

First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
April 17, 2022

Gathering

Welcome

Chris Weaver, worship leader

Choir

Easter Fantasia arr. Mark Hayes

Call to worship

Chris Weaver, worship leader

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Together we seek the way of God—

Organ side: the generous,

Piano side: compassionate,

Organ side: grace-filled,

Piano side: inclusive,

Organ side: abundant,

Piano side: powerful,

Organ side: unsettling,

All: way of God.

Leader: On this day that God has made, may our hearts be open
to the good news: Christ is not here, for he is risen.

All: Jesus Christ is risen indeed!

Listening

Words for the children

Penny Dorado

Worship song

Thine is the Glory VT 355

Prayer for the offering—Local Mission

Chris Weaver, worship leader

Scripture

Luke 23:50-24:12

Chris Weaver, worship leader

Sermon

From Certainty to Openness

Laura Goerzen, pastor

Compass Helper: Xavier Garcia

Prayers of the church

Laura Sharp

Sending

Sending song

Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen!

Choir

Announcements and benediction

Chris Weaver, worship leader

Postlude

Praise God from Whom VT 70

Off-line special music

Easter Song arr. Carter

Amanda Entz and Jyl Ewy

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 Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Jyl Ewy and Amanda Entz, Choir. Chorister/Choir Conductor: Barb Claassen. Thank you to Carol Goering for the visual art. Property Committee: Brent Voran.

Upcoming Worship Services

April 24—9:15 AM Brunch, 10:30 AM Installation for Pastor Luke, Spring Congregational Meeting following worship service.

May 1—*Won't You Be My Neighbor* Pastor Laura; Special music: *Woven*



Happy Birthday!

Casson Schmidt—April 17

Dorian Funk—April 17

John Sommer—April 18

Marsha Schmidt—April 19

Sam Claassen—April 20

Connie Claassen—April 21

Neva Frey—April 22

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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Easter Sunday

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School—April 17 at 9:15 AM.
- Youth Group for Wednesday, April 20, 6:00 PM—Youth Group Hamburger Fry and Auction.

Join us for a "Welcome Brunch" for Luke Unruh next Sunday, April 24, 2022, in the Fellowship Hall of FMC during the Sunday School hour beginning at 9:15am. Please bring your Brunch items ready to serve and share. These may include: breakfast casseroles, cinnamon rolls, coffee cakes, zwiebach, fruit, etc. Children's classes will be cancelled to join us. Please bring your own table ware. Extra tableware will be available for guests and those who forget. Coffee and water will be provided. A Zoom option will be available.

The Spring Congregational meeting will be held on next Sunday, April 24, immediately following the worship service. We will hear reports from the pastors, church board, audit committee, and treasurer. There will be a vote to approve the 2021 treasurer and audit reports. This meeting will be in-person only. ~Ryan Koehn, Church Moderator

Annual Report books have been emailed out to the congregation. If you would like a paper copy, please contact the church office and one will be printed for you.

Community Announcements

On Tuesday, April 19, 7:00 PM, online only—Dr. John and Clara Schmidt, former members of Alexanderwohl and First Mennonite, were Mennonite medical pioneers in Paraguay, S.A (1941-2001). Their 60-year saga of service and adventure is now documented in a new book, *CALLED*. The authors, Marlena Fiol and Ed O'Connor, will share a behind-the-scenes look at what motivated them to write the book, where the seven years of research took them, and some of the reactions they've received to the book from a wide range of readers, including family members and leaders of the Mennonite Central Committee. Join this live virtual event via Zoom or watch on Facebook Live. Here are the links: www.facebook.com/events/726332378727712/?acontext=%7B22event_action_history%22%3A%7B%22surface%22%3A%22page%22%7D%7D or www.newtonplks.org/news-and-events/library-happenings/. Here's the link to register for the live Zoom event: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3RlXxVnSQ6e1pS17yjjvRg.

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!

Nurses needed for Summer Youth Camps! Your time and skill give campers a week of growing in Christian fellowship and experiencing God's great creation. Nurses need RN certification or equivalent. Nurses are needed for June 12-18, June 19-23, June 23-25, July 3-9, and July 24-29. Contact us at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

April 23 is a Work and Play Day at Camp Mennoscah! We're starting at 8:30 AM at the maintenance shed. We'd like to complete the amphitheater project, but we need a crew with trucks and dirt haulers/diggers! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 to register or for more information.

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus 2022 Spring concert schedule—Sunday, April 24, 7:00 PM, at Bethel College, North Newton and Sunday, May 1, 7:00 PM, at Presser Hall, Bethany College, Lindsborg. *We Sing that Others May Live*.

The Western District Conference Resource Library in North Newton will be hosting a Book Sale on Saturday, April 30 from 8:00 AM-12noon outside in front of the WDC building. There will be a large variety of donated books and books removed from circulation. Donations will be accepted for your selections. Hope to see you there!

The next concert of the Prairie Window Concert Series, with *Over the Rhine*, will be on Sunday, April 24, 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 or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

KIPCOR Film Series presents *The Revolution Generation* (before its theatrical release!), on Sunday, April 24, 2:00 PM, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College; audience talkback led by Jacob Miller-Klugesherz to follow.

Western District Women in Mission invites all women to a virtual "Meet-up" on Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Please join us as we hear from Barbara Gingrich, Cheryl Kaufman, and Cindy Thompson from Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church in Wichita about their Knit4Peace project. Then, Sarah Augustine will discuss her personal life journey and book she authored called *The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery* (Herald Press, 2021). Sarah is a Pueblo (Tewa) descendant and founder and cochair of the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition and Executive Director of a dispute resolution center in central Washington State. She is a columnist for *Anabaptist World* and co-hosts the *Doctrine of Discovery* podcast with Sheri Hostetler. Following the event, you will be invited to participate in an online survey to provide your ideas about future Western District Women in Mission activities. We hope you will be willing to share your input on how WDWM plays an important role for women today. To register for this event, please email by Monday, April 25, to westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com and you will be sent the Zoom link.

Announcements

Camp Mennoscah is having a Verenike Casserole Fundraiser on April 30! If you enjoyed the meal last year, this will be very similar--more details will be coming soon!
Meal: verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zweiback, and fruit crisp.

Volunteer a day or more at camp! Bring a crew and tackle a project at camp. Projects for all ages and sizes of groups are available. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or 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/ and must be submitted by e-mail **by April 25**. Micro-grants will be awarded to selected groups in June 2022, in amounts up to \$500. You can submit them to: localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com.

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 call us at 316-283-9461 or attend one of our upcoming volunteer orientations to tell us what interests you: Saturday, April 23, 11:00 AM-noon or Thursday May 19, 6:00-7:00 PM. We hope to hear from you soon!

Celebrate Earth Day at the Newton Et Cetera Shop! On Friday and Saturday afternoons, April 22 and 23, we'll have activities to reduce our carbon footprints by fixing what we have! Check our Facebook page (facebook.com/newtonetc) for details about our Earth Day weekend schedule.

Museum Assistant—Kauffman Museum at Bethel College in North Newton will hire at 75-100% an organized, detail-oriented, creative individual to manage the museum's bookkeeping and museum store, plus other responsibilities as they align with the applicant's qualifications related to the other five team members' skills. For the job description and to apply, visit bethelks.edu/about/who-we-are/career-opportunities/. For more information contact Andi Andres at asa@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612.

The summer staffers for 2022 are Ben Rudeen (music), Beth Balzer (crafts), Charlie Major (lifeguard plus...), **Ethan Entz** (unassigned), Harley McCormick (office), Jonah Schloneger (unassigned), Maddie Bollinger (lifeguard), and **Schlyer Entz** (lifeguard).

The offering for April 24 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. **Offering for Local Missions from April 3 and 10 was \$7,555 and online giving to Local Missions was \$2,858.**

First Mennonite Church worship attendance—April 10—176.

In Sympathy—Rod Schmidt's mother, Louise Schmidt (91) passed away on Tuesday, April 12. Her services were held on Saturday, April 16 at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. We offer our condolences to Rod, Marsha, Kara, and Kiley.

Thank you—A special thanks to many individuals from our church who helped move furniture on sale day plus helping with the move to Kidron Bethel. ~Don Schmidt

Thank you very much for your caring thoughts, prayers, and concerns while Vernon was in the hospital and at home recovering from Mitral Valve repair surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Laura Goerzen for your visit and prayers.

~Vernon and Velma Frey and family

We want to thank our FMC family for supporting us both through donations and with your prayers as we participated in the 25th Annual MCC Run for Relief. With your generous donations we were able to give MCC \$1,245.00. Although it was a bit chilly, it was a beautiful sunny morning for a run. We enjoyed the run and the MCC sale. Thank you for continuing to support us as we support MCC.

~Woody 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 scholarship funds from FMC. ***By no later than today***, 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.