

Upcoming Worship Services

April 6—Maundy Thursday meal, communion, and foot washing—6:00 PM in FH

April 7—Good Friday—Church Office closed

April 9—Easter Sunday—Pastor Luke

April 16—*Abundant Gifts*—Pastor Laura



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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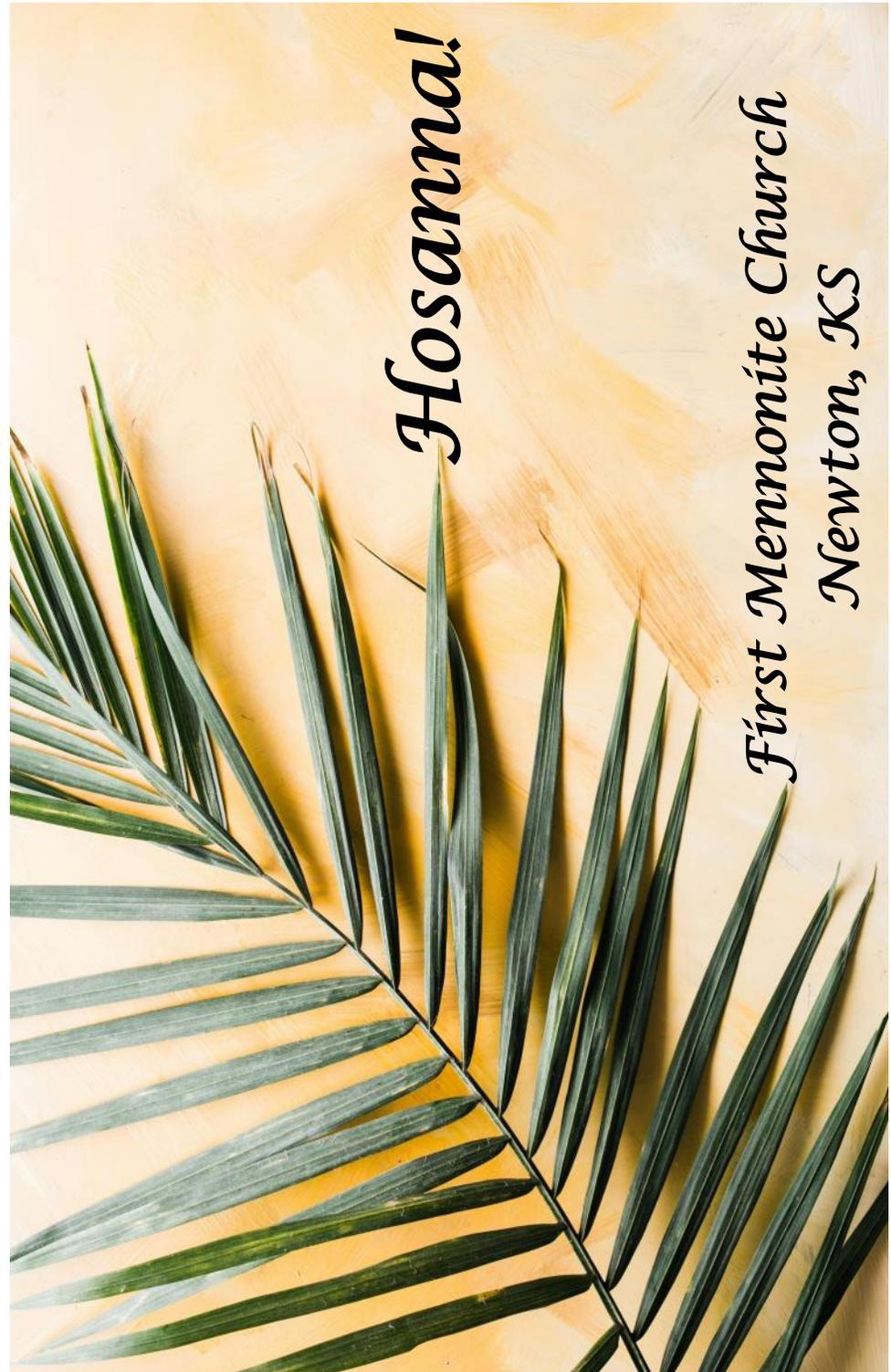
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Hosanna!

*First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS*



Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

Gathering

Welcome

Carol Entz, worship leader

Meditation music

What Grace is Mine?

FMC choir directed by Barb Claassen

Call to worship

Carol Entz, worship leader

Listening

Worship song

I Will Always Bless the Lord

Ben's Band

Words for the children

Andrea Regier

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Ben's Band

My Coins Count

Andrea Regier

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

Offering

Update from Mennonite Mission Network—Linda Shelly

Prayer

Carol Entz

Scripture reading

Exodus 12:21-27, Mark 11:1-10

Carol Entz

Meditation

Hosanna! Save Us!

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Prayer of the church

Pastor Luke Unruh

Sending

Sending song

The Lorica

Ben's Band

Announcements and benediction

Carol Entz, worship leader

Postlude

Give me Jesus

FMC Choir directed by Barb Claassen

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, Ryan Goertzen Regier, Ryan Koehn, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Ben's Band. Property Committee: Alan Entz. Visuals: Carol Goering

Announcements

Nurses needed for the weeks of June 18-23, Junior I Camp, and July 9-14, Junior High II Camp. As a nurse, you are a vital part of camp life. Your work to keep everyone healthy and well means campers and staff are ready to play and learn during their time at camp. Nurses must be a registered nurse (RN). **Head cooks needed for PreJunior I, June 11-15, and PreJunior II, June 25-29.** The head cook is in charge of leading kitchen staff in the preparation of meals and snacks that keep campers energetic, smiling, and ready to enjoy the full camp days. Camp Mennoscah can provide a menu, if wanted, and will order groceries and get kitchen staff. Head cooks and nurses receive either a stipend or a camper discount up to full camp fees. Contact us at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

Kitchen helpers and volunteers are needed for the majority of camp weeks. You keep camp running by helping prepare meals in the kitchen and working on maintenance projects or custodial tasks. Your work creates an enjoyable environment for campers to have fun and learn about God. Contact Camp Mennoscah at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290 to sign up!

Summer youth camp registration is open and Camp Mennoscah is receiving registrations. The summer theme is FruitFULL Faith. Get ready to learn and sing about the Fruit of the Spirit this summer--it's not a coconut! Register online at campmennoscah.org.

Bohne berrogie bake day for the MCC Sale is April 8 at Moundridge High School. Volunteers wanting to help, can sign up on the MCC Sale website.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale—Plants and Things Sale: Plants will be accepted anytime Thursday and Friday of the sale weekend. Boxes and flats are appreciated for individuals to take their plants home. Those can be brought to our area on Thursday and Friday as well. Bulbs, trees, shrubs, flowers, grasses, vegetable starts, herbs—anything that grows is welcome and things that accompany plants as well. Start them now. Dig them soon. A Sign-up Genius is on the website to volunteer.

Do you drink coffee that comes in a large tin can? Camp Mennoscah is looking for lids that fit on a #10 can for a sorting and storage project. We'll take just the lids or the lids and cans. Contact us at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290.

The offering for April 9 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 March 26—141.

Thank you—Thank you to our church family for all the cards, prayers, and visits to Melvin over the last couple of weeks. We appreciate each and everyone of them. Thank you for all the kindness that has been shown to us! ~Melvin and Nancy Pauls

Maudy Thursday Service—everyone is welcome to join us this Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a light meal, communion, and foot washing. Everyone is welcome! Please sign up in the Gathering Area or email the church office so that Fellowship Commission can get an estimate.

The Church Office will be closed this Friday, April 7, for Good Friday.

Save the Date: The Spring Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 23. We will have a carry-in meal following the Worship service. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall around 12:30 PM or as soon as possible after we finish eating.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Pies and Zwieback—we have been assigned to make pies for the Relief Sale that will take place on April 14-15, at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. Information is on the table in the Gathering Area along with the pie pans. We have also been assigned to make 15 Dozen Zwieback. Both the pies and Zwieback need to be delivered to the sale on Saturday morning, April 15.

DELEGATES NEEDED: If you have an interest in representing FMC at the delegate sessions at the Mennonite USA Assembly, MennoCon, in Kansas City, July 4-8, with business sessions scheduled for July 7-8, please contact Janice Good. This is an opportunity to represent FMC in the business of the wider church with registration and hotel expenses covered by FMC.

Wednesday Community Nights

There is NO Wednesday Night activities for this upcoming Wednesday, April 5!

Choir practice will still take place at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary.

The Women's Restroom in the basement is closed for the next few weeks for remodeling. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

My Coins Count—The buckets will be passed this morning to collect loose change for the relief work of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). The buckets will be passed each week until the MCC Sale on April 14 and 15.

Easter Cinnamon Roll Sign-up! To all you bakers out there, this is your chance to draw us closer to our Risen Lord with cinnamon and sugar! In the Gospel of John, it was through a beach breakfast that the disciples recognized their Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. So on Easter we wish to honor Jesus' resurrection by enjoying cinnamon rolls together. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area. Let us know how many dozen you'd like to provide and plan to bring your cinnamon rolls to the church kitchen by 9:00am Easter Sunday.

Casa Betania has an email address now (iglesiacasabetania@gmail.com) where transitional pastors Fernando Pérez and Rebeca González can be reached. They can also be contacted by phone or text at these numbers: Fernando 316-804-0508 and Rebeca 316-804-0392.

Believe it or not, it is time to sign up for summer camp at Camp Mennoscah. As we have in the past, the Nurture Commission will provide a \$100 scholarship to each camper from FMC and Casa Betania. You must sign up on the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area to receive a camp scholarship from FMC. The \$100 scholarship will be paid directly to camp. To sign up for camp, go to www.campmennoscah.org and click on "Register Online"! If you have any questions about the camp scholarship, please contact Sara Rickard, sararickard@gmail.com. If you would like to give to the camp scholarship fund, please make your check payable to FMC, designated to "Camp Mennoscah Scholarships."

Youth Group Verenike Casserole Fundraiser—As a fundraiser for our summer trip to the Mennonite Youth Convention, the youth group will be hosting a verenike casserole supper on Wednesday, April 12, 5:30-7:00 pm. The menu will include verenike casserole, sausage, green beans, zweibach, cherry moos. Vegetarian/gluten free/dairy free/sugar free options are available. Friends and family are welcome! If you are homebound and would like to have a meal delivered, please call the church office. There will also be frozen sausage available by donation during and after the meal.

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*

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!

College scholarship money is available – If you (or a family member) will be attending (or are considering) a Mennonite college or university for either undergraduate study or graduate study during the 2023-2024 school year, you are invited to apply for scholarship funds from FMC. ***By no later than Sunday, April 16, 2023***, submit the completed application to either Jyl Ewy or Ron Dietzel. For each school year, an FMC application must be completed. Some Mennonite colleges provide matching funds so your monies would be doubled when enrolled in one of those schools. Eligibility criteria for the FMC funds are provided on the application. The form is available in the Gathering Area at FMC; or, by contacting Ron Dietzel or Jyl Ewy.

Community Announcements

Singers wanted: Bethel College's annual Masterworks concert will be Sunday, April 30, with choir and orchestra under the direction of Dr. Henry Waters performing Beethoven "Choral Fantasy" and Mozart "Coronation Mass." The community is invited to participate. Practices begin Tuesday, April 4, 6:00-8:00 PM, in the choir room in Luyken Fine Arts Center on the Bethel campus, and take place the other Tuesdays in April (11, 18, 25), with a four-hour rehearsal Sat., April 29 (3:00-7:00 PM, dinner provided), and performance at 4:00 PM, on Sunday, with a call time of 3:00 PM. Scores and rehearsal tracks will be provided. Sign up using this form: <https://forms.gle/rqjK4dgSpYieVTvP8> or come to the first rehearsal on April 4.

The Newton Et Cetera Shop is receiving applications for a full-time General Manager. Newton Et Cetera is a non-profit, retail thrift shop business dedicated to reselling donated items. This position requires experience in an active retail business environment, computer and public relations skills, directing staff, and maintaining and managing a large diverse group of volunteers. An application may be picked up at the shop located at 619 N. Main, Newton, KS during the hours of 10:00 AM and 5:30 PM, Monday through Saturday or on the website at newtonetceterashop.com. Please submit your résumé, a cover letter and the application to Debbie Nightingale, Board Chair, at applyetcshop@gmail.com or leave at the Et Cetera Shop front desk. The application deadline is April 17, 2023 and the position is available beginning in May.

All Western District Conference women are invited to join a virtual event sponsored by Western District Women in Mission on Tuesday, April 25. Jenny Gehman, spiritual director, retreat speaker, and writer, will present on "Holy Host: the Hospitality of God." Join us in person or virtually. Our in-person gathering will be at First Mennonite Church in Newton, Kansas, beginning with a salad potluck at 6:00 PM, followed by Jenny joining virtually from Pennsylvania at 6:45 PM. There is no cost to this event, but please register by April 23 by emailing westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com so you can receive a Zoom link if joining virtually. Please email your RSVP if attending in person and bring a salad to share. Church groups can consider gathering together to watch the Zoom. For more information, contact Wendy Schrag at 316-841-5245.

Put your faith in action by volunteering with SWAP this summer! MCC's SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) home repair program provides short-term service and learning opportunities for churches, school and university groups, families, other groups and individuals. Now is the time to make your summer plans and sign up! More information and registration at swap.mcc.org or (606) 634-4418.