

# Neighboring Ingredient #2: Abundance

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## Gathering

### Welcome

Pastor Laura Goerzen

### Meditation music:

*Holy, Holy, Holy* by John B. Dykes  
Nora Miller, pianist

### Call to worship

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Leader: Let us praise God

**People: for all that God has given us!**

Leader: Let us seek first, the Kingdom of God,

**People: and rejoice in God's abundance!**

Leader: For the leftovers of God's kingdom

**People: are far greater than the scarcity of the world!**

Leader: Let us praise God

**People: for all that God has given us!**

## Listening

### Words for the children

Sara Rickard

### Worship song

*O Lord My God/How Great Thou Art* VT 436

### Prayer for the offering—Local Missions

Pastor Laura Goerzen

### Scripture

Matthew 14:13-21  
Pastor Laura Goerzen

### Sermon

*Neighboring Ingredient #2: Abundance*  
Pastor Luke Unruh

### Prayers of the church

Larry Entz

### Hearing from our Neighbors

Kendra Davila, Director and Community Liaison for Peace Connections,  
Sharron Fisher, Circles of Hope Graduate

## Sending

### Sending song

*For the Beauty of the Earth* VT 120

### Announcements and benediction

Pastor Laura Goerzen

### Postlude

*Simple Gifts* arr. Cindy Berry  
Nora Miller, pianist

**\*Cookies provided on the front lawn by Circles of Hope Graduate Trianna Cowden  
and Baking Assistant Myia Madison**

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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](http://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, Alex  
Goering and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship.  
Musicians: Daryl Unruh, Nora Miller. Thank you to Cindy Unruh for the visual art.  
Property Committee: Rod Wedel.*

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## Upcoming Worship Services

May 22—Guest Speaker—Rod Pauls

May 29—Joy—Pastor Luke

### Congratulations to our 2022 Graduates



**Madelynn Hamm**—Newton High School

**Kenny Banos**—Newton High School

**Louisa Vetter**—Newton High School (Greg/Melody Bontrager's exchange student)

**Payton Hiebert**—Homeschool

**Paige Frye**—Emporia State

**Ashlynn Hamm**—WSU Doctorate of Physical Therapy

**Jenna Ratzlaff**—KU Master's Degree in Social Work

**Jennie Wintermote**—AMBS Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies

**Kacie Schmidt**—Tabor College Master's Degree Neuroscience and Trauma

**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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sion so we can put together a schedule of special music performances throughout the year. We want to celebrate the many musical gifts God has placed in this congregation! Worship Commission members are: Joey Menninga, Barb Claassen, Daryl Unruh, Judy Murphy, and Pastor Laura Goerzen.

### Community Announcements

**Soon you will notice changes at the MCC building** in North Newton, Kansas. Construction will address necessary repairs and updates to make the space more welcoming and safer for everyone as we strive to be good stewards of the MCC building and land. We ask for your patience and your prayers as we navigate continuing to do the work of MCC even during this construction process. If you have questions please email [central-states@mcc.org](mailto:central-states@mcc.org) or call 316-283-2720.

**WDC Annual Assembly Van Drivers?** Do you have experience driving 15-passenger vans or a large RV? Would you be willing to drive one of the 15-passenger vans to Denton, TX July 29-31, 2022 for Annual Assembly? Do you know someone who does? Please email Kathy at [kathynd@mennowdc.org](mailto:kathynd@mennowdc.org) or call 316-283-6300 for more information.

**The Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service Unit** is responding to the recent Andover tornado. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Cleo Koop, Kansas Unit Chair at [cleohkoop@gmail.com](mailto:cleohkoop@gmail.com) or 316-282-0797.

**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 July 3-9. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290.

**Circle of Hope is searching to hire** two part-time Childcare Coordinators to help on Tuesday evenings during the Circle of Hope weekly meetings. To apply go to: [forms.gle/TW6op6w4dq2XUNWU7](https://forms.gle/TW6op6w4dq2XUNWU7). We also have a full-time Summer VISTA position open for the months of June and July to help with the Peace Connections Summer Enrichment Activities for Kids (SEAK) program. This is a paid position with AmeriCorps and also provides an education stipend at the end of the service period. To apply, please visit [www.peaceconnections.org/volunteer](http://www.peaceconnections.org/volunteer) to apply.

**The theme for Summer Youth Camps** is *What's in a Name?* Come to Camp Mennoscah and discover how God knows us beyond any name we are called. Be called to be a child of God! Sign up at: [campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com/](http://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com/)

**Join the MCC Central States team!** We currently have the following openings. Contact [krystalklaassen@mcc.org](mailto:krystalklaassen@mcc.org) with any questions. **Young Adult Program Coordinator**—Plan, facilitate and recruit for young adult programming in the MCC Central States region. This includes the International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP), Summer Service Worker (SSW) program, the Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program, Seed, and other expanding opportunities for young adults to join with the work of MCC. Check out all the

details and apply today! **Material Resources Center (MRC) Volunteer Coordinator**—The MRC in North Newton, Kansas hosts volunteers of all ages working together to support the mission of MCC. Primarily, the part time Volunteer Coordinator will welcome, host, educate, assist and supervise the daily volunteers as well as receive donations in the MRC. Please visit [mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings](http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings) for more information or to apply.

**WDC May Final Thursday Book Discussion**—Protect your time. Prioritize relationships. Restore your spirit. Learn how to rewire your technology addiction, and step into a deeper stillness and presence with an always present God. Join the WDC Resource Library to discuss Ed Cyzewski's book—*Reconnect: Spiritual Restoration from Digital Distraction* on Thursday, May 26, 7:00 PM via Zoom. Copies of the book available at the Resource Library. Register at [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org).

**Summer Staff Orientation Week is coming soon!** During the week of June 5-11, summer staff do training for Youth Development, the Staff Handbook, Reducing the Risk of Abuse, and more. This week prepares the staff to create great camp experiences for a summer of campers. **Camp Mennoscah is looking for people willing to provide a "main course" for meals during the week.** Camp will provide the extras for the meal and staff do the meal prep as a team building exercise. For questions/details or to help provide food, email [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290.

**This June, Everence** will hold Medicare and Social Security workshop at its office in North Newton. The retirement income workshop is Tuesday, June 7, 6:30 PM, and will cover, Social Security strategies including when to begin taking benefits, strategies to help your income last throughout retirement, and risks that can impact your retirement savings. The in-person workshops will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com) or 316-283-3800.

**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 our upcoming volunteer orientation to tell us what interests you—Thursday May 19, 6:00-7:00 PM.

**Take action today!** Around the world, MCC partners are experiencing the negative impacts of climate change, including natural disasters and unpredictable seasonal rainfall which contribute to food insecurity, increased migration and conflict. Countries that have historically contributed the least to climate change often suffer its worst impacts. Ask Congress to invest in global resilience to climate change.

**Gardening for good:** Creation care tips for your backyard and stories from Bolivia, May 26, 7:00 PM. In this virtual visit, we'll explore what it looks like to care for the planet—from our own backyards to remote Bolivian communities. Join us to learn gardening and conservation tips in your own garden, then travel south to hear incredible stories from MCC's projects in Bolivia. Learn more and register at [mcc.org/virtual-visits](http://mcc.org/virtual-visits).

**Prayer and Praise Notes**  
**May 15, 2022**

Give thanks for our sermon series on "Neighboring". Give courage and opportunities for us to meet our neighbors and begin a relationship.

Pray for the combined Mennonite VBS being planned for the beginning of June. Pray for the needed volunteers and a good experience for the children as they come to learn about "Passport to Peace".

Pray for the ministry of Camp Mennoscah. We know that many of our youth have had life-changing and life-giving experiences at Camp. May the many volunteers that make Camp special, point our youth and children to You and the great love You have to share with us.

Pray for those in our fellowship who are experiencing illness of body, mind or spirit. We ask for patience and hope when days are hard. Grant healing and the knowledge that they are not alone.

Pray for the work of MDS and MCC in our world. We are grateful for the work that MDS and MCC do "In the name of Christ". Our world is hurting and in need of healing. Bless the work and the hands of those who are bringing needed help and supplies.

Pray for the family of Kathleen Neff, who passed away early in the morning on May 11. We pray for Your comfort for Dana and Darnell, and their extended family. Grant them peace as they grieve her loss and her absence. We thank you for Kathleen's life and the many ways she has enriched our church through her many gifts.

Give thanks for the completion of another school year. We are grateful for a close- to -normal school year. Pray for the students who are graduating and moving onto another chapter of life. Provide wisdom and direction. We give thanks for the rewards of a successful completion of the school year.

Our prayers continue for the world, the world that You made with love and creativity. We pray that we can be your hands and feet in a world that is full of illness, violence, greed and loneliness.

From WDC: Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for the WDC Annual Assembly planning team, as they prepare for our conference gathering July 29-31 at Camp Copass in Texas.

From MMN: Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure participants are in the final months of living in their unit houses and working in their volunteer placements. Pray for them as they bring closure to the relationships they built in their hosting community and find ways to implement what they learned as they move into their future.

**Announcements**

**The offering for May 22**, 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—May 8—155.

**Offering from May 1 and 8:** Local Mission—\$15,555; MCC—\$2,500; online Local Mission—\$4,698.

**In Sympathy**—Kathleen Neff (65) passed away on Wednesday, May 11. Memorial service arrangements are pending. We extend our condolences to Dana, Darnell, and the rest of Kathleen's family.

**Thank you for cards and expressions of love** to us during the final days and homegoing of Louise Schmidt, our mother and grandma. We are blessed to be part of a caring church as FMC.  
~Rod & Marsha Schmidt, Kara Schmidt, Kiley Schmidt

**Safe Sanctuaries Training on Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 PM**—Are you interested in working with youth at FMC but are not yet trained in Safe Sanctuaries? Join us via zoom on Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 PM, for a virtual training session. This training, along with a background check, is required for anyone who wishes to assist with youth group, Sunday school, nursery, children's story, "children's church," and our upcoming Vacation Bible School. The training is in two parts and will last approximately 1.5-2 hours. To receive an invitation to the zoom meeting, please email Sara Rickard at: [sararickard@gmail.com](mailto:sararickard@gmail.com).



Making summer travel plans? **Register your child for VBS Passport to Peace** and they will travel the world as peacemakers! Your child will make new friends, sing fun songs, meet peacemakers in the Bible, do art projects and science explorations, and play active games. Your child will practice strategies for experiencing peace inside and learn how to live at peace with others. May 31-June 5, 5:30-7:30pm at First Mennonite. A light meal for the children and volunteers will be served each night upon arrival. We will celebrate the conclusion of VBS by joining with the other participating churches: Bethel College Mennonite Church, Shalom Mennonite Church, Faith Mennonite Church, Casa Betania, and New Creation Fellowship, for worship at Athletic Park on June 5, at 10:00 AM. Follow the QR code to register.

**Calling Musicians and Music Lovers young and old!** Worship Commission would like to create space in our worship services for special music performances. Did a teen prepare an instrumental solo or ensemble for competition? Is a child taking piano lessons? Do you play a weird or fun instrument that you wouldn't usually have a chance to share in church? Have you been hankering to gather a men's quartet? Do you want to share a special "heart song" with the congregation? Contact a member of the Worship Commis-