

Upcoming Worship Services

April 30—Child dedication for Ella Claassen & Miles Graber, Pastor Laura preaching.

May 7—Pastor Luke preaching



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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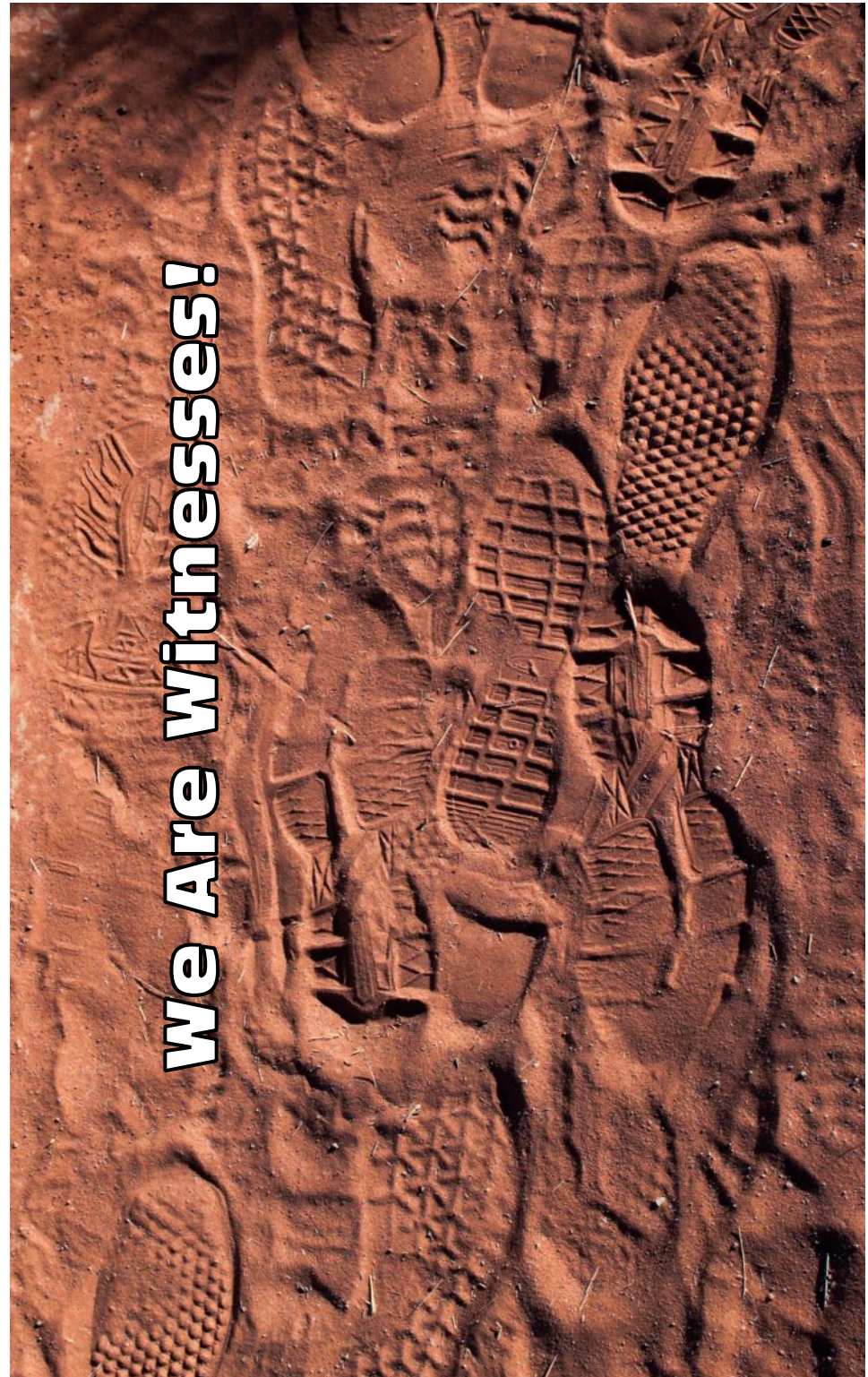
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We Are Witnesses!



First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
April 23, 2023

Gathering

Welcome

Wendy Schrag, worship leader

Meditation music

All Hail King Jesus/All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Jyl Ewy

Call to worship

Wendy Schrag, worship leader

Listening

Worship songs

Happy Day
Living Hope

Words for the children

"The Call of Moses: How it might have happened"
Chris Weaver and Mike Garcia

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

Prayer for the offering

Local Mission
Wendy Schrag

Reader's theater

"The Call of Moses: How it really happened"
Exodus 3-4:20

Sermon

Who, Me?
Pastor Luke Unruh

Song of response

Just a Place

Prayer of the church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Sending

Sending song

This is Amazing Grace

Announcements and benediction

Wendy Schrag, worship leader

Postlude

My Tribute
Jyl Ewy

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: Joey Menninga, Jyl Ewy, Joan Entz, Luke Unruh and Sheralyn Goering. Property Committee: Kevin Hamm. Visuals: Carol Goering

Announcements

Camp Mennoscah is looking for counselors for the 2023 summer youth camps. Counselors must be at least 17 years old and 5 years older than the campers. Weekly program directors will contact people, as needed. If you have questions, contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or email: olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Volunteers needed at Presbyterian Manor—we are looking for enthusiastic and friendly people who desire to make a change. If you have a special talent, want extra practice playing an instrument, enjoy playing games, or just want to visit, please contact Sarah Schmitt at 316-283-5400. (for more information, see flyer on bulletin board in Gathering Area)

Newton Et Cetera Shop's 2023 Local Giving Grant applications are due on Monday, May 1. Information and a link for the application can be found at newtonetceterashop.com/local-giving-fund/.

Save the date—Western District Conference Annual Assembly, August 11-13, 2023 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. This annual event is for all ages. Come for intergenerational fun faith formation, music, worship, work of the broader church, good food, time with old and new friends, and more! The topic is holy listening.

Mennonite Church USA is seeking Menno Snapshots blogs on the topic, “I choose to be Mennonite because...” Bloggers are encouraged to reflect on how they came to Anabaptism, what attracted them to our Mennonite theology and practices, and how this has impacted their lives. This is an ideal opportunity for the recently baptized and/or those who may have joined from other faith traditions. Suggested word count is 500-900 words. Youth are also encouraged to participate (no word count requirements). Read the blog guidelines and submit your blog here by May 22: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/blog-guidelines/>

Friends of Kauffman Museum Sale (vintage and antique items and artwork), Saturday, April 29, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, outside the front entrance and in the museum auditorium (2801 N. Main St., North Newton 67117). All proceeds benefit the museum. For a partial list of items, see <https://kauffmanmuseum.org/event/friends-of-the-museum-vintage-antique-art-sale/>

The offering for April 30 will be for Camp Mennoscah. 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 April 16—179; online attendance—117.

The Spring Congregational Meeting will be held today. 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. During the meeting we will hear various reports and will take action to approve financial audit report and 2022 financial report.

~Ryan Koehn, Church Moderator

The women’s bathroom in the basement is finished. Thank you to Rod Wedel, Brent Voran, John Good, and the rest of the Property Committee for all they did to make it look great!

Wednesday Community Nights—Last one!

April 26 meal—Living Stones/Christian Fellowship Sunday School

Menu: pizza, salad, cookies

Join us for a tasty meal at 5:30pm and activities for all ages from 6:30-7:30pm

Beginners (Ages 2-5) – Teacher Sara Rickard

Elementary Class (K-5th) – Teacher Jennie 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 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.

SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School, “Changemaker’s Lab” is coming May 30 – June 2. Activities for kids ages 4 through 4th grade (completed) will take place at Bethel College Mennonite Church from 5:30-7:30 PM. Registration information will be coming soon. Volunteer sign-ups are on-going (see bulletin insert). Participating churches include First Mennonite, Shalom Mennonite, New Creation, Faith Mennonite, Casa Betania, Bethel College Mennonite, and Zion Mennonite (Elbing).

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.

If you are graduating from high school or college this May, or know of someone from our congregation that will be graduating, please email or call the church office to let us know. We would like to include the names in an upcoming bulletin announcement.

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.”

Community Announcements

Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus 2023 Spring concert schedule—Sunday, April 23, 7:00 PM, at Bethel College.

Want to learn more about how faith-based organizations can work together for stronger, healthier communities? Come to Shalom Mennonite Church this Sunday, April 23, at 4:00pm, for a networking event hosted by Kansas Inter-Faith Action (KIFA). Attendees will discover ways to collaborate on issues related to poverty, racial justice, community health, agriculture, and more. Want more information about the event? Contact Pastor Laura.

McPherson Community Brass Choir—today, April 23, 3:00 PM at McPherson Church of the Brethren. This is a free live concert.

Anabaptism at 500 and the *Anabaptist Community Bible*—The five hundredth anniversary of Anabaptism in 2025 gives the church a unique opportunity to celebrate and dream. To celebrate all the ways God has been faithful, and to dream about how we can mend what’s been broken. Join this special event Saturday, April 29 at 7:00 PM, at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston, KS. John D. Roth, project director, and Mitch Stutzman, director of development and partner engagement will talk about the Anabaptism at 500 project and share the vision behind the *Anabaptist Community Bible*. The event will include an update on the status of the project and a time for questions and conversation.

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.

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.

Newton Et Cetera Shop's board of directors will host a farewell reception for general manager Sara Dick on Saturday, April 29, 2:00-4:00 PM, at the shop (619 North Main in downtown Newton). You're invited to stop by to celebrate seven years of Sara's leadership and wish her well!

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.

Youth ages 12 to 17 are invited to be a Junior Volunteer at Kidron Bethel Village in North Newton or Schowalter Villa in Hesston June 1 through July 28. Junior Volunteers help facilitate activities with residents in health care and/or assisted living, including playing games, reading, going on walks and more. An application is required and must be submitted by May 10. Spaces are limited. Proof of complete COVID-19 vaccination series required. For application, contact 620-327-4821 or shelleyl@bluestemks.org.

Special estate planning webinar for Bethel College alumni association members—April 27, 6:00-7:00 PM. Join industry experts via Zoom to learn about the impact that planning your estate can make—Randy Pankratz and Cindy Wiens—Adrian & Pankratz Attorneys at Law in Newton. The link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85860997275>

A Newton Et Cetera Shop Volunteer Event will be held Tuesday, May 2 at 6:30 PM, at Shalom Mennonite Church, 800 E. First Street, Newton, KS. Current and former volunteers as well as anyone interested in becoming a volunteer at the shop are invited. Join us to learn more about our mission and opportunities to get involved. Your work supports MCC! 30% of MCC's annual budget comes from thrift shops across the United States. Hope to see you there!