

Upcoming Worship Services

January 22—Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday and Communion



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
Newton, KS

Persecution and Privilege

January 15, 2023

Gathering

Welcome

Meditation music

Agnus Dei

Michael W. Smith
Nora Miller, pianist

Call to worship

Listening

Worship songs

To God Be the Glory VT 84
Holy, Holy, Holy (v. 1-2 in English) VT 137

Words for the children

John Goerzen

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

Prayer for the offering

Local Mission

Scripture reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon

Persecution and Privilege
Pastor Laura Goerzen

Response song

Blessed Are You VT 290

Prayer of the church

Larry Entz

Sending song

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (v 1, 2, & 4) VT 831

Sending

Announcements and benediction

Postlude

The Ash Grove (Let All Things Now Living)
Nora Miller, pianist

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!



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, Tim Regier, Alex Goering, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musician: Nora Miller. Chorister: Daryl Unruh. Property Committee: Kevin Hamm. Visuals: Carol Goering and Cindy Unruh.

Prayer and Praise Notes
January 15, 2023

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. Psalm 32:7

Pray for the family of Jim Schrag as they grieve his passing. Give them comfort and peace. We give thanks for Jim's life of service to God and the many people he impacted along the way.

Pray for Jean Ann Unruh's family and friends as they grieve her passing. We give thanks for Jean Ann's life and rejoice that she has begun her new life, face to face with her loving Creator.

Pray for Darlene Bontrager who has been in the hospital recently. Be near to Barry and the family as they spend time with her and grant wisdom to the doctors and nurses who are taking care of her.

We pray for Roy Goering's brother, Jerome, as he faces a major setback in his battle with brain cancer. We pray for peace for Jerome, wisdom for the doctors, and comfort and strength for his family.

Give thanks for the wisdom of our elders and all we have learned from them. Pray that both young and old will always strive to learn from each other by listening and working together in all things.

Give thanks for those who are serving on commissions and committees at FMC. We ask for fresh ideas and energy in 2023. May all we do glorify God's name.

We pray for the health of our congregation in mind, body and spirit. We ask for healing and strength each day. We trust in God's goodness and are grateful for the care given to us through Pastors, doctors and other health professionals.

Give thanks for MDS and the good work they do helping people rebuild after natural disasters. Pray for the upcoming learning and service trip to Jennings, Louisiana.

Give thanks for MCC and the many projects they support and organize all over the world. Pray for the staff and partners as they work together for justice.

We pray for peace in Ukraine and other parts of the world experiencing war and violence. We ask God to change the hearts of those who practice cruelty and violence.

Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as it begins work to prepare nominations of conference leaders for election at WDC annual assembly in 2023.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their son Jordan. They are spending the next several months renewing relationships in Ecuador. Due to complications from the pandemic, deaths of loved ones and illness, the Ross Richers have not been able to return to Ecuador for more than two years. Pray that God's Spirit will guide and bless their ministry.

Announcements

The offering for January 22 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: firstmennonitenewton.org.

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

Childcare is 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 January 8—182.

In sympathy—Jim Schrag (78) passed away on Saturday, January 7. His funeral service was here at FMC on Friday, January 13. We extend our condolences to Judy and their daughters; Valerie, Melissa, Rachel and their families, Betty and Dewayne Pauls, Frances Schrag, and the rest of Jim's family.

In sympathy—Jean Ann Unruh (94) passed away on Monday, January 9. Her memorial service will be here at FMC on Saturday, January 21, 11:00 AM. We extend our condolences to Jean Ann's family and friends.

Dear Church Family—Thank you for your tender care for Eva Mae Andres and us, her family, during these recent weeks as she was on Hospice Care. Your kind words, prayers, and cards brought comfort knowing we were surrounded by your love and support. Eva Mae was actively involved in FMC for sixty plus years and she loved this church dearly. With gratitude, The Family of Eva Mae Andres.
~Cindy and Daryl Unruh, Marsha and Rod Schmidt, Chris and Paul Unruh, Mark and Andi Schmidt Andres and families

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Thank you for all the donations to the Harvest of Love food and fund drive. We collected 354 pounds of food, and \$25, which was taken to Salvation Army over the last two months. ~Caregiving and Membership Commission

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School—9:15 AM

Youth Group—Wednesday, January 18—The Youth Group will meet at 7:00 PM, in the youth room where Pastor Luke will talk about Community, Mission, and Worship, and what they mean to the FMCBYG. Hope to see you there! Check your email for more updates.

A support group for survivors of sexual abuse will meet with the guidance of a professional therapist on Tuesday, January 17. If you have experienced sexual abuse, you are welcome to attend. Please contact Laura Sharp from the Caregiving and Membership Commission for details at 574-849-7205.

Anabaptism at 500' is a group that is recognizing and highlighting the 500th year anniversary of Anabaptism in 2025. One of their projects is develop an Anabaptist Community Bible. They are wanting to have 500 groups of anabaptists study a section of scripture together over multiple session, tabulate notes over the text, and submit those notes to be put in the margins of the Bible. If you are interested in participating in a study group for this project, contact Pastor Luke. For more information, visit <https://anabaptismat500.com/>.

Attention Singers—It's Kansas Mennonite Men's Choir time! For more information, contact Donnie Kingsley at 316-773-8044 or email: dl_jr@cox.net. First rehearsal is January 29, 2:30 PM, at Hesston Mennonite Church. Also, past members please check you church mailboxes. 2023 concert schedule: April 23—Bethel College Memorial Hall— North Newton at 7:00 PM and April 30—Bethany College Presser Hall—Lindsborg—7:00 PM.

Community Announcements

The fifth installment of the 2022-23 Prairie Window Concert Series, with Lindsay Lou, will be today, 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: \$35 adults/\$25 kids, plus tax. Purchase tickets online at dyckarboretum.org or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

Join the Dyck Arboretum January 15, 4:00 PM, to hear Lindsay Lou. She is a singer, songwriter, musician, and performer who demands the listener's attention. Crust & Crumb will serve sweet and savory treats during intermission. Learn more at dyckarboretum.org/events.

Bethel College celebration of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday—Monday, January 16, 7:00 PM, featuring Marche Fleming-Randle, "Together We Can Be the Dream," *Memorial Hall*.

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.

Mennonite Disaster Service is building our team and searching for qualified, motivated individuals who have a knowledge of and passion for the MDS mission, vision and values and a commitment to the Anabaptist church. We are searching for a Regional Operations Coordinator who will oversee all MDS project operations in Region 3 (Plains states, west of Mississippi), and facilitate volunteer engagement in the investigation and development of projects. Find more information, on our webpage www.mds.org/employment/.

Join the Dyck Arboretum January 23, 6:30 PM, via Zoom to participate in their Nature Book Club. Books this month will be "How the Penguins Saved Veronica" by Hazel Prior and "Horizon" by Barry Lopez. Register and learn more at dyckarboretum.org/events.

Application and further details for summer staffers here! We are seeking stunning summer staff to fill the following leadership positions for the 2023 summer: crafts, lifeguard, music, nature, office, and grounds. These positions are typically filled by college-age students, are summer-long and receive a stipend. A summer of fun, service and faith formation!

Project Coordinator-Burkina Faso—MCC is seeking a Project Coordinator responsible for mentoring and building capacity of local partners towards greater independence and sustainability and, alongside the MCC Burkina Faso Country Representatives, will assist in all planning, monitoring, and evaluating activities for various projects related to conservation agriculture, peace building, education, health, and emergency assistance. If you or someone you know might be interested, read more and apply by December 31, 2022 at mcc.org/burkina.

Save the date: Saturday, January 28—Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day event, "Kansans Create!," 12 noon-4:00 PM, museum parking lot and grounds. For more information, see the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or kauffmanmuseum.org.