

## Upcoming Worship Services

**February 5**—Pastor Laura preaches—*Christianity as Discipleship*

**February 12**—Pastor Luke preaching



**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

### FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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**First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS**

# The True Meaning of Potlucks

## January 29, 2023

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### Gathering

#### Welcome

Clarence Rempel, worship leader

#### Meditation music

*I will arise and go to Jesus* arr. Don Hustad  
Amanda Rempel, organist

#### Call to worship

Clarence Rempel, worship leader

### Listening

#### Worship songs

*What Is This Place* VT 22  
*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* VT 25

#### Words for the children

Sheralyn Goering

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

#### Prayer for the offering

Scholarship Fund  
Clarence Rempel

#### Scripture reading

Ephesians 2:19-22, 2 Timothy 3:16-17

#### Sermon

*The True Meaning of Potlucks*  
Pastor Luke unruh

#### Response song

*God of the Bible* VT 420

#### Prayer of the church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

#### Sending song

*Renew Your Church* VT 717

### Sending

#### Announcements and benediction

Clarence Rempel, worship leader

#### Postlude

*Hornpipe* by G.F. Handel  
Amanda Rempel, organist

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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!



SCAN ME

*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, Sarah Koehn, Ryan Koehn, and Melody Enns are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Amanda Rempel. Property Committee: Phil Gaertner. Visuals: Carol Goering and Cindy Unruh.*

## Announcements

**The offering for February 5** will be for Mennonite Central Committee. 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 January 22—137.

**The following children's classroom furniture** is free for the taking: one classroom table (4 ft x 8 ft), 18 small chairs, four medium chairs, two large chairs. If you'd like to see the chairs, there is one of each size in the church foyer. Also in the foyer is one available blue bench. Please talk to Sara or email [sararickard@gmail.com](mailto:sararickard@gmail.com) for more information.

**The Church Board is pleased to share** that Judy Murphy has been approved as FMC's Digital Media Coordinator. She has already started her responsibilities and will be working with all of the church digital media including our social media and website. Coordinating with our audio/visual team and working with Realm are included in her job description. Judy has been hired to work up to 10 hours per week. We are looking forward to having Judy as part of our church staff!

~Janice Good, Church Board Chair

**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
- Youth Group—Wednesday, February 1, 7:00 PM—Community 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 500<sup>th</sup> 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/>.

## Community Announcements

**The 2022-23 Prairie Window Concert Series** continues with *The Barefoot Movement* 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: \$30 adults/\$20 kids, plus tax. Purchase tickets online at [dyckarboretum.org](http://dyckarboretum.org) or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

**Kauffman Museum bird walk**—8:00 AM, Saturday, February 4, in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets (2801 N. Main St., North Newton 67117). Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek

**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.

**Camp Mennoscah** Summer Youth Camp Registration will open at the beginning of February.

**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](http://mcc.org/beyond-incarceration-webinars)

**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](mailto: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](http://mcc.org/burkina).

**SAVE THE DATE!** Come join the fun at 15<sup>th</sup> 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”.

**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!

**Join the Dyck Arboretum** February 4, 7:00 PM, to hear The Small Glories. They have stage banter that strikes a unique balance between slapstick and sermon and are veteran singer-songwriters. Crust & Crumb will be serving during intermission. Learn more at [dyckarboretum.org/events](http://dyckarboretum.org/events).