

Upcoming Worship Services

February 19—Pastor Laura—*Discipleship and Nonviolence*

February 22—Ash Wednesday Service 7:00-7:30a.m.

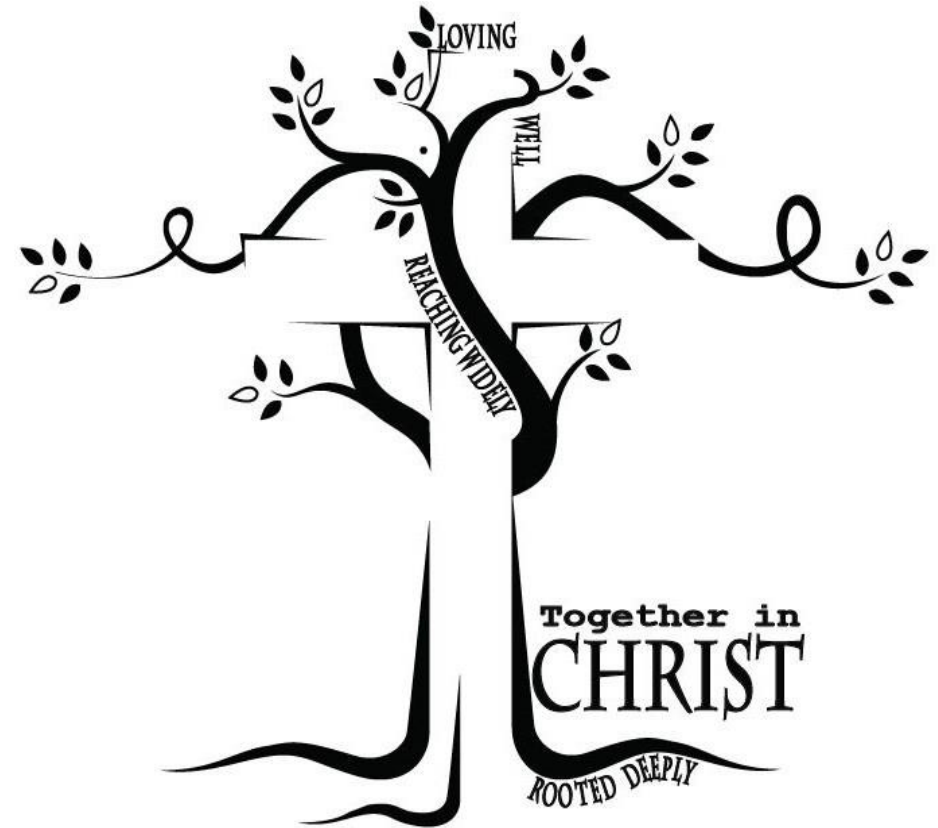
February 26—1st Sunday of Lent—Pastor Laura—*Come, Lord Jesus, Be Our Host*



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

Christian Discipleship

February 12, 2023

Gathering

Welcome

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Meditation music by Open Road

Open Lord My Inward Ear

Bradley P. Lehman, lyrics by Charles Wesley,

Do you hear the children praying?

Чуйте ви молитву дітей? (Ukrainian, Cyrillic characters)

Chuyete vy molytvu dyetey? (Ukrainian, Latin characters)

Kurt Bestor, arr. Andrea S., Klouse

Call to worship

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Listening

Worship songs

Come And See VT 282

Could It Be That God Is Singing VT 42

Words for the children

Penny Dorado

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

Prayer for the offering

Local Mission

Casson Schmidt

Scripture reading

Matthew 5:13-16

Casson Schmidt

Sermon

Bring Forth The Kingdom

Pastor Luke Unruh

Response Song

You Are Salt For The Earth VT 297

Prayer of the church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Sending song

The Lord Lift You Up VT 832

Sending

Announcements and benediction

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Postlude by Open Road

When Dawn Shines

Mishaal Surti

I'll Be On My Way

Shawn Kirchner

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, Joey Menninga, Brian Kennell, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Open Road, Wendy Schrag, Amanda Rempel Property Committee: Phil Gaertner. Visuals: Carol Goering and Cindy Unruh

Announcements

The offering for February 19 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 February 5—140;
Virtual Attendance (Views)—99

Open Road is sharing with us this morning. Participants are Phillip Balzer, Trae Gehring, Eli Regier, Ben Rudeen, Seth Rudeen, Jacob Schrag, Timothy Schrag, Chris Strecker, Bryce Wilson, and Dylan Yoder.

Thank you to the FMC family for your many expressions of love and support during this past year. We could feel your prayers upholding us. A special thank you to the Living Stones class who provided meals for our extended family. Thank you for all who helped at the service and for the meal prepared. ~family of Jim Schrag

Young Adults/College Aged Persons: There will be a lunch following the service **today** for people ages 18-23(ish). Because it is Super Bowl Sunday, we will be having Soup(in) Bowl. There will be a variety of soups and bread to eat. Come enjoy soup, fellowship, and (potentially) heated discussions about the game. Contact Pastor Luke with any questions.

Congratulations to Graham and Rachel (Voran) Unruh and big brother Owen on the birth of their daughter, Ivy Jean, born on Wednesday, February 8. Congratulations to grandparents, Brent and Cora Voran and Daryl and Cindy Unruh.

For your information—FMC member, Vern Wiebe passed away in 2022 in Denver, CO.

Yearbook/directory—If you know of any current college or graduate students from our congregation, please let the church office know so they can be included in the College and Graduate Students page.

The next quarter Sunday School materials are here. You can find the material on the table in the Gathering Area.

Lenten Prayers—Each Saturday during Lent, beginning February 25, there will be the opportunity to share together in individual and corporate prayer and reflection, along with a hymn, in the sanctuary from 9:00 to 9:45 AM. All are welcome.

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.

FMC Digital Media Update: First Mennonite's Facebook page is the place to be. FMC would love to hear from you even if it's just a "Like". Sunday Service resources can be found in the comment section of Facebook. **If you would like to help FMC increase online attendance, simply Facebook "share" the Sunday Worship Service just before you enter the sanctuary.** Last week FMC Facebook had 379 Followers and 3 "Likes" from new viewers.

We will be participating in the Kansas MCC Run for Relief in Hutchinson on April 15, 2023, and are raising money for MCC. If you would be interested in sponsoring us through a financial donation to Mennonite Central Committee (100% of your donation will go directly to MCC), we would be most grateful. Your donation of any amount will go toward the important work of MCC relief and development work around the world. (Visit mcc.org to learn more.) Both cash and check are accepted. Feel free to put your donation in our mailbox at church or mail it to us at 515 E. 3rd, Newton KS 67114, by April 14. Please make checks payable to *Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale*. We would love to raise \$1,000+ for MCC. Thank you for your support. —*Forrest and Nora Miller*

The Property Committee would like to provide you with opportunities to "tith" 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.

First Mennonite's **old blue hymnals are available for the taking** in the Gathering Area. Take as many as you like. Don't worry, we're keeping some for office use so that we can still go back and sing old favorites!

Community Announcements

Circle of Hope 6th annual soup supper and dessert auction—Thursday, February 16. The event will take place at Newton Nazarene Church, 1000 N. Main Street. 5:30 PM—soup supper; 6:15 PM—dessert auction.

MCC and MCUSA are partnering in a new webinar series, *Beyond incarceration: A hard look at dismantling the prison system and building healthy communities*. Join us to learn about the ways the faith community is actively understanding and working against these complex systems of confinement. The webinars will take place on February 7, February 21, March 7, and March 21 at 6:30 PM CST/5:30 PM MST. They will be followed by learning tour opportunities in different parts of the U.S. **Registration link:** mcc.org/beyond-incarceration-webinars

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 Tues-

day, 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".

Spring Scrapbook and Craft Retreat registration is open! Croppers and crafters of all skill levels are welcome. Participants at the Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats will have lodging in the Retreat Center and work space at the Dining Hall. Grade 3 and above are welcome with an accompanying adult. Further details available on the website or at 620-297-3290. See you in March!

Interviews for Summer Staff In Progress! 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. Let us know who you think would make a great summer staffer at Camp Mennoscah. It's a summer of fun, service and faith formation!

Volunteer with MCC Thrift today! You can support the relief development and peace work of Mennonite Central Committee AND your local community when you volunteer at your local [MCC Thrift](http://MCCThrift) shop! By volunteering, you'll make friends, gain work experience, and help make a difference in your community and around the world. From sorting to pricing to working the cash register, we've got a job that's right for you. Sign up to volunteer thrift.mcc.org/volunteer!

MCC is seeking a Donor Relations Associate: This role is responsible for assisting in the implementation of the donor relations strategy for MCC Central States by stewarding major donors involving face-to-face contact to meet the budgeted income goals and generate the necessary resources to accomplish the mission of MCC. This is a full-time position; office location is flexible. Apply online by February 24 at mcc.org/donor-relations-associate. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or amberfalcon@mcc.org.

Youth Volunteer Weekend is March 24-25! Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to come to this retreat focused on worship and service. The retreat begins on Friday at 7:00PM, with registration followed by snacks, games, and campfire. Rachel and Isaac, the Senior High program directors, will lead activities. [Register in the Summer Youth Camp section by adding a person or session](#), if you have already registered for camp.

Men and Boys Retreat, March 31-April 2—Come to Camp Mennoscah for this long-standing, guys-only retreat! Enjoy time fishing, canoeing, worshiping, sitting by the fire, or visiting with friends in fellowship. There will also be a variety show on Saturday evening. The official beginning to the weekend is Saturday morning, but many arrive on Friday. There will be a worship service on Sunday morning. Meals can be purchased for Saturday night, Sunday morning and lunch. No pre-registration. Registration and payment will take place upon arrival. For more information contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515.