonetceterashop.com/local-giving-fund/) and must be submitted by April 25, 2022 by e-mail to: [localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com](mailto:localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com) Micro-grants will be awarded to selected groups in June 2022, in amounts up to \$500.

**Newton Et Cetera Shop** invites you to become a volunteer! Help us to share God's love with all creation by volunteering in clothing, clerking, recycling, linens, housewares or one of our other departments. If you'd like to join us, please attend one of our upcoming volunteer orientations to tell us what interests you: Thursday, March 24, 6:0-7:00 PM and Saturday March 26, 11:00 AM-noon. We hope to see you soon!

**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](http://anabaptistwitness.org)

## Announcements

**The offering for March 20** 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](http://firstmennonite-newton.org).

**First Mennonite Church** worship attendance—March 6—145.

**Remembering Mary Enz.** Flowers, portrait, and “Precious Memories” song are at the request of Jim Enz in memory of Mary Enz, who passed away March 15, 2021.

**Combined Adult Sunday School this season of 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 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!

**Pastor Laura will be** out of the office this week, March 13-20.

**The Allies group**, which supports people with various sexual identities and their families and friends, will be meeting today, 4:00 PM, at FMC in the main floor southwest corner room, 224. For more information, contact Wendy Funk Schrag at [pwschrag@cox.net](mailto:pwschrag@cox.net).

**LOVE OFFERING:** Sunday, March 27, will be Pastor Susan's last Sunday with us. We are wanting to celebrate her time with us with a recognition of her gifts and care for us with a special farewell time during the worship service followed by a cookie reception in the Gathering area. We would also like to gift her with a love offering. If you would like to contribute to this please mark the offering “Love Offering for Pastor Susan” and put it in the offering plates during worship or bring it by the church office any time before Sunday, March 27. Cards and notes will be welcome also. Thank you for these gifts of appreciation for her.

**Interested in exploring seminary?** First Mennonite Church has created a fund to support any member interested in attending an Anabaptist Seminary, either online or in-person. If this piques your curiosity, contact Brian Kennell, Judy Murphy, Ken Regier or Don Schmidt for details on how to apply. If you would like to contribute to support this fund, contact one of the above committee members or designate the Seminary Fund through online offering or on your offering envelope.