

Upcoming Worship Services

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

March 12—3rd Sunday of Lent—Pastor Luke—*Come Lord Jesus Be Our Host:
Feeding Multitudes*

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!



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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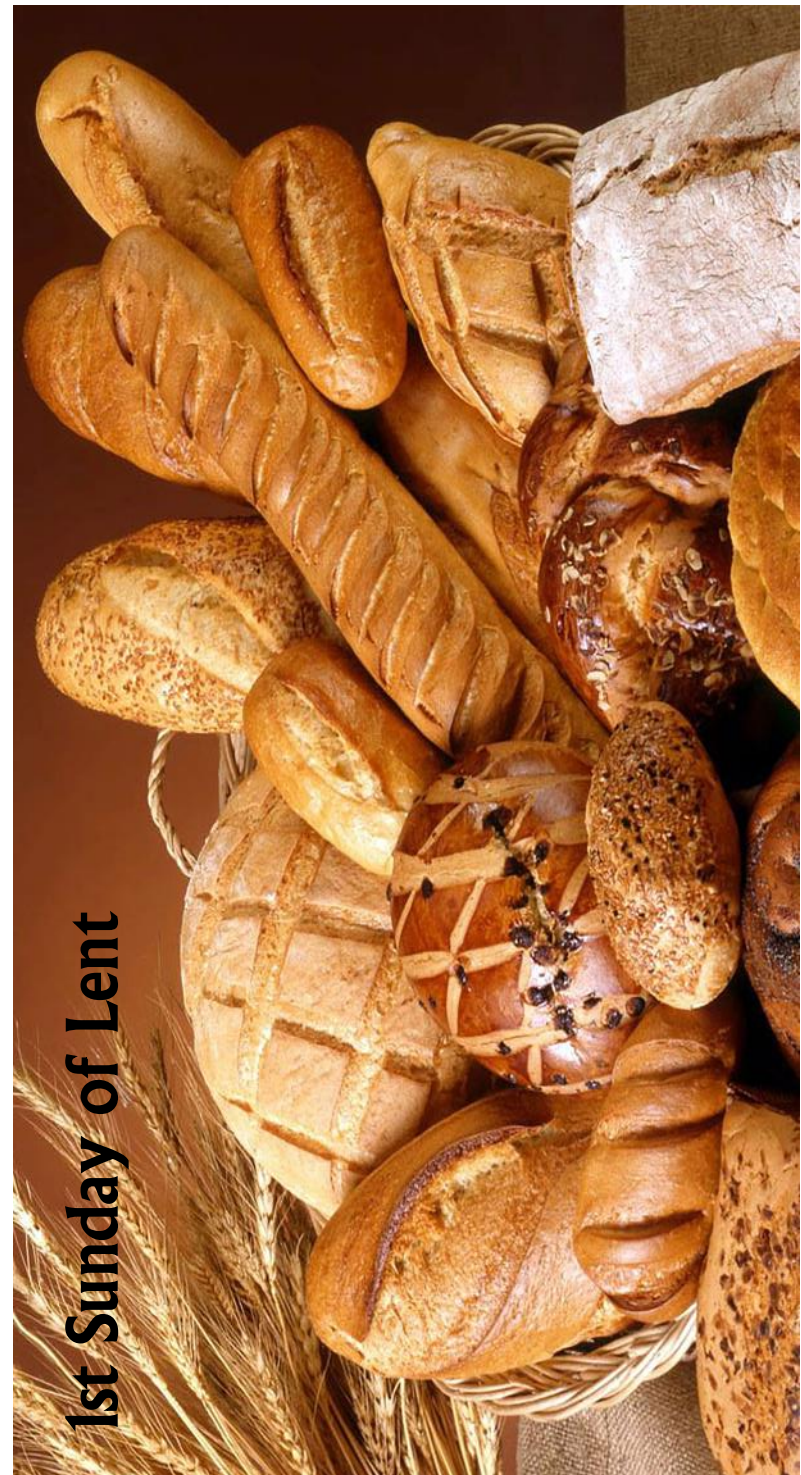
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1st Sunday of Lent

First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS

1st Sunday of Lent February 26, 2023

Gathering

Welcome

Wendy Schrag, worship leader

Meditation music

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

arr. Victor Labenske

Jyl Ewy, pianist

Call to worship

Wendy Schrag, worship leader

Listening

Worship songs

Good Good Father

Build My Life

Words for the children

Andrea Regier

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

Prayer for the offering

Local Mission

Wendy Schrag

Scripture reading

1 Corinthians 11:17, 20-29, 33-34

Wendy Schrag

Meditation

How To: Share the Lord's Supper

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Prayer of Confession

Sharing the Lord's Supper

Remembrance VT 479

We Place Upon Your Table VT 462

Sharing the Lord's Grace

Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises VT 473

Sending

Announcements and benediction

Wendy Schrag, worship leader

Postlude

The Blessing

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, Sarah Koehn, Ryan Koehn, and Melody Enns are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Jyl Ewy, Joey Menninga. Property Committee: Kevin Hamm. Visuals: Carol Goering and Cindy Unruh

Announcements

The offering for March 5 will be for Western District. 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 19—136

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 new updated Yearbooks are in your church mailbox. If you no longer need the old one, please consider recycling it to the Church Office so that we may reuse the binding off the old books.

Homeless Shelter—Our next week to serve New Hope Homeless Shelter is March 15-21. If you are able to help by volunteering or with meals, contact Lee Penner at 284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876

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 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 Goshen College Chamber Choir will be performing a concert program "Lead with Love" at 7:00 PM tonight at the First Mennonite Church of Hillsboro, KS as a part of their 2023 Midwest tour. The music program at Goshen College is well-known for its outstanding ensembles and dedication to the arts. This group from Goshen, Indiana, will share the college's rich singing tradition with inspiring and thought-provoking choral selections. The concert program is a selection of music expressing gratitude, joy, and love. Striving to affirm music's power to transcend time and place, bringing all together in the spirit of acceptance.

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](#) 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!

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.

MCC Central States Annual Meeting—Saturday, March 4, 1:00-3:00 PM. You are invited to hear from MCC SALT alum Jason Schmidt and current IVEP participant Naomi Kwanza share about their MCC experiences. Naomi, from Tanzania is working at Jason's Grazing Plains Farm in rural Kansas acquiring skills for making cheese and other dairy products to use back in her home country. Catch up with MCC Central States staff, find out about work happening across the region, check out the MCC building progress and enjoy some Grazing Plains cheese! Please RSVP to tinaschrag@mcc.org if you plan to attend. Thanks!

Men and Boys Retreat, March 31-April 2—Come to Camp Mennoscah for this long-standing, guys-only retreat! Enjoy time fishing, canoeing, worshipping, 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.

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.

On Sunday, March 5, 4:00 PM, the Newton Chorale will present their 2023 concert "A Choral Jubilee" sung in memory of Philip Koontz. The hour-long concert will take place in Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. There is no admission charge; a free-will donation will be taken. The concert will include a chamber orchestra and soloist Dr. Matthew Schloneger in addition to the Chorale. Renae Schmidt Peters will direct. Karen Unruh is the pianist and organist for the group.

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!