

Come to the Water

September 11, 2022

Gathering

Welcome

Carol Entz, worship leader

Meditation music

Al Berg and Thomasine Berg

Call to worship

Carol Entz and Stephanie and Eli Weaver

Listening

Water story

Rannie Goering

Worship song

Rain Down VT 703

Words for the children

Chris Weaver

Prayer for the offering

Local Missions

Carol Entz

Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-3a, Mark 1:4-11

Carol Entz

Sermon

Come to the Water: Passing Through

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Special music

Al Berg and Thomasine Berg

Prayers of the church

Pastor Luke Unruh

Sending

Sending song

How Firm a Foundation VT 592

Announcements and benediction

Carol Entz

Postlude

Melody Bontrager

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, Tim Regier, Brian Kennell, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Melody Bontrager, Wendy Schrag, Al Berg, Thomasine Berg. Property Committee: Kevin Hamm. Visuals: Carol Goering and Cindy Unruh.

Upcoming Worship Services

September 18—Pastor Luke—*Come to the Water: Searching*

September 25—Pastor Laura—*Come to the Water: Healing*



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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SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School—9:15 AM
- Youth Group—Wednesday, September 14, 7:00 PM

Check your email for more information on Sunday School and Youth Group.

Wednesday Community Night is starting up on October 12. Join us for a 5:45 PM meal and 6:30 PM activities for all ages.

If you would like a copy of the 2022 WDC Delegate Session minutes, please contact the church office and we can get you one.

The Gifts Discernment Committee is continuing to contact people for several of our commissions and committees, for terms beginning January 1, 2023. Please pray with us for these needs to be met, so that we can work together in fulfilling God's work among us, building faith, community and outreach. You can pick up a paper copy of the Gifts and Interests Inventory on the literature table in the Gathering Area or find it online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TD9GLV7>. You can also use your smart phone or tablet camera on the square below to follow the link. To learn more, please contact one of the members of the committee: Keith Knopp (316-284-1251), Wenda Black (316-772--5517), June Thomsen (316-239-8747) or Betty Pauls (316-217-5841).



Community Announcements

Sunflower Performing Arts presents: *Sunflower Soirée*, Sunday, September 11, 3:00PM at 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.

KIPCOR Film Series begins, with *Generation 9/11*, today at 2:00 PM, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Filmmaker Katherin Hervey tells the stories of an entire generation shaped by the events of 9/11 and the aftermath. Audience discussion follows the film screening.

Mennonite Church USA is seeking a Project Manager for MennoCon23. The position is a 12-month contract position at .50 to .75 FTE. Responsible for coordinating the various aspects of the MennoCon23 process, managing logistics, giving continuity to convention operations, ensuring the event runs smoothly and within established budget parameters. Experience in project planning or convention is desired. Strong organiza-

tional skills required. Location: Any. We are committed to diversity among staff and welcome people of diverse backgrounds and abilities to apply. View the job description at mennoniteusa.org. Send cover letter with resume to HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call 316-281-4257.

Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College—"One and a Half Acres: Images from America's Decommissioned Missile Silos," photographs by Nate Hofer, through Thursday, September 22 (closing reception September 22). Gallery hours are Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Sunday 2:00-4:00 PM.

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, 5:00-6:00 PM. We hope to hear from you soon!

Mennonite Church USA is seeking a full-time Director of Constituent Engagement to work with the Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA to carry out the organization's constituent engagement strategy. The position will maintain relationships with donors (individuals and congregations), track engagement metrics, and oversee several pieces of the churchwide convention. We are committed to diversity among staff and welcome people of diverse backgrounds and abilities to apply. View the job description here. To request an application form, contact HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call 316-281-4257.

Camp Mennoscah Annual Meeting and Dedication of the Renovated Campfire Amphitheater on Sunday, 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, but will start in the early evening. (It's like a mini-Camp Sing! Bring your friends for a happy sing-along.)

Season tickets for the 2022-23 Prairie Window Concert Series at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains are available with an EARLY BIRD discount now through September 30. This year's line-up includes Haymakers, Humbird, Goodnight Moonshine, John Fullbright, Lindsay Lou, The Barefoot Movement, The Small Glories and Bella White. Purchase tickets online at dyckarboretum.org or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

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 November 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!

September Final Thursday Book Discussion—"Jesus ministered to the poor, Jesus was poor. If both are true of our Savior, both can be true of us too." Explore this idea in Kevin Wiebe's book "Faithful in Small Things: How to Serve the Needy When You're One of Them." Copies available at the WDC Resource Library. Join the Zoom discussion on Thursday, September 29, 7:00 PM. Register by emailing: crlib@mennowdc.org

Camp Mennoscah is considering moving camps to a Sunday to Friday schedule. We'd be interested in hearing your thoughts—parents, campers, weekend groups, everyone! Please reply to olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290.

Excuse our mess! The work of making necessary repairs and reconfiguring spaces at the MCC building in North Newton continues to move forward, but if you've seen the building lately you can see the mess is getting bigger! Parking space is limited, but we are thankful for the donors and volunteers who continue to graciously adapt to the current challenges. Soon the new sewing room will be added, and we cannot wait to host more volunteers at MCC! We ask for your prayers and patience during this construction process so the important work of MCC can continue without undue interruption.

MCC Central States is hiring for two new positions, please consider applying today or passing these opportunities on to someone you know who has a passion for working in immigration! **Immigration Program Coordinator**—Got experience with immigration, migration, and borderlands work? Love building multi-cultural relationships? This opportunity with MCC may be the one for you. **Borderlands Program Coordinator**—Join MCC and use your coordinating skills and knowledge of borderlands. Teach, connect, and work with MCC partners and asylum seekers in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Apply at mcc.org. Questions about either position? Please call 316-283-2720 or email claraswald@mcc.org.

Announcements

The offering for September 18 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: firstmennonitewton.org.

First Mennonite Church worship attendance for September 4—148.

Nursery care is now available for infants and toddlers every Sunday during Sunday school and worship.

Genesis Bible Study— A new Bible study option for Sunday morning will begin today. Based on an outline developed by Lubin and Tillie Jantzen 30 years ago, we will explore the book of Genesis in detail. This study is open to all ages, and we especially encourage those who are not connected to a regular class to consider dropping in. The study will be facilitated by Jerry Regier with help from others. We will meet in the basement Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Brent & Cora Voran or Jerry Regier.

Interested in learning more about First Mennonite Church? Join us on Tuesday, September 13, at 6:00 PM at Pastor Laura's home. Pastor Laura and Pastor Luke will be hosting an evening that includes fellowship, supper, and an introduction to the history, structure, and mission of FMC. If you are considering membership at FMC, or just want to learn more about us, this is a great first step. Please contact Pastor Laura (laurag@firstmennonitewton.org) for more information or to RSVP.

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.

Mark your calendars for October 2, World Communion Sunday! We will be joining Casa Betania to worship with them at their usual time at 4:00pm. Morning worship and Sunday school will be cancelled this Sunday. Please join us at 4:00pm for this joint service of building Christian fellowship with our brothers and sisters of Casa Betania.