

## Upcoming Worship Services

**February 22**—Ash Wednesday Service 7:00-7:30 AM

**February 26**—1st Sunday of Lent—Pastor Laura—*Come, Lord Jesus, Be Our Host*  
*How to: Share in the Lord's Supper*

**March 5**—2nd Sunday of Lent—Pastor Laura—*Come, Lord Jesus, Be our Host*  
*Celebrating Covenant*

**Lent and Communion:** This Lenten season, we will be exploring the many ways Jesus invites us to eat at His table. Some Sundays we will practice more traditional forms of communion. Other Sundays we will share food from an open table in the style of Jesus' feeding of the 5000 and his descriptions of the heavenly banquet God prepares for us. Listen carefully to the invitation to partake each Sunday, as some forms of eating will be for those who have made the commitment of baptism, and many other forms of eating will be for everyone who hungers!

**Communion for Online Worshipers:** For those who participate with us online, we will provide a Zoom link to join when we reach the time of sharing communion in our service. Our Digital Media Coordinator, Judy Murphy, will facilitate communion for those who join via zoom. If you plan to join us for communion via Zoom on February 26, we invite you to prepare your own communion elements (small bread item and juice), along with a larger bread loaf or enjoyable roll item to share with your entire household.

**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

# Salty Peacemaking



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## First Mennonite Church Newton, KS

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## February 19, 2023

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### Gathering

#### Welcome

Chris Weaver, worship leader

#### Meditation music

Melody Bontrager, pianist

#### Call to worship

Chris Weaver, worship leader

### Listening

#### Worship songs

*We Are People of God's Peace* VT 797

*Together* VT 389

#### 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

Chris Weaver

#### Scripture reading

Matthew 5:21-26

Chris Weaver

#### Sermon

*Salty Peacemaking*

Pastor Laura Goerzen

#### Response Song

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* VT 558

#### Prayer of the church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

#### Sending song

*Peace, Salaam, Shalom* VT 805

(4x through)

### Sending

#### Announcements and benediction

Chris Weaver, worship leader

#### Postlude

Melody Bontrager, pianist

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**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](http://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, Eric Murphy and Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Daryl Unruh, Melody Bontrager. Property Committee: Alan Entz. Visuals: Carol Goering and Cindy Unruh*

## Announcements

**The offering for February 26** 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](http://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 12—197;  
Virtual Attendance (Views)—108

**“Thank you!” from the Garcia family** for all the prayers, cards, flowers, and texts they have received from their FMC family following the passing of Pamela’s father.

**Jim Dunn, former pastor here at FMC**, passed away on Monday, February 13. His memorial service will be April 1, at Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston. We send out condolences to WDC conference minister, Kathy Neufeld Dunn and her family, upon the loss of her father-in-law.

**The Allies group**, which supports people with various sexual and gender identities and their families and friends, will be meeting Sunday, February 19, 3:00 PM, at FMC in the main floor southwest corner room, #224. For more information, contact Wendy Funk Schrag at [pwschrag@cox.net](mailto:pwschrag@cox.net).

**Ash Wednesday Service, THIS Wednesday at 7:00 AM.** That’s right, you are invited to **rise early** for a 20-30 minute service of repentance and reflection, during which ashes will be offered as a mark to take with you and reflect on as you go about your day.

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

**A support group for survivors** of sexual abuse will meet with the guidance of a professional therapist on Tuesday, February 28. 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.

**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.

**Choir Rehearsals**—We will begin choir rehearsals for the Easter season on March 22, 6:30 PM coinciding with the beginning of Wednesday Family Nights. All who enjoy choral singing are invited to join us!

**The founders of First Mennonite Church** uprooted themselves in 1877 from their homes in Europe. They pulled up stakes, packed their bags and left behind all they knew and many whom they loved. Those who departed faced tough decisions about which items they could afford to take along on the journey and which things they would sell, give away or abandon. Practical objects like skillets and skirts, cherished things like handmade quilts, and valuable items like tools and books were scrutinized, weighed and considered. What was the motivation for this traumatic and life-altering migration to Kansas? Find out by viewing the Historical Committee's new exhibit in the display cases at the west end of the Gathering Area.

**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, 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](http://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*

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

**The 2022-23 Prairie Window Concert Series** concludes with Bella White today at 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: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. [Purchase tickets online at dyckarboretum.org](http://Purchase tickets online at dyckarboretum.org) or call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

**Everence will hold an informative** Social Security and retirement income webinar on Thursday, February 23, 6:30 PM. Specifics will include, Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be time for questions. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

**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!

**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://MCC Thrift) 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!](http://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](http://mcc.org/donor-relations-associate). For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or [amberfalcon@mcc.org](mailto:amberfalcon@mcc.org).

**Camp Mennoscah 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.

**Newton Et Cetera Shop** invites you to become a volunteer! Help us to share God's love with all creation by volunteering in clothing, clerking, recycling, linens, housewares or one of our other departments. If you'd like to join us, please stop by, call us at 316-283-9461 or attend our upcoming volunteer orientation on Thursday, March 9, 5:00-6:00 PM.

**Newton Et Cetera Shop** welcomes your donations at our back door Tuesday-Friday, 9:30AM-5:00 PM and Saturday, 9:30 AM-3:00 PM. We're happy to help you find new homes for your gently-used clothing, furniture, home goods, toys, books, movies, small electronics, and more. Please call us with any questions if you're wondering what we'll accept: 283-9461. Your donations help to support people in need in our community and around the world through the work of our local partners and Mennonite Central Committee!