

Upcoming Worship Services

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

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

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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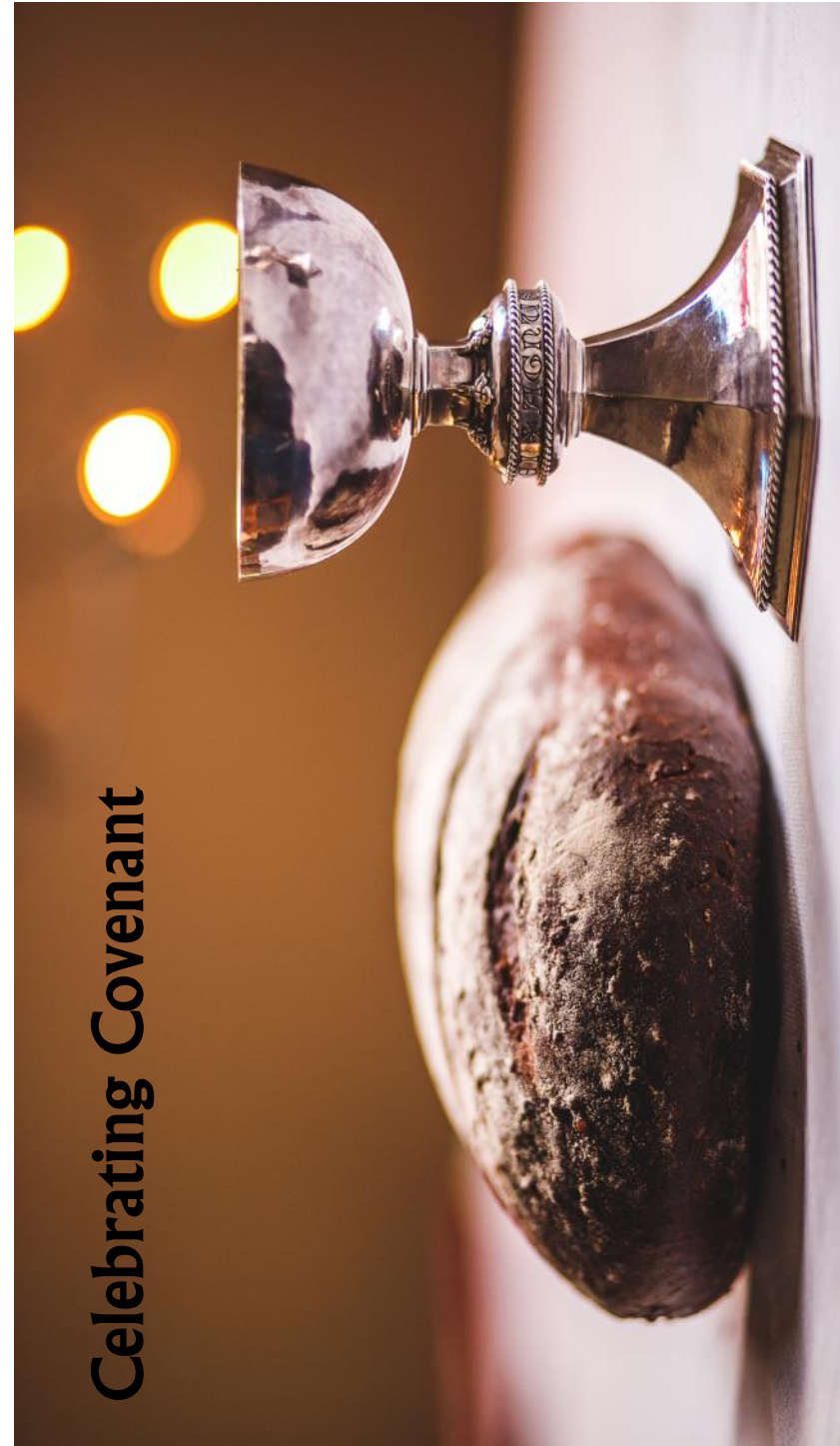
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Celebrating Covenant



First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2023

Gathering

Welcome

John Good, worship leader

Meditation music

God Our Protector
Ben's Band

Call to worship

John Good, worship leader

Listening

Worship song

House of Peace
Ben's Band

Words for the children

Sara Rickard

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

Prayer for the offering

Western District
John Good

Scripture reading

Genesis 26:26-31 and Matthew 26:26-30

Meditation

Celebrating Covenant
Pastor Laura Goerzen

Prayer of Confession

Response song

From North and South, From East and West VT 460

Sharing the Lord's Supper

Hymn Medley
John Goerzen

Coyote Trail
Ben's Band

Sending

Announcements and benediction

John Good, worship leader

Postlude

On the Wings of An Eagle
Ben's Band

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: Rod Wedel. Visuals: Cindy Unruh

Announcements

The offering for March 12 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 February 26—165; Zoom Communion—3; Virtual attendance—96.

Darlene Bontrager (77) passed away on Friday, February 24. Her services were held on Tuesday, February 28. We extend our condolences to Barry, Greg, Melody, Marissa, Nathan, James, Charlie, Shawn, Kaycee, Seth and the rest of the family.

We are offering a Safe Sanctuaries training via zoom on Tuesday, March 7, at 7:00 PM, for anyone who is interested in helping with children and youth programming in the coming months and is not already trained. Please email sararickard@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

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.

The knitting4peace group will meet Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. All knitters, crocheters, and/or those who would like to tie a comforter for MCC are welcome! For more information, contact Wendy Funk Schrag or Elena Entz Wiebe.

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!

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 Newton Chorale will present their 2023 concert "A Choral Jubilee" sung in memory of Philip Koontz today at 4:00 PM. 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.

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](http://MCCThrift) 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!

The dam will be put back in on March 12 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.

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>

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