

# Come to the Water

## September 4, 2022

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### Gathering

#### Welcome

Pastor Laura Goerzen

#### Meditation music

*God of Wonders* by Steve Hindalong and Marc Byrd  
Ben's Band

#### Call to worship

Pastor Laura Goerzen, Mike and Xavier Garcia

### Listening

#### Water story

Andrea Regier

#### Worship song

*As I Went Down to the River to Pray* arr. Ben Regier  
Ben's Band

#### Words for the children

Sheralyn Goering

#### Prayer for the offering

#### Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Pastor Laura Goerzen

#### Scripture

Revelation 22:1-5  
Pastor Laura Goerzen

#### Sermon

*Come to the Water: River*  
Pastor Luke Unruh

#### Prayers of the church

Judy Murphy

### Sending

#### Sending song

*The River is Here* by Andy Park  
Ben's Band

#### Announcements and benediction

Pastor Laura Goerzen

#### Postlude

*Where Justice Rolls Down Like a Mighty Water*  
Ben's band

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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, Ryan Koehn, Ryan Goertzen Regier and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Ben's Band. Property Committee: John Good. Visuals: Carol Goering and Cindy Unruh.*

## Upcoming Worship Services

**September 11**—Pastor Laura—*Come to the Water: Passing Through Danger*

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



**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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# *Come to the Water*

*First Mennonite Church*  
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# SR. HIGH YOUTH



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

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

**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@firstmennoniteweston.org](mailto:laurag@firstmennoniteweston.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.

**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.

## Today our children begin a new Sunday school year. Thank you to our teachers and nursery workers for 2022-2023

Beginners (2-3 years old): room 234 (east hallway)  
Teachers: Rachel Koehn, Ruth Abrahams

Pre-K - Kindergarten: room 232 (east hallway)  
Teachers: Judy Murphy, Peter Wintermote, Sheralyn Goering

1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: room 319 (upstairs)  
Teachers: Deb Penner, Kiley Schmidt, Sara Rickard

4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade: room 315 (upstairs)  
Teachers: Andrea Regier, Marsha Schmidt

Jr High (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades): room 126 (basement)  
Teachers: Amanda Entz, Chris Weaver, Amanda Menninga

Nursery workers (during Sunday School and Worship)  
Shirley Dietzel, Kathleen Andres, Pamela & Janessa Garcia, Amy Funk, \_\_\_\_\_,  
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**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.

**The next quarter Sunday School materials** are here. You can find the material on the table in the Gathering Area.

**If you are new to volunteering with children or youth** this fall and have not had Safe Sanctuaries Training, please attend Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. To register for the session and to let us know if you need a zoom link to join virtually, contact Sara Rickard at [sararickard@gmail.com](mailto:sararickard@gmail.com).

## 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](http://sunflowerarts.org).

**Hesston College TheatreFest**—September 28, Keim Center. High School students are invited to spend the morning in acting and tech-based workshops followed by a matinee of *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*. Register by September 10 at [hesston.edu/theatrefest](http://hesston.edu/theatrefest)

**KIPCOR Film Series begins**, with *Generation 9/11*, Sunday, September 11, 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.

**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 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!

**Kidron Bethel Village**, a Bluestem community located in North Newton, KS, is seeking an individual to serve as its full-time chaplain. Interested persons should contact Linda Peters, Executive Director of Kidron Bethel Village at: [lindap@bluestemks.org](mailto:lindap@bluestemks.org).

**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](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org)

## Announcements

**The offering for September 11** 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 28—101.

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

**Local Missions offering** from August 21 and 28—\$4,005; online Local Missions offering—\$3,875.

**The rose on the pulpit** is in honor of Ella Marie, who was born on August 14 to Sean and Michelle Claassen. We surround this family with our love.

**Share your water stories!** Today we will begin our fall worship series, “Come to the Water,” and we want to hear your water stories! Is there a body of water that has been special to you? Have you had an experience with water that has been fun, challenging, transformative, scary, or spiritually powerful? Call, email, or catch Pastor Laura at church to share your story. We’d love to hear a water story during worship each Sunday of our series.

**A big thank you to Steve Voth who**, the past Sunday, aired up my flat tire and followed me to Wal-Mart to make sure I made it okay. ~Connie Weber

**The Church Office will be closed tomorrow**, September 5, in observance of Labor Day.

**Genesis Bible Study**— A new Bible study option for Sunday morning will begin September 11. 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.

**Knitting4peace group will meet** on Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00 PM, in the New Life Fellowship SS room, across the hall from the downstairs bathrooms. Bring your knitting, crochet, quilting, embroidery projects to work on. There will also be an MCC comforter set up to tie. Anyone is welcome to join as we continue to form the mission of the group. For more information, contact Elena Entz Wiebe at [ele413@gmail.com](mailto:ele413@gmail.com) or Wendy Funk Schrag [pwschrag@cox.net](mailto:pwschrag@cox.net).