

Come to the Water

September 25, 2022

Gathering

Welcome

Judy Murphy, worship leader

Meditation music

Like a River Glorious

Jyl Ewy, pianist

Call to worship

Judy Murphy, worship leader

Listening

Water story

Tim Wiens

Worship song

Our God

Words for the children

Andrea Regier

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

Prayer for the offering

Local Missions

Judy Murphy

Scripture

Mark 4:35-41, Matthew 14:22-32

Judy Murphy, worship leader

Congregational song

Way Maker

Sermon

Come to the Water: Storms

Pastor Luke Unruh

Prayers of the church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Sending

Sending song

Oceans

Announcements and benediction

Judy Murphy, worship leader

Postlude

Near the Cross/Shall We Gather at the River

Jyl Ewy, 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, Ryan Koehn, Sarah Koehn, and Melody Enns are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Joey Menninga, Jyl Ewy, Joan Entz, Sheralyn Goering. Property Committee: Mason Unruh. Visuals: Carol Goering and Cindy Unruh.

Want to learn more about First Mennonite?
Scan the QR code or fill out the purple or green card in your pew and a pastor will reach out to you!



Upcoming Worship Services

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

October 9—Pastor Laura—*Come to the Water: Crossing*



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
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SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School—9:15 AM
- Youth Group—Wednesday, September 28, 7:00 PM

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

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).



days 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.

Healing & Hope—A new Healing & Hope group for women impacted by a partner's unfaithfulness through use of pornography/acting out behaviors, etc. This confidential group will support one another as we journey toward God's healing & hope for each one of us. Please contact Jennie Wintermote to learn more or join the group. jenniewintermote@gmail.com or (316)708-0309.

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

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

New Hope Shelter Barn Raising—join us on Sunday, October 2, 6:00 PM, at Son Wray Ranch, 5420 NW 24th Street, Newton, for a banquet to celebrate and learn more about the progress, goals, and listen to a couple of the residents share their stories of having “Hope Restored”. Seating is limited. RSVP to vicki@newhope-shelter.org. For more information, there is a flyer on the board in the Gathering Area.

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.

Visit the Camp Mennoscah Fall Fest booth on October 8! Stop by, say hi, and enter a drawing for a tee shirt. We're ready for some good visits and fun times!

Let us know if your camper/you have not received the summer youth camp photos and address sheets for your camp week. The summer is a busy time and sometimes things are missed.

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.

Buy your Camp Mennoscah merch today! <http://camp-mennoscah-store.square.site/> The Camp Mennoscah online store has been refreshed and is ready for you to fill your need for that newest Camp Mennoscah tee shirt or water bottle. We suggest wearing camp gear to every event and outing! Only water bottles and stickers will be at Bethel College's Fall Fest.

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 Full-

bright, 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.

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 Houlberg, 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.

Announcements

The offering for October 2 will be for Mennonite Mission Network. 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.

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 18—122.

A Big Thank You to Narcotics Anonymous for replacing the broken umbrella on our south picnic table with something much nicer! We appreciate you!

There will be a potluck lunch for all college aged people today in Fellowship Hall, 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@firstmennonitewton.org). Hope to see you there!

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

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 birth-