

Upcoming Worship Services

March 19—4th Sunday of Lent—Pastor Luke—*Come Lord Jesus Be Our Host: Heavenly Banquet*

March 26—5th Sunday of Lent—Worship in the Fellowship Hall over a potluck brunch! Find a seat at a table at 10:30AM and be ready to eat & worship together.

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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Feeding Multitudes

First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023

Gathering

Welcome

Dave Wiebe, worship leader

Meditation music

Be Thou My Vision arr. Keveren
Amanda Entz, pianist

Call to worship

Dave Wiebe, worship leader

Listening

Worship songs

Holy Spirit, Come with Power VT 57
Fill Us with Your Feast VT 309

Words for the children

Keith Knopp

My Coins Count

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

Prayer for the offering

Local Mission
Dave Wiebe

Scripture reading

Mark 6:32-44
Dave Wiebe

Meditation

Feeding Multitudes
Pastor Luke Unruh

Response song

There's Enough for All VT 757
(3x through)

Welcoming Linda and Morris Ewert into Membership

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Sending

Announcements and benediction

Dave Wiebe, worship leader

Postlude

Sonata No. 12, Mvt. 1 by Mozart
Amanda Entz, pianist

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, Brian Kennell, Ryan Koehn, and Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Wendy Schrag, chorister; Amanda Entz. Property Committee: Mason Unruh. Visuals: Cindy Unruh

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.

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.

Welcome, Summer Staff 2023! While we may be adding to the number of summer staff, here is the crew as of March 1: Peter Buller, **Schylar Entz**, Daniel Miller, Edel Miller, and Jacob Schrag. Additional staff are needed for lifeguarding and grounds. We are excited to have them at camp this summer!

Kitchen staff and nurses needed for summer youth camps from June 4 through July 28. Most people come out for a camp week, but we will also schedule partial weeks, as needed. Kitchen staff receive a camper discount for up to full camp fees and need to be able to follow directions with a willing spirit. Nurses must be an RN and can receive either a stipend or a camper discount. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org!

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.

New Hope Shelter—come help us celebrate! Friday, March 24, 4:00 PM, will be the groundbreaking of the start of the construction for the new shelter. Come to 308 S. Meridian (south of Casey's) to enjoy this time with us on the site of what will be our New Home as a Shelter.

Announcements

The offering for March 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 March 5—145; Virtual attendance—107.

The flowers on the organ are in memory of Mary Enz from Jim and her family.

Lenten Prayers—Each Saturday during Lent, 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.

The family of Darlene Bontrager would like to thank our FMC family for all the calls, cards, prayers and visits these past two months. Your love and prayers were felt by our family. We appreciate each and every one of you! ~Barry, Greg & Melody Bontrager & family

Wednesday Community Nights Start March 22!

Join us for a tasty meal at 5:30pm and activities for all ages from 6:30-7:30pm
Complete dates for Spring Community Nights are: March 22, 29, April 12, 19, and 26

Beginners (Ages 2-5) – Teacher Rachel Koehn

Elementary Class (K-5th) – Teachers Jennie and Peter Wintermote

Jr. Youth (6th-8th) – Teacher Amanda Entz

Sr. Youth – Maintains it's regular leaders and schedule

Adults – Led by Pastor Laura Goerzen

The Elementary Class curriculum follows themes and ideas presented in MCUSA's "Diversity God's Design" adult curriculum, which have been adapted for children by Carol Duerkson of Spring's Forth. Families of Kindergarteners are welcome to choose whether their child participates in the Beginner class or Elementary Class.

The Adult Class will challenge and inspire participants to conduct simple experiments in learning to better know our immediate neighbors in our church pews and in our neighborhoods.

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

Community Announcements

My Coins Count—starting today, the buckets will be passed 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.

Pastor Laura will be out of the office March 13-17.

Annual Reports—an email has been sent to those who need to write an annual report for the upcoming Congregational Meeting. Please make sure your report is turned in to the Church Office by Tuesday, March 21.

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."

Lost and found—please check the coat rack and bin in the Gathering Area to see if any of your belongings are there. We have several things that have been found over the last few months that need to be collected. Anything that is still left in two weeks will be donated.

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.

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!

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—the dam will be put back in today at approx. 2:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to join in or to watch. Gather at the shelter. (The actual putting in of the boards is not for young ages.) The event will go forward, whatever the weather, unless deemed unsafe. Call Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290, if uncertain.

Today—Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, 3:00 PM at Kauffman Museum. Nationally recognized local artist Phil Epp will present "Images of Art and Design in Central Asia," a program related to the museum's current special exhibit, "Reeds & Wool: Patterned Screens of Central Asia."

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.

The WDC Resource Library is looking for wrapping paper donations to be used in the summer reading program. Any holiday, any style--we'd be happy to use up some "vintage" odds and ends from your house. Email Jennie at crlib@mennowdc.org if you have some to donate.

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.

Celebrating Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service—Join in the Celebration on Sunday, March 19, 7:00 PM, at First Mennonite Church, 429 East 1st, Newton KS. Kilometer 81 the singing group comprised of the family of Ken and Amy Regier will lead us in celebrating through song and music. We will hear about different projects volunteers have been involved with during the past year. This event will also be a fund raising event for The MDS Cabinet Shop. On Monday, March 20, 7:00 PM, will be the Kansas MDS Unit Board of Directors meeting via zoom. All are invited to join using the following link <https://tinyurl.com/KansasAnnualMeeting>

Everence will hold its popular Medicare workshop at its office in North Newton on Thursday, March 23, 6:30 PM. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. The in-person workshop will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.