

First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS

March 6, 2022

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**Gathering**

**Welcome**

John Good, worship leader

**Meditation music**

*Create in Me A Clean Heart*

Ben's Band

**Call to worship**

John Good, worship leader

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

**People: through the wilderness of Lent,  
through the wilderness of life.**

Leader: We crave the safety of God's shelter,

**People: the cool comfort of the divine shadow,  
the security of the holy fortress.**

Leader: God offers the care of angels,

**People: the gentleness of creation,  
The protection of love.**

Leader: God is generous to all who call on the holy name,

**All: so come, let us seek God's way of generosity.**

**Listening**

**Words for the children**

Erin Graber

**Worship song**

*As We Rise, O God, to Meet You* VT 39

Ben's Band

**Prayer for the offering—Western District**

John Good, worship leader

**Scripture**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13

Janice Good

**Sermon**

*From Security to Generosity*

Laura Goerzen, pastor

**Prayer of Confession**

Laura Goerzen, pastor; Sam Menninga, helper

**Prayers of the church**

June Thomsen

**Sending**

**Sending song**

*Take My Whole Heart*

Ben's Band

**Announcements and benediction**

John Good, worship leader

**Sending music**

*This Little Light*

Ben's Band

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*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, Ryan Goertzen Regier, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Ben's Band. Thank you to Cindy Unruh for the visual art. Property Committee: Brent Voran*

## Upcoming Worship Services

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

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



### Happy Birthday!

Jeremy Ewy—March 6

Maura Thieszen—March 6

Jennie Wintermote—March 6

Jeff Enns—March 7

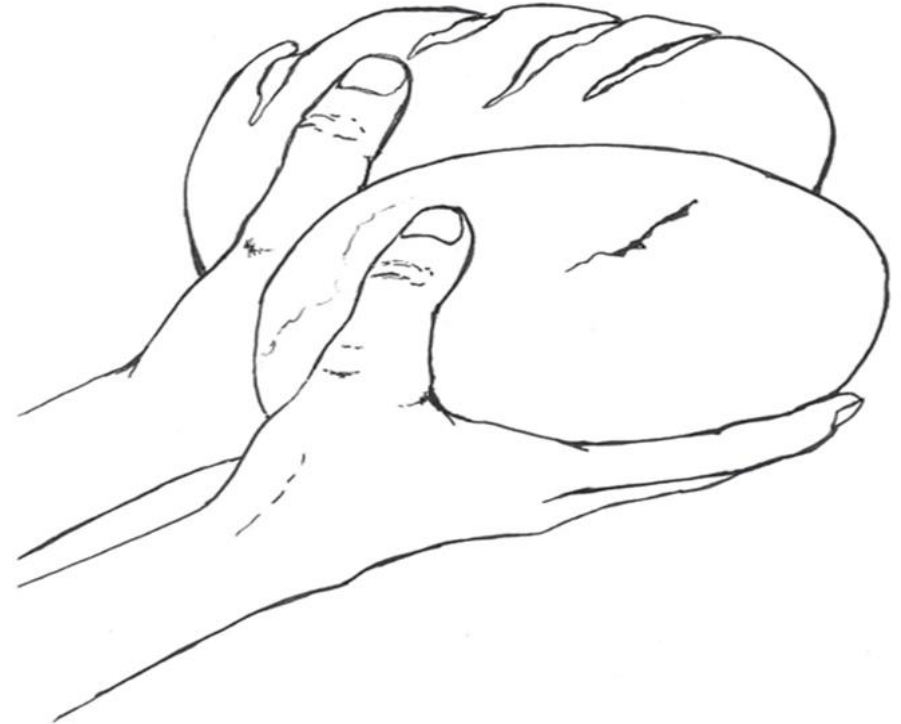
Kevin Miller—March 8

Rebecca Schrag—March 8

**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 Security to Generosity

# SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School—Sunday, March 6—9:15 AM.
- Youth Group for Wednesday, March 9— 7:00 PM—watch your email for information.

**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.

**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

**2022 Youth Group Auction** After a three year absence, on Wednesday, April 20, the youth group is resurrecting their youth auction. This all church event is when the youth offer their skills and items to be auctioned along with others donated by the church family. We will have a live auctioneer and meal prior to the sale. Watch for future announcements over the next month in the bulletin and your mailboxes. Proceeds will go to help pay for our summer mission trip.

## Community Announcements

**Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program**, Reinhild K. Janzen, *Ritual Markers of Life and Death in Uganda and Taiwan*, today, at 3:00 PM, at 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. Current Bethel COVID protocol requires face coverings to be worn indoors regardless of vaccination status.

**Everence to hold Medicare webinar**—Everence will hold an informative Medicare webinar on Tuesday, March 8, starting at 6:30 PM. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn't) cover, Medicare Parts A, B, C and D in clear, understandable language plus budgeting for health care costs in retirement. There will also be time for your 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](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com). Attendance recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.

**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).

**All are welcome to join the fun** at 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.campmennoscah.org)!

**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](mailto: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 [rob-ertleatchison@gmail.com](mailto:rob-ertleatchison@gmail.com).

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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)!

**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!

## Announcements

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

**Offering for Local Missions**—February 20 and 27 was \$7,535; online giving was \$6,389.

**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, starting today, 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 March 13-20.

**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.

**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.

**If you haven't signed up for *Realm* yet**, our new church software, you can still do that. Please contact the Church Office and a link will be emailed to you.

**The Allies group**, which supports people with various sexual identities and their families and friends, will be meeting Sunday, March 13, 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).