

## Upcoming Worship Services

**April 2**—6th Sunday of Lent—Passover/Palm Sunday—Pastor Laura

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

**April 9**—Easter Sunday—Pastor Luke

**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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Let Us Break Bread Together

First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS

# 5th Sunday of Lent

## March 26, 2023

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### Gathering

#### Welcome

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

*O God,  
as we come together  
for the food your love has given us,  
we remember Christ was made known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread.  
May he be with us,  
And may his Spirit  
enter into all we say and do. Amen.*

### Listening

#### Worship songs

*Fill Us with Your Feast* VT 309  
*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* VT 778

#### Scripture reading

Acts 2:43-47  
Casson Schmidt

#### Words for the children and adults

Pastor Laura Goerzen

#### My Coins Count

Pastor Laura Goerzen

#### Prayer for the offering

Local Mission  
Casson Schmidt

#### Instructions for the meal

Pastor Laura

#### Meal

#### Concluding prayer

Pastor Luke Unruh

### Sending

#### Sending song

*Put Peace into Each Other's Hands* VT 485  
V. 1-4

#### Announcements and benediction

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

#### Postlude

Jyl Ewy

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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: Jyl Ewy. Property Committee: Phil Gaertner. Visuals: Cindy Unruh*

6:45 PM. There is no cost to this event, but please register by April 23 by emailing [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://swap.mcc.org) or (606) 634-4418.

**Sunday, March 26, 7:00 PM**—Staley Lectures at Bethel College with Phuc Luu, a theologian, philosopher and artist based in Houston, author of *Jesus of the East*. Sunday: "Ida B. Wells, the sinned against, and Minjung theology: African-American and Asian voices in harmony" Administration Building chapel; **Monday, March 27, 11:00 AM**—"Where does all the pain go?": God's broken body, trauma and the healing of han," Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or call 620-297-3290.

**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. Camp Mennoscah can provide a menu, if wanted, and will order groceries and get kitchen staff. Head cooks receive either a stipend or a camper discount up to full camp fees. Contact us at [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290.

## Announcements

**The offering for April 2** will be for Mennonite Mission Network. 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).

**Today there will be no nursery or supervised childcare during worship.**

**First Mennonite Church** worship attendance for March 19—154; Virtual attendance—93.

**Offering:** Local Missions offering for March 5 and 12 was \$5,343; online Local Mission was \$3,645.

**Carry-in Brunch for FMC today!** We will meet around tables and eat brunch during the 10:30 to 11:30 AM worship hour. Bring a fully cooked brunch item to share, along with your table service and find a place around the tables in Fellowship Hall. We will worship and share food around tables—continuing to learn about "Come Lord Jesus, be our Host".

**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

#### March 29 meal—sloppy joes, coleslaw, chips and ice cream bars

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 29, April 12, 19, and 26.

**Beginners** (Ages 2-5) – Teacher Rachel Koehn

**Elementary Class** (K-5<sup>th</sup>) – Teachers Jennie and Peter Wintermote

**Jr. Youth** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – 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 Duerksen 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!



**After the family night meal** (6:30-6:45 PM), on Wednesday, March 29, we will be starting our fundraiser decorations modeled after the Clue Board game. We need all of you to come help make characters and signs for the murder mystery fun! Everyone is welcome to come.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.campmennoscah.org) and click on "Register Online"! If you have any questions about the camp scholarship, please contact Sara Rickard, [sararickard@gmail.com](mailto: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](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!

**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

**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](http://thrift.mcc.org/volunteer)!

**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.

**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](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org) if you have some to donate.

**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.

**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