

Come to the Water

September 18, 2022

Gathering

Welcome

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Meditation music

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. Victor Labenske
Nora Miller, pianist

Call to worship

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Listening

Water story

Dave Wiebe

Worship song

Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing VT 555

Words for the children

John Goerzen

**Children ages 2-5 may leave for supervised play time in Room #234.*

Prayer for the offering

Local Missions

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Scripture

Exodus 17:1-7

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Congregational song

All Who Are Thirsty VT 49

Sermon

Come to the Water: Searching

Pastor Luke Unruh

Prayers of the church

Larry Entz

Sending

Sending song

As a Deer in Want of Water VT 552

Announcements and benediction

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Postlude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Nora Miller, pianist

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, Alex Goering, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Daryl Unruh, chorister; Nora Miller, pianist. Property Committee: Rod Wedel. Visuals: Carol Goering and Cindy Unruh.

Upcoming Worship Services

September 25—Pastor Luke—*Come to the Water: Storms*

October 2—World Communion Sunday with Casa Betania at 4:00 PM.



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



Youth Group—Wednesday, September 21—We'll be meeting from 6:30-8:15 PM (Note the time change!) out at Janet and Dwight's farm (Note the location change!) for supper and worship (Note the food change!). Watch your email for the specific location!

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).



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.

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.

Community Announcements

Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting and Dedication of the Renovated Campfire Amphitheater is today! Join us at Camp Mennoscah at 6:30 PM, for an evening of song, popcorn, and generic pop, as well as updates and information on the year at Camp Mennoscah. It's like a mini-Camp Sing! Bring your friends for a happy sing-along and an evening of fellowship.

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 organizational 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.

New Hope Shelter Food and Supply Drive—September 21—Meridian Grocery and Dillon's South 9:00 AM-Noon, Dillon's North and Wal Mart 1:00-4:00 PM. Food items needed include: Mac and Cheese, Canned Fruit, Canned Goods, Salad Dressings, Miracle Whip, Ketchup, Mustard, Velveeta, Ramen Noodles, Fruit and Granola Bars, BBQ Sauce, Peanut Butter, Jelly and Jam, and Tuna. Supply items needed: Laundry Pods and Laundry Soap, Hand Dishwashing Soap, Napkins, Pine-Sol, 13 and 38 Gallon Trash Bags, Sandwich Bags, Bathroom Cleaner, All-Purpose Cleaner, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Masking Tape, and Toilet Bowl Cleaner.

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 our upcoming volunteer orientations to tell us what interests you: 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.

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: crilib@mennowdc.org

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.

Work and Play Day on October 15! Share a few hours of your time for the satisfaction of improving camp grounds and some free time wandering the trails, fishing, or whatever your favorite camp activity is. The day starts at 8:30 AM, at the maintenance shed. If you are coming from a distance, ask about an overnight stay. Let us know you're coming, so we can plan for you and your friends. Email: olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290.

We're taking out the dam on October 16 at approx. 2:30 PM! Everyone is welcome to join in or to watch. Gather at the shelter. (The actual removal of the boards is not for young ages.) The event will go forward, whatever the weather, unless deemed unsafe. Call Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290, if uncertain.

Bethel College's Fall Festival is October 6-9, with most activities taking place Saturday, October 8, on campus. Features include music, food, class reunions, football, the play *Quiet in the Land* by Anne Chislett and the STEM Symposium honoring Professor Emeritus of Psychology Paul Lewis. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival> for the complete schedule.

Are you disappointed that there will be no mental health retreat at Camp Mennoscah this fall? Then here is good news. *Finding Hope in the Midst of Struggle: a spiritual retreat for persons acquainted with mental illness* may be just what you are looking for. The one-day retreat will be held on Friday, October 14, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, at 808 S Poplar in South Hutchinson, KS, on the premises of Journey Mennonite Church. Registration is \$10 and is required. Lunch is included in the fee. Among those presenting are Pastor Judy Miller, Father Mike Lloyd, Andy Houltberg, and Amanda Rempel. Arlene Schmidt is on the planning committee. To register by telephone: Arlene or Wilbur Schmidt at 620-259-4096 or email: paige.chamberlain@milestoneclubhouse.org. A few brochures are available in the Gathering Area on the table.

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.

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.

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 25 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.

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

Childcare is now available for children ages 2-5 during the worship service. Children of this age will have the opportunity to leave after the “Words for the children” for supervised play time in the Beginner’s classroom, Room #234. Parents, please pick your children up promptly following the conclusion of the worship service.

First Mennonite Church worship attendance for September 11—153.

Local missions offering from September 4 & 11—\$9,510; online local missions—\$3,325.

There will be a potluck lunch for all college aged people next Sunday, September 25, in Fellowship Hall, here at the church following the church service! Anyone ages 18-23 are invited to come, have lunch, and fellowship together. We will do some brainstorming about further plans for future meetings as well. Please contact Pastor Luke if you have any questions (lukeu@firstmennonitenewton.org). Hope to see you there!

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.

A support group for survivors of sexual abuse will meet with the guidance of a professional therapist on Tuesday, September 27. If you have experienced sexual abuse, you are welcome to attend. Please contact Laura Sharp from the Caregiving and Membership Commission for details: 574-849-7205.