

Upcoming Worship Services

November 20—*Request a Sermon*—Pastor Luke Unruh

November 27—1st Sunday of Advent



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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Proverbs 8:22-36
Wisdom Dancing With Creation
First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS



Wisdom Dancing With Creation

November 13, 2022

Gathering

Welcome

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Meditation music

Now thank we all our God by Bach/Means

Amanda Rempel, organist

Call to worship

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Listening

Worship song

I Sing the Mighty Power of God VT 182

Be Thou My Vision v. 1-2 & 4-5 VT 549

Words for the children

Chris Weaver

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

Prayer for the offering

Local Mission

Casson Schmidt

Scripture

Proverbs 8:22-36

Casson Schmidt

Sermon

Wisdom Dancing With Creation

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Response song

Long Before My Journey's Start

Prayers of the church

Pastor Luke Unruh

Sending

Sending song

God Who Touches Earth with Beauty VT 550

Announcements and benediction

Casson Schmidt

Postlude

Now thank we all our God by Karg-Elert

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, Joey Menninga, Brian Kennell, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Amanda Rempel, Chorister: Wendy Schrag. Property Committee: Brent Voran. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Cora Voran.

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!



There are a great many things for volunteers to do—come be one! Any of the following are great options for groups of one or more: cleaning after groups, cutting firewood, weekend hosting, being a committee member, mowing or other maintenance/grounds tasks, making a meal for a volunteer group, or recruiting people to volunteer at camp. These are just some of the possibilities! Call us at 620-297-3290 for more information.

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory: An MCC kit cannot be shipped until every single item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by helping to fill the following needs: New infant onesies and sleepers (3-12 month sizes); shampoo (20 oz or more), thin sanitary pads (28 count minimum) and dark colored bath and hand towels. Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring item to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact katemast@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

Free resource: Learning about generosity with MCC! Make talking about generosity with your children easy by using this free resource. The printable worksheets help kids explore the basics of generosity at an elementary school level. The resource contains downloadable worksheets, activity ideas, a story about how generosity makes a difference, make-your-own bookmark craft and alternative Christmas gift ideas. Click here to sign up: [MCC generosity resource](#).

MCC is seeking a Constituency Engagement Manager: This new role is designed to help the MCC's in the U.S. plan and implement a cohesive engagement strategy for specific priority audiences including alumni, churches, congregations of color, plain communities and young adults. With a focus on convening and strategizing, this person will be part of the Communications and Donor Relations network and will work in close collaboration with other departments and regional MCC's. This full-time position will preferably be located in Akron, Pa., but location is flexible within any MCC office in the U.S. Apply online for this opening by November 18 at mcc.org/constituency-engagement-manager. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

The Kansas MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service) Unit is sponsoring a Learning and Service trip to Jennings, Louisiana, January 28-February 4, 2023. Participants will leave on Saturday traveling to New Orleans, staying over night, learning about long term recovery from disasters and visiting Laura Plantation on Sunday. Your cost will be one night lodging, two tours we will take and meals on the days we travel. MDS is covering the transportation, meals and lodging while on the MDS project in Jennings. We will be rebuilding homes with MDS from Monday through Friday. To make your reservations or for more information contact Cleo Koop at cleohkoop@gmail.com or call 316-282-0797.

Announcements

The offering for November 20 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 November 6—150.

Congratulations to Matt and Erin Graber on the birth of Miles Dale Graber born on November 3. We wish God's richest blessing on this new life! The flower on the communion table is in Miles honor. Congratulations to grandparents; Ken and Amy Regier.

We are having a carry-in meal today before the Fall Congregational Meeting. Bring a fully-cooked dish or two to share and your own table ware. Drinks will be provided. Come and enjoy a meal together with our church family.

The Fall Congregational Meeting will be held today. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall around 12:30 PM or as soon as possible after we finish eating. During the meeting we will hear various reports and take action on the 2023 budget and ballot for commissions, committees, and board positions. We will also take action on a proposal to sell the lot at 123 Muse (West of the church) ~Ryan Koehn, Church Moderator

Youth Group Annual Turkey Dinner--Wednesday, November 16, 5:30-7:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Invite family and friends! Menu: Turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, rolls, cranberry salad, pumpkin dessert. Gluten free, vegetarian, and other alternative options available upon request. If you are shut-in and need a delivery, please call Tracy. There are two options available for carry outs: 1) Call Tracy or sponsor to reserve. Pickup between 5:00-5:20 PM, in Fellowship Hall. OR 2) Carry outs available in the serving line, no reservation needed, between 5:30-7:00 PM. Proceeds will go toward attending the Mennonite Youth Convention in Kansas City next summer.

On Sunday, November 27, Casa Betania will be hosting a farewell service for Pastor Graciela Tijerina. This will be her last Sunday in Newton before traveling to Brownsville, Texas, the following week. There will be a light reception at 3:00 PM, service at 4:00 PM, and supper around 5:30 PM. People from First Mennonite and other sister churches are welcome to participate and share in gratitude for Graciela's three years with us.

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School—9:15 AM
- Youth Group—Wednesday, November 16, Turkey Dinner 5:30-7:00 PM

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

Have you seen our beautiful new children's spaces? Over the last couple of years, we've remodeled the nursery and the main floor Sunday school rooms for our youngest children. *You're invited to help us celebrate these spaces with a reception after church on Sunday, December 4.* If you'd like to help make these spaces a bit more welcoming, teachers have offered a list of specific items still needed. Check out our Amazon wish list at <https://smile.amazon.com/registries/custom/RZHL5JXVQE5B/guest-view> (or search on Amazon for the "New Spaces Celebration" gift registry for First Mennonite Church).

Request a Sermon! Pastors Laura and Luke invite YOU to submit scripture requests for our sermons between now and Advent. Your request can be a favorite scripture passage, a scripture passage you've always wondered about, or even a funny scripture passage! Maybe you want to hear one of us preach on Balaam and his talking donkey! Whether funny or serious, email one of us or slip a note in one of our church boxes with your request. We may not get to all the requests this fall, but we will keep them all and use them at other times when we have open Sundays. Sorry, we cannot take anonymous requests or requests without a scripture citation.

Wednesday Community Nights

Join us this Wednesday for:

5:30 PM—Meal (bringing your own tableware welcomed, but not required)

Meal will be served by the FMC Youth Group

Annual Turkey Dinner!

Menu: turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, corn, cranberry salad, pumpkin 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 Shannon Bartel—Rooms 132 & 134
 - Activities for Jr/Sr Youth
- Adult class – “Lab 1: The Ingredients of Neighboring” with Pastor Laura—Room 136

7:30-8:30 PM

Choir rehearsal—any interested singers are welcome to join as we prepare for participating in worship on November 20 and December 18.

The front doors will be locked. Please use the south, east or west doors for Wednesday night activities.

Harvest of Love—Throughout November and December, the Salvation Army invites you to join in our annual food and fund drive to support people in need in our county. Items always needed are canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce, hamburger helper, tuna helper, cereal (of any kind), peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, and soups. Boxes are available in the Gathering Area and inside the west entrance to collect nonperishable items. If you wish to make a monetary donation you may write a check to "Harvest of Love" and place it in the offering. Every donation is a gift that makes a difference in our neighbors' lives!

Community Announcements

KIPCOR Film Series presents *John Lewis*—*Get in the Way*, today, 2:00 PM, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. This film by Kathleen Dowdey tells the story of the late Congressman and civil rights icon. Free and open to the public, with a freewill offering taken to support KIPCOR and the film series. An audience talkback will follow the film screening.

Seeking an Assistant Director of Human Resources (HR) and Payroll—Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for this half-time position. The person in this role will serve as the primary contact for HR/payroll-related issues. Qualifications: bachelor's degree required; prior HR/payroll experience preferred; excellent organizational skills; strong communication skills; intercultural competence. See the full job description: ambs.edu/jobs

Everence and MCC to host hygiene kit-making event—You can help make the world a better place by joining Everence and MCC to assemble hygiene kits on Tuesday, November 29, 6:30-8:30 PM. The kits will be distributed through worldwide relief organizations to places like crowded refugee camps where unclean conditions can lead to the spread of serious diseases. The event will take place at Hesston Mennonite Church Community Center. You can also help by donating supplies to MCC or your Everence office in North Newton or by making a financial contribution to MCC. For more details, contact MCC at 316-283-2720 or Everence at 316-283-3800.

What additional programming (events, camps, retreats, etc.) would you like to see at camp? We want to know what you'd like find on Camp Mennoscah's schedule. Contact us at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290 to let us know what variation of a camp, retreat or stunning event would be exciting to discover at camp.

The Newton Treble Clef Annual Vespers will be Sunday, December 4, 3:00 PM, at First Presbyterian Church, 900 Columbus, Newton. The prelude will begin at 2:45 PM, featuring Vada Snider, Flute; and Karen Loucks, Piano. The program will include the Prelude; Treble Clef Chorus; Hearts 4 Him—Men's Ensemble; Josue Coy Dick, violin solo; and the Prairie Bronze Handbell Ensemble. A freewill offering will be taken for the scholarship fund that will be awarded to high school seniors who are pursuing a music major.