

Upcoming Worship Services

January 15—*Persecution and Privilege*—Pastor Laura

January 22—Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday and Communion



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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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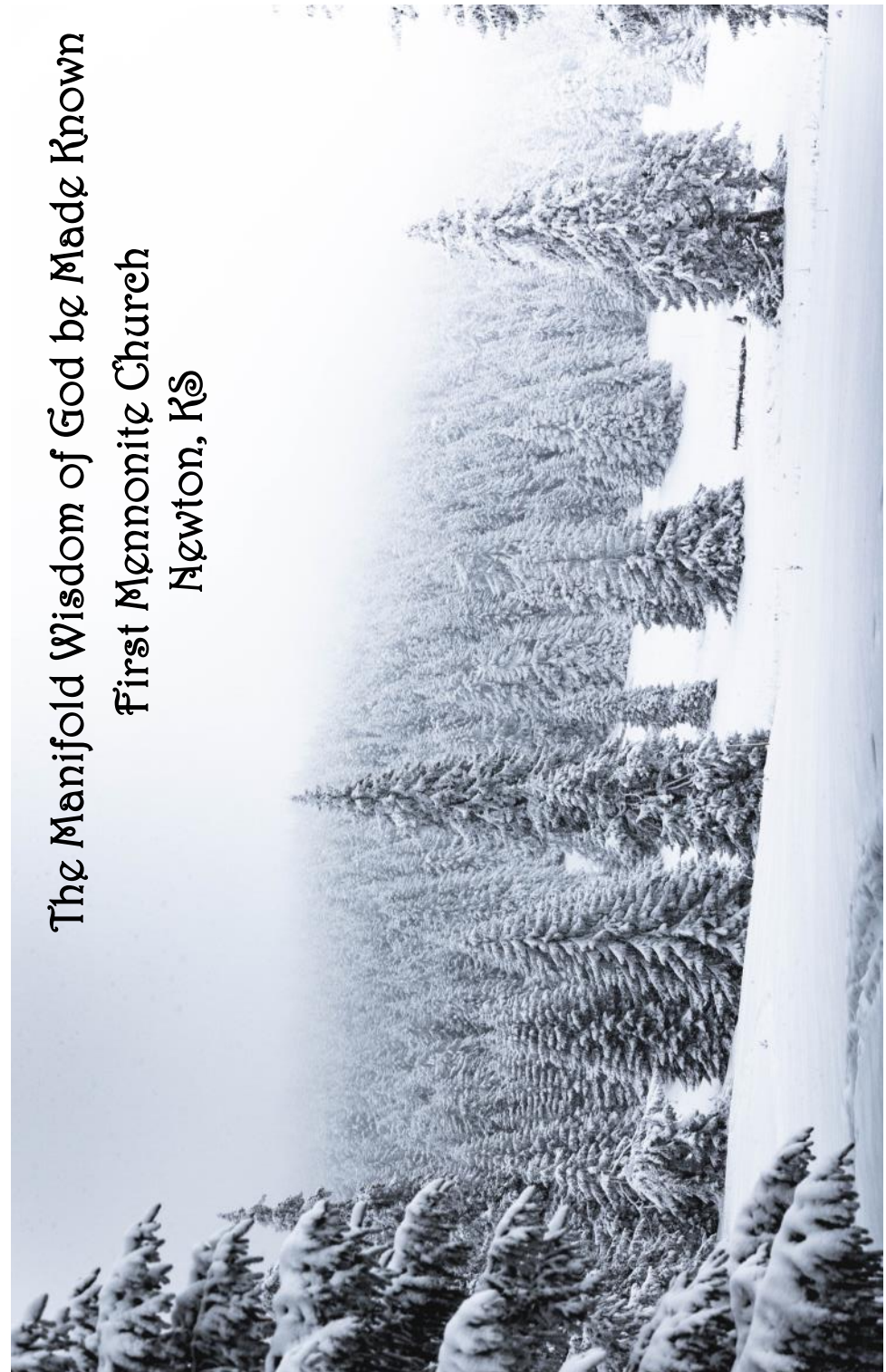
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The Manifold Wisdom of God be Made Known
First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS



Epiphany

January 8, 2023

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Gathering

Welcome

Clarence Rempel, worship leader

Meditation music

We three kings of Orient are
setting by Robert J Powell
Amanda Rempel, organist

Call to worship

Clarence Rempel

Leader: O God, by the leading of a star you revealed your only Son
in all his glory to the people of the earth.

People: You reveal light and new life. You are Emmanuel, God with us.

Leader: Guide us into your presence,
where we may see your glory face-to-face.

**People: We bring our gifts of service, unity,
and love as a blessing to your kingdom.**

***ALL: Let all the earth adore you, for you are the Lord of lords
and the King of kings.***

Listening

Worship songs

O Come, All Ye Faithful VT 241
As with Gladness VT 277

Words for the children

A Shepherd Remembers
Ken Frey

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

Prayer for the offering

Local Mission

Clarence Rempel, worship leader

Scripture reading

Matthew 2:1-12
Clarence Rempel

Sermon

The Manifold Wisdom of God be Made Known
Pastor Luke Unruh

Response song

Hail the Bless'd morn (insert)

Prayer of the church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Sending song

He Came Down VT 239

Sending

Announcements and benediction

Clarence Rempel, worship leader

Postlude

Sussex Carol, variation V
setting by Raymond H Haan
Amanda Rempel, organist

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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), on our Facebook page, YouTube, or at our Vimeo site. Recordings of the service will be available afterwards as well. Today, Tim Regier, Brian Kennell, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musician: Amanda Rempel. Chorister: Wendy Schrag. Property Committee: Alan Entz. Visuals: Carol Goering and Cindy Unruh.

Announcements

The offering for January 15 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 1—84.

We have received the final figures for the 2022 Local Missions. We are happy to announce that we have received \$1,514.31 more than our expenses. It goes without saying that God has once again been very good to us and has blessed us richly. On behalf of the Financial Stewardship Committee and Church Board we would like to thank each person who has helped us meet this goal.

Christmas and Epiphany are over and the decorations need to be put away for next year. Please come and join us as we box up the lights and trees on Saturday, January 14. We will meet at 10:00 AM, in the sanctuary. ~Thanks for your help. Daryl and Cindy Unruh

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 .

The Worship Commission currently has two vacancies and are looking for people who would like to serve on this commission. Worship Commission is responsible for overseeing the various aspects of worship at FMC, including children's time, music, resources, copyrights, audio/video, and more. In the past few years, Worship Commission has worked to bring new hymnals to FMC, install a livestream video system, and oversee the general maintenance/upkeep of our instruments and music equipment. If you would like to be part of serving on this commission, please reach out Daryl Unruh, Judy Murphy, or Pastor Laura with any questions you may have.

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School—9:15 AM
- Youth Group—Wednesday, January 11—we will meet at 7:00 PM, for youth council in the youth room. We will continue with our theme Matthew 11:25-30! See you then!

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

Yearbook update forms have been placed in your church mailbox. Please fill out the form and return it to the Church Office **by today**. If you have family members listed in the Yearbook who do not regularly attend or live out of the area, please fill out a form for them if their information is different from what is in the Yearbook. **If you are not currently in the Yearbook and would like to be, please make sure to fill out a form.** Extra forms are also available in the Church Office and on the table in the Gathering Area.

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.

Attend or Sponsor Annual Roots of Justice Anti-Racism Training January 13-15, 2023. First Mennonite's Outreach Commission hopes you will consider attending this event or sponsoring scholarships for others from our congregation and community to participate in this powerful, hope-filled training. Cost for one participant is \$300 before December 1 and \$350 after December 1. Donations can be made through First Mennonite if designated for "Roots of Justice." Please contact the church office if you wish to attend. Training Dates: Friday, January 13, (6:00-9:00 PM), Saturday, January 14, (9:00 AM-5:00 PM), Sunday, January 15 (9:00 AM-5:00 PM). Location: Newton Recreation Commission, 415 N Poplar St., Newton.

Community Announcements

Hesston College Masterworks presents: *I Believe*—January 14, 7:00 PM, Hesston Mennonite Church. Join us for a celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a performance featuring music of African American Composers, including works by William Dawson, Robert Owens, and Margaret Bonds. Masterworks chorus and orchestra will be joined by soloists Evan Julius Nelson, Dr. Carren Moham, and Dr. Holly Swartzendruber. More info at hesston.edu/masterworks or join us at hesston.edu/livestream.

The fifth installment of the 2022-23 Prairie Window Concert Series, with Lindsay Lou, will be on Sunday, January 15, 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.

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 cleokoop@gmail.com or call 316-282-0797.

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