

Jesus Centered Church

August 7, 2022

Gathering

Welcome

Judy Murphy, worship leader

Meditation music

Lift High the Name of Jesus
Ben's Band

Call to worship

Judy Murphy, worship leader

Listening

Words for the children

Nick Sharp

Worship song

I Love to Tell the Story
Ben's Band

Prayer for the offering Scholarship Fund

Judy Murphy, worship leader

Scripture

Matthew 5:43-48
Judy Murphy, worship leader

Sermon

Jesus Centered Church and the Peace Witness
Pastor Luke Unruh

Prayers of the church

Larry Entz

Sending

Sending song

Jesus, Be the Center VT 584

Announcements and benediction

Judy Murphy, worship leader

Postlude

Holy Spirit Come With Power
Ben's Band

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, Sarah Koehn, Ryan Koehn, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Ben's Band. Property Committee: John Good

Upcoming Worship Services

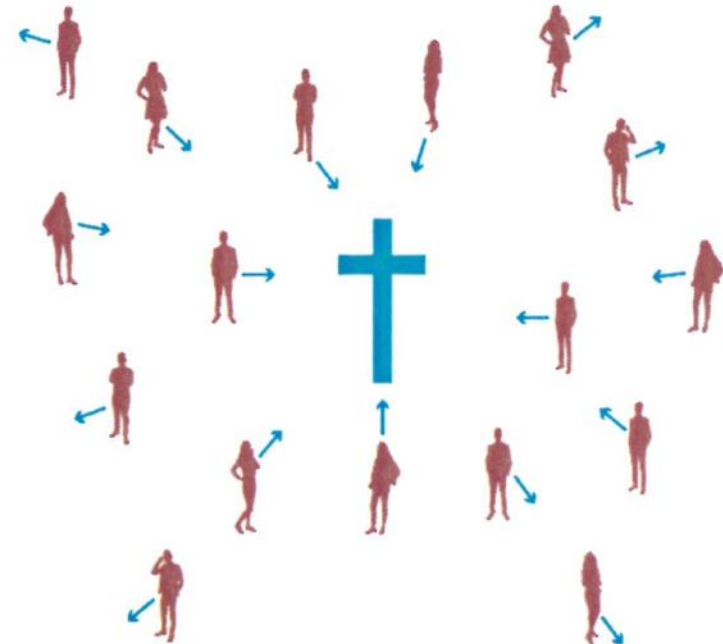
August 14—*Jesus Centered Church and Our Bodies*—Pastor Laura Goerzen.



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. 7: Self-Care Activities with Barb Claassen, Erin Graber, Michelle Regier
- 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.

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.

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!

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 this week. 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.

All are invited to an evening of sharing from **Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission** on Sunday evening, August 21, 6:30 PM, here at First Mennonite in the Fellowship Hall.

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- SENIOR FAREWELL—Let's send our illustrious seniors off with a bang. Where: Carol Entz's place.
- When: Wednesday, August 10, at 6:00 PM.
- Bring a lawn chair and we will provide the meal.

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.



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!

Everence will hold its popular Medicare workshop at its office in North Newton on Tuesday, August 9, 6:30 PM. Topics will include: when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. The in-person workshop will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

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!

Announcements

The offering for August 14 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—July 31—143.

Local Missions offering from July 24 and 31—\$5,380; online local missions—\$4,870.

STARTING THIS SUNDAY: Masks are optional in our building, including during worship service. Please follow your needs regarding whether or not to wear a mask in the building. We no longer have a required social distancing seating style in the sanctuary but we urge awareness of social distancing if you feel the need to do so for your comfort level. We thank our church family for their understanding and care for one another as we move into another phase of Covid protocols. ~Janice Good, Church Board Chair

Any who would like to contact Peter or Jennie Wintermote in response to their sharing on July 24 are welcome to do so. Please note, Peter's current cell number, as it is different from what is listed in the yearbook: jenniewintermote@gmail.com, peterwintermote@gmail.com. Peter is forming a confidential men's group; contact him for more information.

Homeless Shelter—Our next week to serve New Hope Homeless Shelter is August 17-23. If you are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

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.

Have you been wondering about how the passing of the Resolution for Repentance and Transformation at MCUSA's Special Delegate Session will affect FMC? The Church Board would like to share that we are processing it as a board with the goal of planning for an opportunity for those at FMC who would like to discuss it further to meet sometime this Fall. Our Church Board discussion will include the questions: What does this mean for FMC, our conference, and me? What has changed? Discussion at a congregational level will include those questions also. Please be watching for announcements concerning a date for this. We are a church of diverse thoughts regarding scripture interpretation but united on our truths of belief in God, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus which can result in the need to listen to each other carefully. Please be in prayer God's guidance as we move through this process of sharing, listening, and caring for one another around this resolution.