

Jesus Centered Church

July 10, 2022

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Gathering

Welcome

Wendy Schrag, worship leader

Meditation music

Beautiful Savior arr. Dale Wood
Amanda Rempel, organist

Call to worship

Wendy Schrag, worship leader

Listening

Words for the children

Ken Frey

Worship song

Cantai ao Senhor (O Sing to the Lord) VT 113

Prayer for the offering

Local Mission

Wendy Schrag, worship leader

Scripture

Matthew 22:15-22, Luke 19:41-44
Wendy Schrag

Sermon

Jesus Centered Church and Polarization
Pastor Laura Goerzen

Response song

Jesus, Be the Center VT 584

Prayers of the church

Sending

Sending song

Together VT 389

Announcements and benediction

Wendy Schrag, worship leader

Postlude

If thou but suffer God to guide thee
J. S. Bach, arr. Walter Buszin
Amanda Rempel, organist

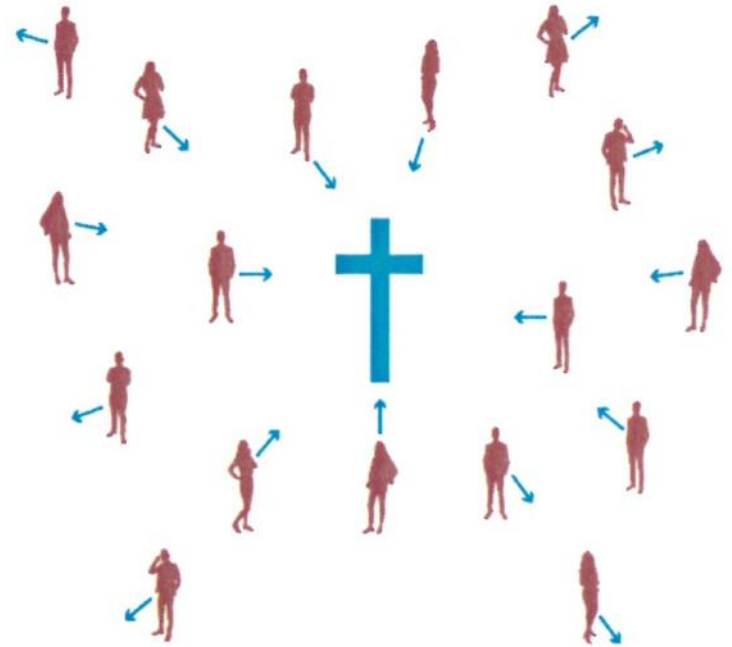
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We will be live-streaming our worship beginning at 10:30 AM. You may view it on our webpage (firstmennonitenewton.org), on our Facebook page, YouTube, or at our Vimeo site. Recordings of the service will be available afterwards as well. Today, Ryan Koehn, Joey Menninga, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Wendy Schrag and Amanda Rempel. Thank you to Connie Claassen for the visual art. Property Committee: Brent Voran.

Upcoming Worship Services

July 17—*Jesus Centered Church and Discipleship*—Pastor Laura preaching via video

July 24—*Jesus Centered Church and Mental Health*—Pastor Laura 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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The Caregiving and Membership Commission met on June 30 and accepted Nancy Waltner's withdrawal of membership. Blessings to Nancy as she continues to serve God.

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.

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

Colorado peaches are back! Place your order for fresh Colorado peaches today just \$27 for 10 lb. box and \$38 for 18 lb. box by calling MCC at 316.283.2720 or emailing patsydirksen@mcc.org. **Peaches must be ordered and paid for by July 25.** The peaches are offered as a fundraiser for the Colorado MCC Relief Sale, please make payment by check to Beth-El Mennonite Church with "peaches" in the memo line. Generous volunteers Jerry & Leann Toews will bring the peaches from Colorado to MCC in North Newton for you to pick-up around August 22.

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.

Bluestem Communities will host its annual Innovations in Living with Dementia community forum through an online webinar at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20. The evening's presentation is *The Most Common Dementia Under 60*, which addresses frontotemporal degeneration. Registration and participation are free. One CEU approved by the State of Kansas is available for \$15 for those who desire it. Pre-registration is required at bluestemks.org/dementiaforum.

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

The 2022 issue of *Mennonite Life*, Bethel College's annual online journal, is now live at ml.bethelks.edu, with articles and reviews by Daniel Shank Cruz, Chris Dick, June Mears Driedger, Susan Kennel Harrison, Raylene Hinz-Penner, Gordon Houser, Reinhild K. Janzen, Gayle Gerber Koontz, Steve Nolt, Rachel Pannabecker, Karen Reimer, Ben Woodward-Breckbill and Melanie Zuercher.

Announcements

The offering for July 17 will be for Local Mission. 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—July 3—145.

We have seven youth spending the summer working at Camp Mennoscah and Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp and we would like to show our support. We are collecting items for care packages and will be sending them out tomorrow, Monday, July 11. Items may include cards, letters, snacks, or fun items. The youth are: Skylar Entz, Ethan Entz, Zack Kennel, Josh Kennel, Eli Regier, Emily Brandt, and John Jantzen. Sacks with their names are placed in the Gathering Area.

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.

The Youth Group are travelling this weekend to Kykotsmovi, AZ to spend a week at the Peace Academic Center, a school associated with Mennonite Education Agency. They will return on Saturday, July 16 around 8:00 PM. They would appreciate prayers as they travel, learn, serve, and fellowship this week.

Exercise Your Spiritual Muscles! Everyone age 15 and older is invited to answer the eleven questions on the Time and Talent Inventory. After prayerful thought, please indicate your willingness to be involved in each of the items that interest you. Your response at this time does not obligate you in any way, but helps the Gifts Discernment Committee immensely. Thank You!

Three ways to access the survey:

- **Paper Copy** - you can pick some up from the resource table by the office OR please contact the church office and a paper will be placed in your mailbox.
- **Digitally** by typing this URL code into your web browser <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TD9GLV7>
- **QR Code** – Use your smart phone or tablet camera on this square in the bulletin and follow the link.

