

Celebrating Pentecost

June 12, 2022

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Gathering

Welcome

Clarence Rempel, worship leader

Meditation music

Beach Spring arr. Wilbur Held
Amanda Rempel, organist

Call to worship

Clarence Rempel, worship leader

Leader: Celebrate all nations; rejoice all peoples.
The Holy Spirit has been poured out upon us.

People: The fresh wind of the Spirit renews our minds and our imaginations.

Leader: The discerning light of the Spirit
shows us the hidden recesses in our hearts.

People: The unifying power of the Spirit kindles in us the fire of love.

***ALL: As we worship, let the presence of the Spirit teach us, inspire us, and
loosen our tongues in praise.***

Listening

Words for the children

Erin Graber

Worship song

Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema (Gracious Spirit) VT 367

Prayer for the offering—Local Mission

Clarence Rempel, worship leader

Scripture

Acts 2:42-47
Clarence Rempel

Sermon

Real Church
Pastor Laura Goerzen

Song of confession

Lord Jesus, Come and Overturn VT 146

Communion

Prayers of the church

Sean Claassen

Celebrating Pastor Luke Unruh's Licensing Toward Ordination

Janice Good
Congregational response VT 968

Sending

Sending song

Sent Forth by God's Blessing VT 812

Announcements and benediction

Clarence Rempel, worship leader

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Lani Smith
Amanda Rempel, organist

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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, Brian Kennell, Joey Menninga, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Amanda Rempel, Brent Voran, Dave Goering, Joan Entz, Nora Miller. Thank you to Michelle Claassen for the visual art. Property Committee: John Good.

Upcoming Worship Services

June 19—*Centered Church in a Divided World*—Pastor Laura preaching

June 26—Pastor Luke will be preaching



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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Wondering which pastor to talk to about what? Here are the areas in which Pastor Laura and Pastor Luke currently work and minister:

Pastor Laura:

- Preaching and teaching
- Nurture Commission with a focus on Early Childhood through grade 5
- Outreach Commission
- Worship Commission
- Administrative tasks
- Available for Pastoral Care and Counseling

Pastor Luke:

- Preaching and teaching
- Nurture commission with a focus on Jr/Sr Youth and College age
- Caregiving and Membership Commission
- Visitation
- Available for Pastoral Care and Counseling

*These lists are not exhaustive and are continually evolving, so if you're not sure who to go to, pick one, or contact them both! Pastor Laura and Pastor Luke will be happy to connect with you and help you find what you need.

Anabaptist World magazine renewals are due soon. If you would like to renew your subscription or would like to start a new subscription, please fill out the order form that was placed in your church mailbox. Our group subscription cost is \$39. Order forms are due to the church office by Friday, July 8. Please make checks payable to First Mennonite Church with *Anabaptist World* in the memo line.

The next quarter Sunday School materials are here. You can stop by the church and pick up the books in the Gathering Area.

Do you have trouble hearing in the sanctuary? Thanks to a generous donation, we have installed a new hearing assist system. There are eight units that can be picked up and used during the service along with earbuds. If you have hearing aids that are compatible with t-loop, we also have the capability put the sound into your hearing aids. If you would like to use a hearing assist unit this Sunday, stop by the sound booth before the service.

Knitting4Peace is a non-profit organization. Its mission is to harness the power of love through compassionate creative action that invites, involves, and serves people of all genders, children, and families in our own communities and countries around the world. We are starting a "peace pod" at FMC under the ministries of our Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission! Knitters, crocheters, sewers, quilters, comfort tie-ers, are invited to participate as we get organized and determine what local organizations we may support through hand crafted items. Contact Elena Entz Wiebe at ele413@gmail.com or Wendy Funk Schrag at pwschrag@cox.net. For more information: knitting4peace.org.

Community Announcements

Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania will host a service of ordination for Pastor Graciela Tijerina **today at 2:30 PM**, in the sanctuary of First Mennonite Church, 429 East First Street, Newton, KS. Members of the wider church community are welcome to this time of worship and celebration!

Berlin Exodus Presentation—Sunday, June 26, 7:00 PM. Come hear the story of how MCC worker, Peter Dyck, moved 1,200 Ukrainian Mennonite refugees located in Berlin to a waiting ship in West Germany to travel to Paraguay in 1947 (75 years ago). The Berlin Exodus (also known as the Great Escape) is the theme of an evening presentation at Trinity Mennonite Church (211 Elm Street, Hillsboro, KS) led by Calvin Buller.

MCC in need of material resources – MCC is resuming shipments of material resources to Ukraine. Five containers of emergency supplies are being shipped to Ukraine in the next few months with more planned for later in the year. With this increase in demand for supplies for Ukraine and other countries around the world, MCC's inventory of material resources is getting low. ***We need comforters, soap and towels as well as dignity, hygiene, infant care, relief, school and sewing kits.*** Your donations will provide relief and a tangible sign of hope to people in Ukraine and other difficult situations around the world. Go to mcc.org/kits for information on needed supplies and drop-off locations.

Summer Story Hour—God Rocks! All children ages 3-8 in the central Kansas area are invited to God Rocks! Summer Story Hour at the WDC Conference Resource Library, 2517 N. Main in North Newton. Fun stories and activities with Leader, Marjie Warkentine and Resource Library Director, Jennie Wintermote. Mondays at 10:00 AM on June 27, July 11, 18, 25 and August 1 and 8.

AMBS is hiring! Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for an Assistant Director of Maintenance, a Resource Access Librarian, and a Student Services Coordinator. See full job descriptions: ambs.edu/jobs

Bethel College's Prison Theater Project is currently in process, with director John McCabe-Juhnke, Bethel students and several men from the Hutchinson Correctional Facility minimum-security East Unit. The public performance at HCF is Friday, July 1, and the project is looking for an audience. If you'd like to go, contact Offender-Victim Ministries in Newton at 316-283-2038 (Monday-Thursday) before June 24.

Life Enrichment returns to Bethel College with the start of the fall 2022 semester – but it will be **on a different day**. Life Enrichment resumes **Thursday, August 25**, and will be on Thursdays thereafter. Place and time remain the same: Krehbiel Auditorium, 9:30 AM. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/life-enrichment> for more information, and look for a brochure coming later this summer.

Prayer and Praise Notes
June 12, 2022

Give thanks for the beautiful day and worship service in the park on June 5. We love and appreciate the children in our community and the lessons of peace that they shared with us. It was also a blessing to fellowship with members of other Mennonite churches.

We give thanks for the ordination service today for Pastor Graciela from Casa Betania. Thank you for the many ways she has served our community and the church.

We give thanks for MCC and the good work they do all over the world. We especially pray for God's blessing on the shipments to Ukraine recently. May the people who most need these items receive them without delay or complications. Let them feel your love in the midst of the chaos uncertainty that war brings. Let us continue to be generous in our giving.

We give thanks for church work day yesterday and all who came to care for our facility. We are grateful for our grounds and building and want to be good stewards of this property.

We give thanks for all who serve on Commissions, Committees and the Church Board at FMC.

We pray for Jim Schrag who has been hospitalized this week. Give him healing and hope. We pray that Judy and the family will feel your presence during this time. We pray for the doctors and nurses that are caring for him and others. Give them wisdom and compassion for each day and each new situation.

We pray for Casson & Kacie Schmidt as they await passports and funding for their service trip to Lithuania to work with refugees. Thank you for their kind hearts wishing to serve. May things fall into place according to your will.

We pray for those in our congregation who are struggling with the loss of loved ones. Be near to them.

We pray for those in our congregation who struggle with mental health problems, addictions, physical and spiritual challenges. Oh God, you know each of our hearts, minds and bodies. Give us the inner peace & healing that only you can give.

From WDC: Pray for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, that they would experience God's faithfulness, love and guidance during times of change and uncertainty.

From MMN: Mennonite Voluntary Service participants, serving through Mennonite Mission Network, are in their final months at their unit houses and volunteer placements. Pray for them as they bring closure to relationships in their hosting communities and find ways to implement what they have learned as they move into their futures.

Announcements

The offering for June 19, 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: firstmennonitewton.org.

FMC Financial Update—as of May 31, we have received \$136,668 but have spent \$156,706. This means that we need \$20,038 to make up the deficit. The church also needed to purchase a new furnace. We had some money in a Major Equipment Fund to cover part of the cost. However, we still need \$45,428 to take care of the rest of the cost of the furnace. The Financial Stewardship Committee would appreciate anything you can do to help with these two items. You as a church have been amazing in your giving through these last two years. We praise God for your faithfulness.

~Financial Stewardship Committee

In Sympathy—Darrell Albright (79), Amy Regier's father, from Pretty Prairie, passed away on May 31. His service was held on Friday, June 10. We extend our condolences to Amy, Ken, Erin, Matt, Austin, Elizabeth, Addie, Jeff, Eli and the rest of the family.

The memorial service for Kathleen Neff will be held Saturday, June 18, 10:30 AM here at FMC, with a light meal following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to New Hope Homeless Shelter.

Casson and Kacie Schmidt are requesting prayers and funds to raise the remaining \$3000 needed for their mission trip to Lithuania from July 1st-July 10th. If you wish to aid them financially, please send your gift to Tabor College 400 S. Jefferson, Hillsboro KS 67063. Checks are made to Tabor College with "Lithuania Trip/ Kacie & Casson Schmidt" on the memo line. Alternatively, you can call and give over the phone by speaking to Ruth Funk at 620-947-3121 ex 1050. Donations need to be received by June 22, 2022.

Continuing Our Learning from Diversity God's Design: June 17-20, Wichita will host numerous Juneteenth related activities and celebrations for the whole family. Google "JuneteenthICT" for a full list of activities. Consider attending one or more Juneteenth activities as a respectful participant. If you identify as white, you will also get the healthy and unusual experience of being a visible minority! Juneteenth celebrates June 19, 1865, when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to take control of the state and ensure that all slaves were freed, two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Other ways white allies might want to observe Juneteenth could include reading one of the recommended titles about Anti-Racism from our Diversity God's Design curriculum, visiting the Kansas African American Museum in Wichita, or joining the advocacy group, Newton Community for Racial Justice, which meets at 12:00 PM, on the second Monday of the month (see Pastor Laura for more details).