

Come to the Water

October 9, 2022

Gathering

Welcome

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Meditation music

Shall we gather at the river arr. Dale Wood
Amanda Rempel, organist

Call to worship

Casson Schmidt, worship leader
Eli Weaver, helper

Listening

Water story

John Goerzen

Worship songs

What Is This Place VT 22
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee VT 103

Words for the children

Penny Dorado

Prayer for the offering

Local Missions
Casson Schmidt

Scripture

Joshua 3:14-4:7
Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Sermon

Come to the Water: Crossing
Pastor Laura Goerzen

Prayers of the church

Pastor Luke Unruh

Sending

Sending song

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand VT 661

Announcements and benediction

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Postlude

Toccata in F Major Dietrich Buxtehude
Amanda Rempel, organist

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, Brian Kennell, Ryan Goertzen Regier, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Paul Schrag, chorister; Amanda Rempel, organist. Property Committee: Phil Gaertner. Visuals: Carol Goering and Cindy Unruh.

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

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 16—*Come to the Water: Healing*—Pastor Laura Goerzen

October 23—*Come to the Water: Living Water*—Pastor Luke Unruh



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, October 12, 6:30 PM

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

Healing and Hope—A new Healing and 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.

If you haven't signed up for *Realm* yet, our church software, you can still do that. Please contact the Church Office and a link will be emailed to you.

Community Announcements

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.

The first concert of the 2022-23 Prairie Window Concert Series, with Haymakers, will be on Sunday, October 16, 4:00 PM, at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and delicious food from Crust & Crumb in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. Purchase tickets by calling 620-327-8127 or online at dyckarboretum.org to reserve your seats.

Everence will hold the popular Social Security and retirement income workshop at its office in North Newton on Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 PM. The workshop will cover, Social Security strategies including when to begin taking benefits, strategies to help your retirement income last, and risks that can impact your retirement savings. 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.

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.

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, Oct. 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 Houtberg, 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.

Hoffnungsaus Mennonite Church, 43 13th Avenue, Inman, will hold its annual Sausage Mission Supper on Saturday, October 22, 5:00 – 6:30 PM. This will be a curbside pick up meal featuring our traditional menu of German sausage, mashed potatoes with gravy, creamed peas, zwiebach, applesauce and pie. Cost will be a free will offering with all proceeds going to support The Mary Magdalene House, Hutchinson. This is a ministry to taste the goodness of God and specializes in pastoral counseling with families dealing with mental illness, working through addiction, adoption issues, marital problems, etc. Check out their website at www.marymagdalenehouse.com. Call or text Barb (620-543-6863) or Teresa (620-242-2357) NOW to order meals.

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.

Western District Women in Mission invites you to join a virtual "Book Shelfies with Bethany" hour on Tuesday, October 25, 7:00-8:00 PM. Bethany Martin, Manager at Faith & Life Bookstore in Newton, KS, will present book reviews to add to your reading list as you settle in with good books during the winter months or think about gifts for Christmas. A very brief business meeting will be held to vote on some changes to our bylaws and to elect the new executive committee members of Western District Women in Mission. Registration deadline is October 24. To register and receive a Zoom link, please email westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.

After two years of not meeting, we are excited to announce plans for the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association Fall banquet. It will be held at the Eden Mennonite Church near Moundridge on Thursday, October 27, at 6:00 PM. The keynote speaker will be Brian Stucky, a 1971 graduate of Moundridge High School and currently living in Goessel. As a descendant of the family who operated the Alta Mill near Moundridge, he will give a program about "Mennonite Mills in Central Kansas".

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!

Registration is now open for *Joining Voices Together*, Bethel College's Worship and the Arts Symposium, Saturday, November 12, on campus, featuring resource people Bradley Kauffman, Rachel Epp Buller, Katie Graber, SaeJin Lee, Cynthia Neufeld Smith, Adam Tice and Isaac Villegas. Register at <https://www.bethelks.edu/worship-arts-registration-2022>; discount for three or more people from the same congregation. In addition, the public is invited to a Community Evensong service, November 12, 7:00 PM in Memorial Hall, which will consist entirely of congregational singing from the *Voices Together* hymnal, arranged around the 12 artworks found in the hymnal.

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.

Quilter's Corner is gladly accepting donations for the MCC sale which is April 14 and 15, 2023. Bring your fabric, notions, quilts and quilting supplies to the MCC Center in North Newton clearly labeled for Quilter's Corner. If questions, contact Ann Yoder Smith at 919-604-3282.

Announcements

The offering for October 16 will be for Local Mission. 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: firstmennonite-newton.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.

Thank you First Mennonite Family! Ella Marie Claassen was born Sunday, August 14, 2022 to Michelle and Sean Claassen. Sean and Michelle are eternally grateful for the love and support from our church family, especially the FIRST Sunday School class and those who offered prayers and provided meals throughout these first few weeks of Ella's life. We plan to return to in-person church in the coming months and until then will be actively watching the livestream. Blessings to each and every one of you! ~Sean and Michelle

Celebrating Life Transitions! If you know of a young individual or couple from this congregation who is/are moving into their first home or apartment in the local area, inform a pastor or Fellowship Commission so that we can support them in this exciting new stage of life with a house warming shower. We want to make this our new tradition for celebrating life transitions with young adults.

In The Word Sunday School class would welcome anyone to join us studying Genesis. We will be meeting in the Prayer Room on the second floor, just off the balcony.

Wednesday Community Nights Begin This Week! Join us this Wednesday for:

5:45 PM—Meal (bringing your own tableware welcomed, but not required)

Meal will be served by Christian Fellowship Sunday School.

The menu is pulled pork sandwiches, applesauce, chips and dessert.

The meal is by donation and all are welcome

6:30– 7:30 PM

- Preschool – Kindergarten class with Rachel Koehn—Room 234
- Kindergarten – 5th Grade class with Penny Dorado—Rooms 134 & 136

• Activities for Jr/Sr Youth

Adult class – "Lab 1: The Ingredients of Neighboring" with Pastor Laura—Room 224