

Upcoming Worship Services

January 29—Pastor Luke preaches

February 5—Pastor Laura preaches



Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday



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

Jesus Christ: Our Hope

January 22, 2023

Gathering

Welcome

Wendy Schrag, worship leader

Meditation music

Jesus Messiah

Call to worship

Wendy Schrag, worship leader

Listening

Worship song

In Christ Alone

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

Wendy Schrag

Mennonite World Conference:

Year in Review

Scripture reading

Luke 18:35-43

Meditation

Jesus Christ: Our Hope

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Response song

You Hold Me Now

Communion

Prayer of the church

Pastor Luke Unruh

Sending song

Cornerstone

Sending

Announcements and benediction

Wendy Schrag, worship leader

Postlude

My Redeemer

Jyl Ewy, 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!



SCAN ME

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, Sarah Koehn, Ryan Koehn, and Melody Enns are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Jyl Ewy, Joey Menninga, Joan Entz, Luke Unruh. Property Committee: Rod Wedel. Visuals: Carol Goering and Cindy Unruh.

Announcements

The offering for January 29 will be for the Scholarship Fund. 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 15—163.

Congratulations to Nate and Christina (Entz) Stang and big brother Rhys, on the birth of their daughter, Shelby Rose, born on Wednesday, January 11. Congratulations as well to Loren and Nancy Entz, grandparents. We wish God's richest blessing on this new life.

Congratulations to Logan and Aarika Hamm and big sister Blakely, on the birth of their son, Shepherd Alan, born on Thursday, January 12. Congratulations as well to Kevin and Renee Hamm, grandparents. We wish God's richest blessing on this new life.

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

The Property Committee would like to provide you with opportunities to "tithe" some of your time at church. From time to time, we have more opportunities than we can handle ourselves. We will be making and updating a list of needs that we have and posting on one of the boards in the Gathering Area. Pick one that interests you and let one of the Property members know. Right now, one of our needs is leaf collection around the church building and play area. This is an activity that requires only the amount of time you have to give.

Do you enjoy showing people around our beautiful building? Ushering may be for you! The Ushering Team is looking for anyone who is interested in serving FMC by helping usher on Sundays or at special services. No experience necessary.

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School—9:15 AM
- Today, January 22—11:45 AM—Parent Meeting in the Youth Group Room
- Youth Group—Wednesday, January 25, 7:00 PM—Mission Night

Do you enjoy making things look beautiful? Our Visuals Team would love some new members to help prepare communion table displays for Sunday morning. If you have interest in either of these areas, contact the church office or talk to Pastor Laura.

“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 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/.

WANTED—Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, RVs, Campers, Tractors, Modern Farm Equipment, etc. for the Kansas MCC Sale. Items you no longer need can help Feed and Clothe thousands in desperate living conditions. ALL donations are Tax Deductible. Call Jerry Toews for info: 620 367 8257. Help make a difference.

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!

WDC seeks a new volunteer to offer several hours per week to manage maintenance and repairs at our 2500 Place, North Newton, KS building. If you know of someone who is interested in supporting WDC in this way, please contact the office at 316-283-6300 or wdc@mennowd.org.

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.

SAVE THE DATE! Come join the fun at 15th annual MCC Comforter Blitz on March 6, 7 and 8 on the Journey Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, KS. Times are Monday and Tuesday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM and Wednesday 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. No sewing skills are required, we will teach you. Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own sack lunch. Bring snacks to share during the workday. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC to make comforters for relief to be sent to refugees or places after natural disasters. Please contact the MCC Central States office with questions at 316-283-2720, or check the Comforter Blitz Facebook Page, “Kansas MCC Comforter Blitz”.