

Jesus Centered Church

July 17, 2022

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Gathering

Welcome

John Good, worship leader

Meditation music

He Who Began A good Work in You by Jon Mohr/arr. Mark Hayes
Donna Stucky, organist/pianist

Call to worship

John Good, worship leader

Listening

Words for the children

Andrea Regier

Worship song

Here in This Place VT 10

Prayer for the offering

Local Mission

John Good, worship leader

Scripture

Matthew 7:24-29
MWC recording

Sermon

Salome Haldemann of France,
A presentation given at Mennonite World Conference 2022
Opening comments by Paul Schrag

Response song

Jesus, Be the Center VT 584

Ministry in Lithuania

Kacie and Casson Schmidt

Prayers of the church

Sending

Sending song

My Hope is Built VT 621

Announcements and benediction

John Good, worship leader

Postlude

Old Hundredth by Fred Bock
Donna Stucky organist/pianist

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We will be live-streaming our worship beginning at 10:30 AM. You may view it on our webpage (firstmennonitewton.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 and Donna Stucky. Property Committee: Phil Gaertner.

Upcoming Worship Services

July 24—*Jesus Centered Church and Mental Health*—Pastor Laura preaching

July 31—Youth Sunday

Trigger/parental warning. On July 24, our service will focus on mental health and will include mentions of depression, anxiety, trauma, intimate betrayal, pornography, and addiction. We invite you to care for yourself during the service and find safe spaces to process what you hear and experience as needed after the service. Pastor Laura and Pastor Luke are both available for conversation if you feel the need for a confidential place to talk. First Mennonite also has financial assistance available for those seeking mental healthcare. Contact one of the pastors or a member of Caregiving and Membership Commission for more information about this assistance.



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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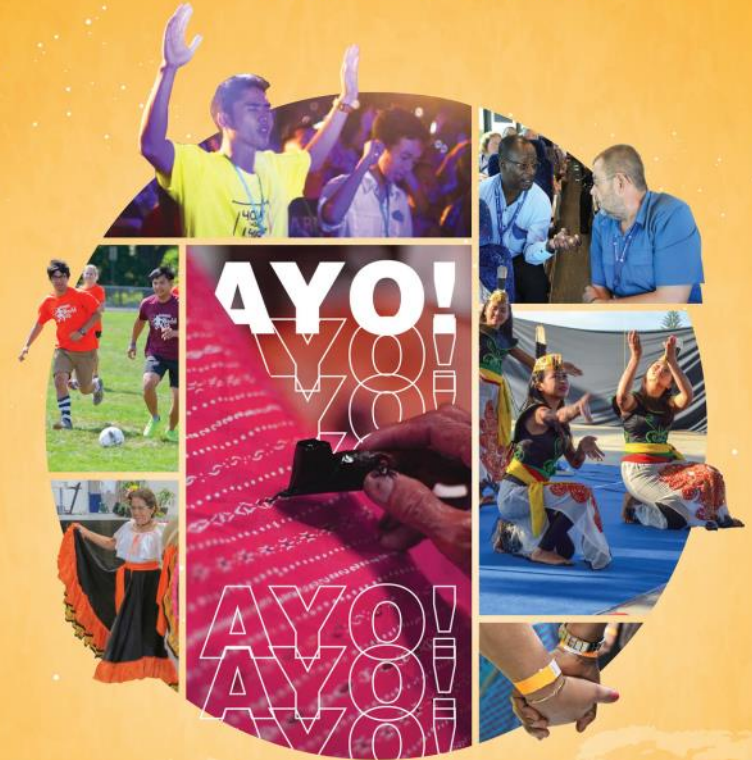
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2022

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sesarengan ngetut wuri Gusti Yesus nratas wewates
following Jesus together across barriers
seguir a Jesús juntos, superando las barreras
suivre Jésus ensemble à travers les frontières



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Newton, KS
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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.



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.

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.

MCC School Kit season is right around the corner! MCC is working to fulfill requests for school kits from partner organizations in Jordan, Ukraine, Malawi, Syria, Iraq, and Haiti. Here are some things to keep in mind when making school kits this year:
-Sewn school kit bags may be requested from the MCC Material Resources Center if needed.
-MCC in North Newton has a large supply of pink erasers, so feel free to skip erasers and they'll be added when the kit is checked by volunteers at MCC.
-The pencil sharpeners need to be metal, not plastic.
-You can find the directions for school kits at mcc.org, or reach out to Kate at kate-mast@mcc.org or 316-283-2720 with any questions.
Thank you so much for your continued work with these important kits!

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.

July 26 MCC webinar: Creative housing solutions for refugees and asylum seekers - When refugees and asylum seekers arrive in the United States, the first thing they need is a safe place to call home. Unfortunately, the ongoing affordable housing crisis has greatly impacted families' ability to lay down roots. Join MCC on Tuesday, July 26 at 1:00 p.m. CDT/12:00 p.m. MDT to learn about different ways the faith community has partnered with refugees, asylum seekers and organizations that serve them to offer creative housing solutions. Learn more and register at <https://mcc.org/webinar-housing-solutions>.

Please join MCC Central States in welcoming 3 new people to our staff! Brocia Mueller, volunteer coordinator in the MCC Workroom in North Newton; Wesley Wilder, human resources coordinator and Mahlet Mamo, young adult program coordinator.

Announcements

The offering for July 24 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 10—110.

The Regier Family (the Ken and Amy edition) is happy to announce the release of their family band's first CD (Kilometer 81). This bluegrass/folk CD has some of our favorite songs, and includes six new original songs. CD's are on sale for \$15, and you can call (620) 837-3173 or email us at kenandamyregier@gmail.com to purchase one.

A support group for survivors of sexual abuse will meet with the guidance of a professional therapist on Tuesday, July 19. If you have experienced sexual abuse, you are welcome to attend. Please contact Laura Sharp from the Caregiving and Membership Commission for details: 574-849-7205.

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.

Would you like to connect with children in our congregation? The Nurture Commission is working to resume our regular line-up of children's programs in September. Please consider one of the following opportunities to support children's programs in our congregation:

- **Nursery attendant:** Work with another adult to provide nursery care for children ages 0-2 during Sunday school and worship service (2 hour commitment).
- **Childcare during Church:** Assist with supervised play during the worship service (just after children's feature) for children ages 2-5.
- **Sunday School Helper:** Be a second adult in a classroom during Sunday school hour (9:15-10:15 a.m.) Classrooms needing assistance include: Beginners, Pre-K through K, 1st-3rd grades, and 4th-5th grades.

Just one Sunday a month would help! If you're interested, please talk to Sara or email to sararickard@gmail.com. Safe Sanctuaries training is required and will be scheduled for late-summer for anyone who needs it.