

# Jesus Centered Church

## August 21, 2022

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### Gathering

#### Welcome

Kevin Miller, worship leader

#### Meditation music

*Gather Us In* by Behnke  
Amanda Entz, organist

#### Call to worship

Kevin Miller, worship leader

### Listening

#### Words for the children

Keith Knopp

#### Worship song

*Blessed Assurance* VT 435

#### Prayer for the offering

##### Local Mission

Kevin Miller, worship leader

#### Scripture

Psalm 90 and Luke 2:25-38  
Kevin Miller, worship leader

#### Special music

*The Mission/How Great Thou Art*  
Amanda Entz and Joey Menninga

#### Sermon

*I will not die an unlived life*  
Chaplain Eric Massanari

#### Response song

*My Life Flows On* VT 605

#### Prayers of the church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

### Sending

#### Sending song

*The Lord's My Shepherd* VT 660

#### Announcements and benediction

Kevin Miller, worship leader

#### Postlude

*Epilogue on "Ebenezer"* arr. Good  
Amanda Entz, 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](http://firstmennonitenewton.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: Amanda Rempel, Joey Menninga. Property Committee: Brent Voran. Visuals: Carol Goering.

## Upcoming Worship Services

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

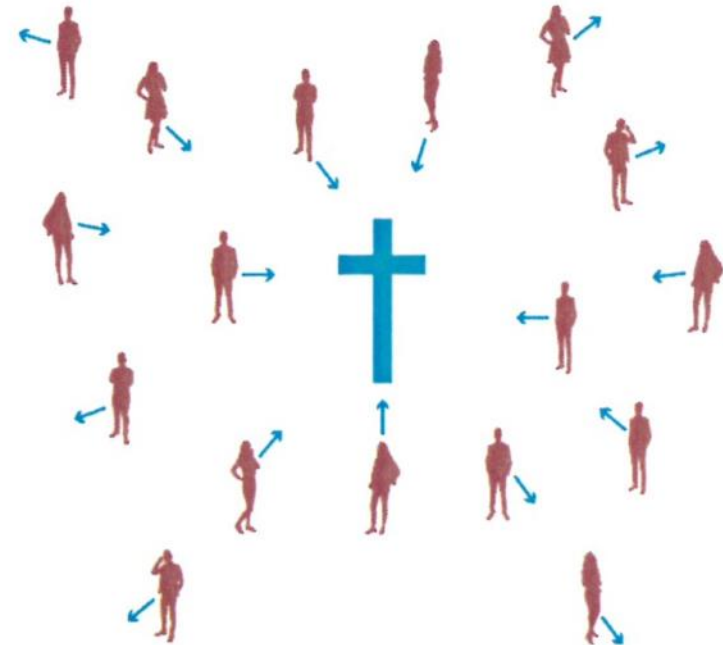
**September 4**—*Come to the Water*



**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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## **First Mennonite Church August 21, 2022**

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

- 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.

### Community Announcements

**Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM)**, a partner of Mennonite Mission Network, will host a gathering to share ministry updates **today at 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.

**OVM invites all who are supportive** of Restorative Justice in our communities to join us for a celebration of these efforts at Just Desserts 2022-**today, August 21, 6:00-8:00 PM**, at Prairy Mezzanine in Newton for an evening of sweets, treats, and entertainment. Share this with your friends! Find out more and use the secure registration form at <https://www.offendervictimministries.org/just-desserts>

**Women and Girls Retreat**—Western District Women in Mission (WDWM) Retreat Committee has been busy planning the annual Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah on September 10 and 11, and ALL women are invited to attend! The theme is: *Women's Voices*. Girls in Grade 5 and up are also invited to come, although there will not be any separate programming for them. The Retreat Brochure and Registration Form are available on the table in the Gathering Area. Deadline for registration is August 31. Contact Darlene Powers, [dpowers11@cox.net](mailto:dpowers11@cox.net) for questions or more information. Come have a fun and relaxing weekend!

**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: [www.bethelks.edu/about/who-we-are/career-opportunities/current-position-openings/graphic-designer-kauffman-museum](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://sunflowerarts.org).

**Newton Et Cetera Shop** invites you to become a volunteer! Help us to share God's love with all creation by volunteering in clothing, clerking, recycling, linens, housewares or one of our other departments. If you'd like to join us, please stop by, call us at 316-283-9461, or attend one of our upcoming volunteer orientations to tell us what interests you: Thursday, September 15, 5:00-6:00 PM or Thursday, October 20, 6:00-7:00 PM. We hope to hear from you soon!

**Camp Mennoscah Annual Meeting** and Dedication of the Renovated Campfire Amphitheater on September 18! Join us for an evening of song, popcorn, and generic pop, as well as updates and information on the year at Camp Mennoscah. Time is yet to be determined. (It's like a mini-Camp Sing!)

**Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat on October 28-30!** Crafters and scrapbookers are all invited to come for a weekend of creativity and friends. Lodging will be in the Retreat Center and cropping/crafting will be in the Main Camp dining hall. Space heaters will be available for both areas since the repairs for the furnaces will not be completed.

**Newton Et Cetera Shop** invites you to attend the *Loss of Turtle Island Event* at Bethel College's Memorial Hall on Sunday, October 23, 4:00-5:30 PM. Please join us to learn more about the historic relationship between European settlers and the Indigenous nations, the original inhabitants, of the land we now call the United States of America. Blankets represent the land and participants represent distinct Indigenous nations who experience colonization, genocide, broken treaties, forced removal, assimilation and termination — all in the spirit of the Doctrine of Discovery. This event is in-person only, and is also sponsored by Mennonite Central Committee, Bethel College, and Bethel College Mennonite Church.

**Shop to support MCC's work** with welcome and migration on Saturday, November 12, 10:00 AM-5:30 PM! Proceeds at Newton Et Cetera Shop support Mennonite Central Committee and our local partners year-round. On Nov. 12 we're doing something different: Every single dime and dollar you spend at the shop will go to MCC, not just the proceeds! We'll also have someone from MCC here to talk more about the work they're doing, and how shopping, donating and volunteering at MCC Thrift Shops helps to support this work. Mark your calendars now for some holiday shopping to support MCC and to learn more about their work with people on the move!

## Announcements

**The offering for August 28** 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](http://firstmennonitenewton.org).

**First Mennonite Church** worship attendance for August 14—139.

**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 CD Duplication Team** is looking for an additional one or two people to help with duplicating CDs of our worship service each week. This is an important ministry that gives some members of our congregation access to our worship services by providing them a CD recording each week. We would like to thank Ivan Welty and Rick Ortman for their dedication to this ministry, and to Ron Dietzel, who continues to serve on this team. If you are interested in being part of this team, please contact Ron Dietzel for more information.

**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 through today.** Welcome, Luke!!

**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.

**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.