

## Upcoming Worship Services

**November 13**—*Request a Sermon*—Pastor Laura Goerzen  
Potluck and Fall Congregational Meeting after worship service.  
**November 20**—*Request a Sermon*—Pastor Luke Unruh

## Happy Birthday!



Ron Ratzlaff—November 7  
Alisa Krehbiel—November 8  
Clint Litsey—November 8  
Mary Lou Schmidt—November 8  
Evelyn Gaertner—November 9  
Kathryn Penner—November 10  
Logan Funk—November 12

**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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# Remembrance Sunday

First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS



# *Telling Our Stories in God's Story*

November 6, 2022

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## Gathering

### Welcome

Pastor Luke Unruh

### Meditation music

*I Will Always Bless the Lord*

Ben's Band

### Call to worship

Pastor Luke Unruh

## Listening

### Worship song

*One Beautiful Day*

### Words for the children

Andrea Regier

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

### Prayer for the offering

### Mennonite Central Committee

Pastor Luke Unruh

### Scripture

Hebrews 11:1-3, 32-40, and 12:1-2

Pastor Luke Unruh

### Sermon

*Telling Our Stories in God's Story*

Pastor Laura Goerzen

### Remembering Our Loved Ones (candle-lighting)

(see insert)

### Prayers of the church

## Sending

### Sending song

*Pass Me Not, Oh Gentle Savior*

### Announcements and benediction

Pastor Luke Unruh

### Postlude

*The Lorica*

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

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Scan the QR code or fill out the purple or green  
card in your pew and  
a pastor will reach out to you!



ganizations 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](mailto: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.

**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. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at [mcc.org/kits](http://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](http://mcc.org/constituency-engagement-manager). For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or [AmberFalcon@mcc.org](mailto:AmberFalcon@mcc.org).

## Announcements

**The offering for November 13** 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).

**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 October 30—143.

**Local Mission offering** for October 16, 23 and 30 was \$17,760; online local mission was \$4,935.

**In Sympathy**—Don Schmidt (86) passed away on Wednesday, November 2. We extend our condolences to Don's family.

**A support group** for survivors of sexual abuse will meet with the guidance of a professional therapist on Tuesday, November 8. If you have experienced sexual abuse, you are welcome to attend. Please contact Laura Sharp from the Caregiving and Membership Commission for details at

**The Fall Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, November 13. We will have a carry-in meal following the Worship service. 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. There may also be a vote to sell the lot at 123 Muse (West of the church) ~Ryan Koehn, Church Moderator

**We are having a carry-in meal** on Sunday, November 13 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.

**Mark your calendars for the Youth Group Annual Turkey Dinner**—Wednesday, November 16, 5:30-7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to join the fun and fellowship! Donations will be accepted to go towards the summer mission trip.

# SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School—9:15 AM
- Youth Group—Wednesday, November 9, 6:45 PM (ish)

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

**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.

**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!

## Wednesday Community Nights

Join us this Wednesday for:

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

Meal will be served by New Disciples Sunday School.

The menu is sloppy joes, chips, applesauce, and cake.

The meal is by donation, and all are welcome.

**6:30– 7:30 PM**

- Preschool – Kindergarten class with Rachel Koehn—Room 234
- Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**AN INTENTIONAL PAUSE:** After prayerful consideration, the Church Board has decided to pause from church-wide conversation of MCUSA's Repentance and Transformation Resolution until September of 2023. At that time, the Board will revisit this topic and discern what, if any, further conversation we might be called to have at First Mennonite regarding this resolution. Individuals and small groups, of course, continue to be welcome to explore the topic of this resolution by talking with a Pastor or Board member, reading recommended resources, or watching MCUSA's "What's Next" webinar on the delegate resources page. Church leadership will simply not be guiding any church-wide conversations during this one year pause. Our reasons for taking a one year intentional pause are as follows:

- We desire any conversation we have around MCUSA's Repentance and Transformation Resolution to be unhurried and non-reactive.
- The Church Board wishes to allow time for us to better understand the impact this resolution will have on the wider Mennonite Church.
- The Church Board hopes that we can spend this coming year building fresh Jesus-centered relationships in the wake of COVID-19 and learning what it means to be a good neighbor to the community that surrounds us.

## Community Announcements

**On Saturday, November 12**, we will be playing in the dirt at Camp Mennoscah! It's the last step (we think) in finishing up the newly renovated amphitheater. Dirt needs to be moved by hand between the rows of limestone seating. We'll start at 9:00 AM and work until the last tablespoon of dirt is in place. Stay for as long as you are able. Bring your water bottle, weather appropriate gear and we'll provide a lunch. (Call us at 620-297-3290 and let us know of any dietary considerations.)

**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!

**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](https://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 or-