

Jesus Centered Church

August 14, 2022

Gathering

Welcome

Pastor Luke Unruh

Meditation music

This is my Father's World by Robert Hobby
Amanda Rempel, organist

Call to worship

Pastor Luke Unruh

Listening

Words for the children

Sara Rickard

Worship song

Guide My Feet VT 816

Prayer for the offering

Local Mission

Pastor Luke Unruh

Scripture

Luke 22:14-20, John 13:1-17
Pastor Luke Unruh

Sermon

Jesus Centered Church and Our Bodies
Pastor Laura Goerzen

Response song

Jesus Took a Towel VT 490

Prayers of the church

June Thomsen

Sending

Sending song

Jesus, Be the Center VT 584

Announcements and benediction

Pastor Luke Unruh

Postlude

All Creatures of our God and King by Hal Hopson
Amanda Rempel, organist

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, Joey Menninga, Brian Kennell, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Amanda Rempel Chorister: Wendy Schrag Property Committee: Mason Unruh Visuals: Carol Goering

Upcoming Worship Services

August 21—Chaplain Eric Massanari—*Jesus Centered Church and Dying Well*

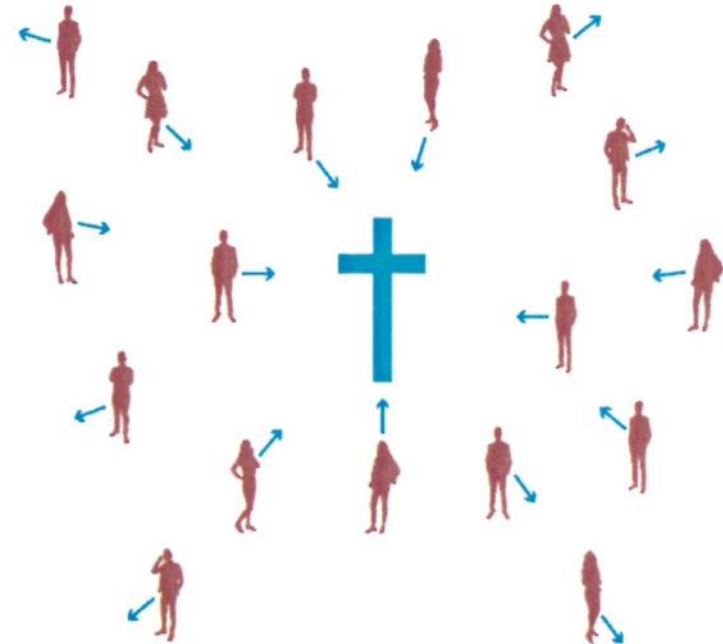
August 28—Pastor Laura Goerzen—*Jesus Centered Church Conclusions*



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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August Intergenerational Sunday School Schedule (9:15-10:15 AM)

- Aug. 14: Bee-Keeping with Ryan Goertzen-Regier and Ken Regier
 - Aug. 21: Card-making with Pastor Laura Goerzen
 - Aug. 28: The Joy of Art with Kacie Schmidt
- All are welcome. Parents, please attend and sit with your child/ren. Given the current surge of cases in Harvey county, Covid safety precautions for this Sunday school time will include:
- Nurture Commission requests all participants in this class to please wear masks.
 - Air filtration devices will be running throughout the Fellowship Hall
- Tables will be set up to allow for maximum distancing.

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.



Save the dates! If you will be volunteering with children or youth and have not experienced a FMC safe sanctuary training, there will be identical trainings offered on Wednesday, August 31 and Tuesday, September 6. Please put these dates on your calendar to choose one. More details will follow.

New books were added to the church library. Stop by and take and look and maybe check out a book. A book list of all the new titles will be included in the September Connections Newsletter.

Community Announcements

Bluestem U, a lifelong learning program for individuals age 55 and better, is enrolling now for its first semester that will begin in September. The fall 2022 semester will feature three courses hosted by Hesston College and Schowalter Villa – “Prairie Landscaping 101” taught by Brad Guhr, “Happy Habits from Positive Psychology” taught by Kevin Wilder, and “Buggies, Bonnets and Boundaries: A Study of Amish Faith, Life and Culture” taught by John Sharp. Each course is \$50. For more information and registration, go to bluestemu.org or call 316-836-4846. Bluestem U is a partnership between Bluestem Communities, Bethel College and Hesston College.

Many thanks to the many volunteers of the 2022 summer--program directors, input leaders, counselors, kitchen staff, maintenance volunteers, and all the other delightful people who spent time at Camp Mennoscah! It has been a brilliant time with approx. 370 campers immersed in worship, friends, and caring relationships over 8 amazing camp weeks. Thank you for being part of these great experiences!

Work & Play Day on August 20! Camp Mennoscah has projects to complete and plenty to do after a busy, fun summer. You are invited to be part of this camping ministry through fellowship and service! Projects for all ages and weather are available. Let us know you're coming so we can be prepared for you! Bring your lunch and a water bottle. The day will start at 8:30 AM at the maintenance shed. End your day with a leisurely kayak ride or stroll to the sandbar. Contact Olivia at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org to sign up. Want to volunteer either before or after August 20? Give us a call!

Hesston College Bel Canto Singers presents—*Bel in the Black Box*, Saturday, August 20, 7:00 PM, Keim Center Theatre. When the curtains are open the acoustics are live! Join us for a variety show featuring the entire ensemble as well as small groups/solo pieces.

Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM), a partner of Mennonite Mission Network, will host a gathering to share ministry updates on Sunday, August 21, 6:30 PM, **here at FMC**. Co-executive Coordinator John Fumana and his wife Lucie from Democratic Republic of Congo are planning to be present. For more information contact: aimm@aimmint.org or 574-535-0077.

Kauffman Museum at Bethel College is seeking a graphic designer who has experience with digital and print design, as well as social media, web and IT. Interest or experience in museum exhibition design and fabrication preferred. This is a full-time, benefits-eligible position. To see the complete job description and to apply, go to the <https://www.bethelks.edu/about/who-we-are/career-opportunities/current-position-openings/graphic-designer-kauffman-museum> For more information, contact Andi Andres at Kauffman Museum: asa@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612.

Life Enrichment returns to Bethel College with the start of the fall 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 www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/life-enrichment for more information, or watch for a brochure in the mail if you haven't already received one.

Sunflower Performing Arts presents: *Sunflower Soirée*, Sunday, September 11, 3:00 PM Hesston Mennonite Church. You are invited to our season opening event that is free of charge and will present local/regional artists: Carren Moham, soprano; Mei Li, piano; The Salina Symphony Brass Quintet, The Brain Flowers, and Outside the Bach(s). Light refreshments to follow. More info at sunflowerarts.org

Announcements

The offering for August 21 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: firstmennonitenewton.org.

First Mennonite Church worship attendance for August 7—100.

LOCAL MISSIONS: For the month of July we are behind in Local Missions by \$700 and for the year by \$18,400. We have not received any contributions toward the new furnace/air conditioner that was installed earlier this year. The congregation has approved these expenses. Please prayerfully consider what your part is in giving to take care of these expenses. ~Financial Stewardship Committee

The Allies group, which supports people with various sexual identities and their families and friends, will be meeting **today, 3:00 PM**, in the main floor, southwest corner, Room 224. For more information, contact Wendy Funk Schrag at pwschrag@cox.net.

Homeless Shelter—Our next week to serve New Hope Homeless Shelter is August 17-23. If you are able to help, contact Lee Penner or Ruby Moore.

Care Connect: It is time to sign up again for Care Connect, part of Caregiving Commission's ministry. This is where we match volunteers with those, mostly elderly, who are not able to attend church in person. The volunteers visit or make a contact, like on birthdays or other special occasions. If you would like more information, or continue with this program, contact the church office, or Larry Entz.

Housewarming for Pastor Luke—Pastor Luke has just moved into his home in Newton. The Service and Fellowship Commission and FMC would like to welcome him to Newton and his new home. There will be a box in the church kitchen where you can put groceries, gift cards, notes of encouragement, easy meal ideas, recipes, etc. The box will be labeled and will be there August 14 and August 21. Welcome, Luke!!

Join a Neighboring Cohort! Interested in being part of 4-10 individuals from FMC who get to learn from trained facilitators from the Neighboring Movement and lead FMC in shaping a culture of Neighboring in our congregation? This is your chance! When you join a Neighboring Cohort, you get to participate in 3 interactive online workshops with other neighboring churches across the country. The first is Saturday, August 20' from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. The second workshop will be in early December and the third in early February (dates TBA). No neighboring experience necessary. All you need is a desire to know your neighbors and a willingness to try new things!

Wednesday Community Night Planning is underway! Nurture Commission is discussing ideas and schedules for our Fall Community Nights. If you have ideas for activities you would like to lead or see available for children and/or adults, please be in touch with Pastor Laura or a member of Nurture Commission.