

# Jesus Centered Church

## July 3, 2022

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### Gathering

#### Welcome

Carol Entz, worship leader

#### Meditation music

*House of Peace*

Ben's Band

#### Call to worship

Carol Entz, worship leader

### Listening

#### Words for the children

Keith Knopp

#### Worship song

*From North and South from East and West*

Ben's Band

#### Prayer for the offering

#### Mennonite Mission Network

Carol Entz

#### Scripture

Revelation 7:9-17

Carol Entz

#### Sermon

*Jesus Centered Church and Anti-Racism*

Pastor Luke Unruh

#### Prayers of the church

Laura Sharp

### Sending

#### Sending song

*Psalm 16: I Will Not Be Shaken*

Ben's Band

#### Announcements and benediction

Carol Entz, worship leader

#### Postlude

*The Lorica*

Ben's Band

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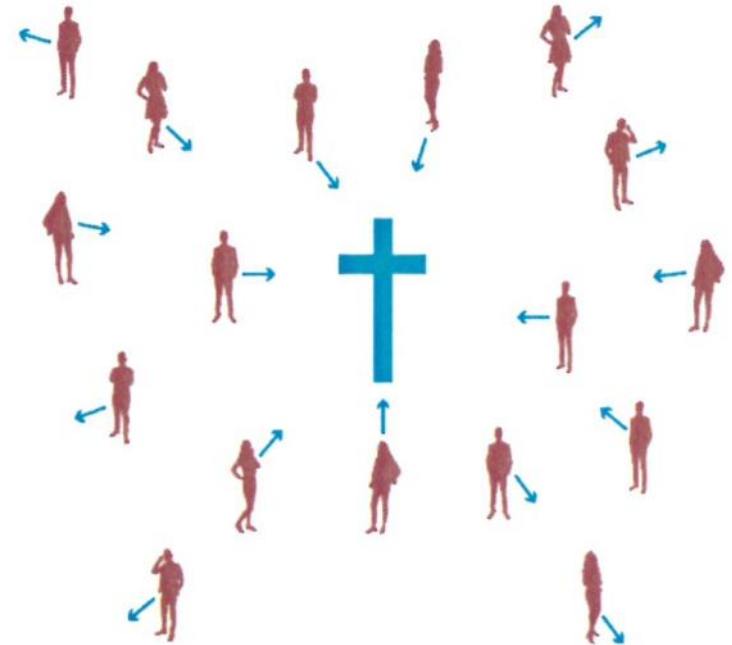
*We will be live-streaming our worship beginning at 10:30 AM. You may view it on our webpage ([firstmennonitenewton.org](http://firstmennonitenewton.org)), on our Facebook page, YouTube, or at our Vimeo site. Recordings of the service will be available afterwards as well. Today, Ryan Goertzen Regier, Brian Kennell, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Ben's Band. Thank you to Connie Claassen for the visual art. Property Committee: Mason Unruh.*

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## Upcoming Worship Services

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

July 17—Guest Speaker



**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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**Newton, KS**  
**July 3, 2022**

**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.

**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](http://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

**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: [amb.s.edu/jobs](http://amb.s.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. [amb.s.edu/bundle](http://amb.s.edu/bundle)

**The 2022 issue of *Mennonite Life*, Bethel College's annual online journal, is now live at [ml.bethelks.edu](http://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.

## Prayer and Praise Notes

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Give thanks for the earth, our home and God's good creation. Make us good stewards of our earth and its resources.

Give thanks for the cooler weather this last week and the mostly-finished harvest.

Pray for our members who are suffering from illness of body, mind or spirit. We ask for health, healing and strength for each day. Thank you for your provision for us each day.

As Covid again surges in our community, we ask for wisdom and protection for our youngest to our oldest. Help us to be aware of our neighbors and family and help us take care of each other.

Pray for the on-going crises at our southern border. Pray for wisdom and compassion. Pray for families who grieve the deaths of loved ones as they make the trek to cross the border.

Pray for our youth group and their adult sponsors as they prepare for their service trip to Peace Academic Center in Kikotsmovie, AZ. Prepare the hearts of our youth and the persons they will meet to serve and learn from each other. We pray for safety and a time of renewal and learning.

Pray for Kacie and Casson Schmidt as they travel to Lithuania and serve children and Ukrainian refugees. Thank you for their willingness to serve. Provide safe travel. Thank you for the answers to prayer for funding. Bless their time with satisfying relationships.

From WDC: Pray for WDC members and others participating on-site or virtually in Mennonite World Conference Assembly in Indonesia this week, and for God's blessing on this time of worship, fellowship, and witness of the global Anabaptist community.

From MMN: Mennonite Mission Network's week-long Youth Venture civil rights learning tour begins today. Pray for the 23 participants as they focus on the realities of racial injustice in the United States, both in the past and the present.

## Announcements

**The offering for July 10** 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](http://firstmennonitenewton.org).

**First Mennonite Church** worship attendance—June 26—133.

**The Church Office will be closed tomorrow**, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

**The offering from June 19 and 26** for Local Missions was \$9,799 and online Local Missions was \$4,873.

**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 this week. 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 Youth Group will be travelling** to Kykotsmovi, AZ to spend a week at the Peace Academic Center, a school associated with Mennonite Education Agency. We will be leaving on Saturday, July 9 at 6:30 AM from the church parking lot. We will be returning to the same location on Saturday, July 16 around 8:00 PM. We appreciate prayers as we travel, learn, serve, and fellowship this week. In preparation for this trip, the Youth Group will meet on July 6 at 6:30 PM to create a trip covenant, have a conversation with Clint Litsey, eat, and fellowship.