

First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
March 20, 2022

Gathering

Welcome

Wendy Funk Schrag, worship leader

Meditation music

International Peace Medley

Dona Nobis Pacem

Praise, I will praise you, Lord

Alabare

Shalom Chaverim

God Loves All His Many People

Gott ist die Liebe

Sakura

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Donna Stucky, pianist

Call to worship

Wendy Funk Schrag, worship leader

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

**People: whose ways are not our ways,
whose thoughts are beyond our thoughts.**

Leader: Today we accept God's invitation to the feast,

**People: where there is water in the desert
and delightful food to share.**

Leader: As we worship, we receive the abundant gifts of God

People: without money and without price.

All: So let us praise God and sing for joy.

Listening

Words for the children

Sheralyn Goering

Worship song

All Who Are Thirsty VT 49

Daryl Unruh, leader

Prayer for the offering/Prayer of confession

Wendy Funk Schrag, worship leader

Edwin Regier, helper

Leader: Holy One, have mercy on us.

People: Forgive us for acting as if we must earn your love.

Open us to receiving your love as a gift.

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

**People: let us see you more clearly
and follow you more nearly.**

Scripture

Isaiah 55:1-3a, 6-12; Revelation 1:7b-8, 22:16-17, 20b-21

Wendy Funk Schrag, worship leader

Sermon

Amen, Amen

Susan Jantzen, pastor

Prayers of the church

Cindy Unruh

Sending

Sending song

Amen

Daryl Unruh, leader

Announcements and benediction

Wendy Funk Schrag, worship leader

Postlude

Jesus, Lover of my soul (Aberystwyth) VT 659

Donna Stucky, organist

Upcoming Worship Services

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



Happy Birthday!

Renee Hamm—March 21
Aaron Myers—March 22
Anne Wiens—March 23
Cruz Dorado—March 24

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, Tim Regier, Brian Kennell, and Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Donna Stucky, Daryl Unruh, leader. Thank you to Cindy Unruh for the visual art. Property Committee: Rod Wedel.

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



Amen, Amen

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SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School—Sunday, March 20—9:15 AM.
- Youth Group for Wednesday, March 23— 7:00 PM—watch your email for information.
- Save the date-Full day youth retreat at Camp Hawk—April 3, 9:00AM-6:00PM

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 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

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. 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.

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.
- 1st-5th Grade group – meeting location will vary between indoors and outdoors depending on the activities. Concludes at 7:30pm. Contact Person: Laura Goerzen
- Junior High group (grades 6-8) - meeting in the Fellowship Hall/junior high room from 6:30-7:30pm.
- 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.

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 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

The Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is currently responding to the Cottonwood Complex Fire in Reno County Kansas. Each day we need 1-2 skid steer loaders, a track machine is helpful or a tractor with loader and a grapple fork is very helpful. We can use 4-6 volunteers each day to help with a cutting torch, sifting through and picking up debris. Please contact Cleo Koop at cleohkoop@gmail.com or 316-282-0797 if you are able to help.

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!

The dam in the Ninnescah River will be replaced today, 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.

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!

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. 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.

!Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth. Participants in !Explore 2022 will attend Mennonite World Conference in Indonesia with Indonesian youth, explore theological questions and lived faith together, and visit parts of beautiful Java Island. The AMBS program—which is open to students in grades 10–12—also includes a congregational internship. Generous financial support is available for the MWC expenses, and participants receive a \$1,000 stipend. Tap a shoulder! ams.edu/explore

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.

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

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.

Announcements

The offering for March 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: firstmennonite-newton.org.

First Mennonite Church worship attendance—March 13—130; offering for Local Missions from March 6 and 13 was \$7,681 and Local Missions online was \$3,120.

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. Checks should be made out to FMC and all checks and cash should be designated for Love Offering for Pastor Susan. 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.

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.

Youth Group Auction—It's only a month away now! April 20, 6:00 PM. Creative ideas abound when it comes to the possibilities for our auction: an outdoor barbecue meal for 6 or an item from a foreign country or homemade cinnamon rolls or lawn mowing service for June or...If you have something you want to donate, please call Carol Entz: 283-0525.

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.