

Jesus Centered Church

June 26, 2022

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Gathering

Welcome

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Meditation music

Children of the Heavenly Father arr. Ovid Young
Jyl Ewy, pianist

Call to worship

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Listening

Words for the children

Sheralyn Goering

Worship song

Build my Life

Prayer for the offering—Local Mission

Casson Schmidt

Scripture

Colossians 1:13-20
Casson Schmidt

Sermon

Jesus Centered Church and Creation Care
Pastor Luke Unruh

Prayers of the church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Sending

Sending song

This is Amazing Grace

Announcements and benediction

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Postlude

God Be With You Till We Meet Again and
Amen from *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*
Jyl Ewy, pianist

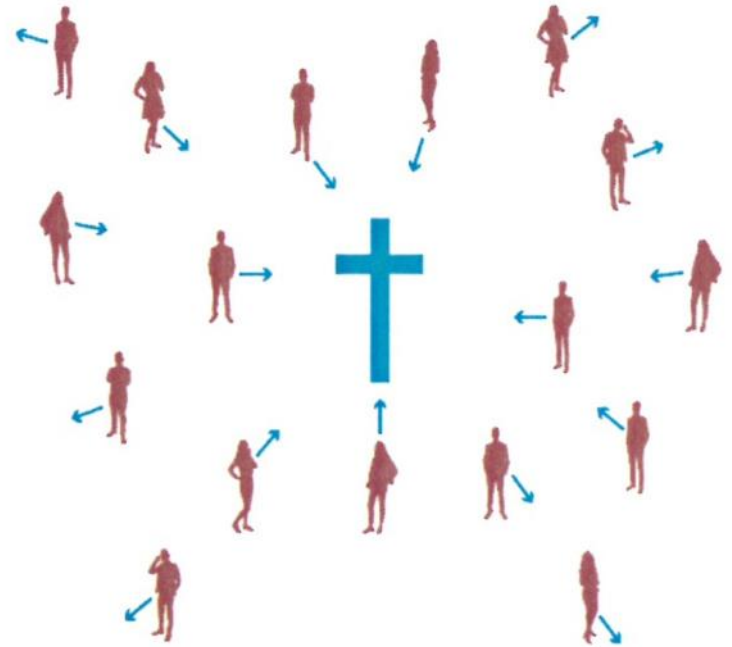
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We will be live-streaming our worship beginning at 10:30 AM. You may view it on our webpage (firstmennonitenewton.org), on our Facebook page, YouTube, or at our Vimeo site. Recordings of the service will be available afterwards as well. Today, Sarah Koehn, Ryan Koehn, and Melody Enns are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Jyl Ewy, Joey Menninga, Joan Entz. Thank you to Michelle Claassen for the visual art. Property Committee: Rod Wedel.

Upcoming Worship Services

July 3—Pastor Luke—*Jesus Centered Church and Racism*

July 10—Pastor Laura—*Jesus Centered Church and Polarization*



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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Our first peace pod time will be Tuesday, July 5, 7:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, sewing, etc. and enjoy an evening working on whatever you'd like together as we talk more about what a knitting4peace pod might look like here at FMC. Check out knitting4peace.org for more information.

Peace Connections is hosting an electronic recycling event—for cell phones, inkjet cartridges, and tablets/iPads. We are building on our legacy of volunteerism and investing in our community by gathering these items to be recycled into new and useful products, saving planetary resources, and working together. Funds raised will benefit Peace Connections and Harvey County Circle of Hope. If you have items that are no longer usable, please drop them in the drop box outside the church office by August 1. Many thanks! For more questions, contact Andrea Enns Regier.

Do you want to help refugees? The International Rescue Committee (IRC) works in over 20 US cities, including Wichita, to help people affected by humanitarian crises recover and rebuild their lives. One way you can help is to donate your used laptop. They can be working or not working. The laptop will either be refurbished or recycled—both options help! If you have items that are no longer usable, please drop them in the drop box outside the church office by August 1. Many thanks! For more questions, contact Andrea Enns Regier.

Community Announcements

Berlin Exodus Presentation—today at 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.

WDC Resource Library Final Thursday Book Discussion: “At no other time in history or place in the world have so many people understood themselves to be suffering from mental health problems.” In *Not Quite Fine: Mental Health, Faith, and Showing Up for One Another*, author Carlene Hill Byron calls and equips the church to step up for such a time as this. Join us Thursday, June 30, 7:00 PM via Zoom to discuss the book. Register by emailing crlib@mennowdc.org

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.

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.

Mennonite Church USA will be offering another webinar on July 18 to help recap the Special Delegate Assembly and to look to the future going forward. A lot happened at the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly on May 27-30. Here is where you can find all the news and resources: Delegate Assembly [news page](#) for additional photos and captions. [Delegate Assembly resource page](#) for copies of the resolutions and staff impact statements about what it all means. [MC USA Facebook page](#) where you can watch brief recorded panel discussions filmed each evening of the assembly.

Seeking a Resource Access Librarian. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for this 80% to full-time position. The person in this role will connect students and faculty with a diverse range of library resources for research and study. This includes responsibility for print and electronic collection development and management; resource sharing with partner libraries; and open digital library collaboration and development. See the full job description for qualifications and more information: ambs.edu/jobs

Anabaptist Short Course Bundle. Deepen your understanding of Anabaptist history, thought and witness through discussion-based online short courses from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Learn about topics such as Anabaptist approaches to Scripture; peace and justice in the Bible; and transforming congregational conflict. Take four noncredit courses for \$995 total and save more than \$400 (regular price is \$350/course). Each course lasts six weeks. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. ambs.edu/bundle

Announcements

The offering for July 3 will be for Mennonite Mission Network. 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.

First Mennonite Church worship attendance—June 19—134.

Thank you—The Property Committee would like to thank all those who helped with the work day on Saturday, June 11. We would also like to thank Arlen Wiens, Payton Hiebert and Roy Goering for the hours they put in mowing and keeping the yards looking good. We couldn't keep up without all your help.

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

WDC ANNUAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED: FMC has the opportunity to send up to eight delegates to the WDC Annual Assembly, July 29-31, at Denton TX. If you would be interested in serving as a delegate please contact Janice Good for further information. This is our opportunity as a congregation to have input into conference level decisions and interactions.

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.

August Sunday School for Adults and Kids: Sharing Our Gifts. All adults and children who wish to participate are invited to the Fellowship Hall for Sunday school during the weeks of August. We will learn about the God-given gifts, passions, and talents present in our congregation and have the opportunity to participate in related hands-on activities. Join us for adventures in bee-keeping, an art lesson, and more! Regular children's Sunday school will NOT be meeting during the month of August. Adult Sunday schools may choose whether or not to participate. If your adult Sunday school chooses to participate, please inform the church office so that we can better estimate the number of project materials we will need.