

Upcoming Worship Services

June 4—VBS worship on Bethel College lawn at 10 AM, activities and potluck following. Bring lawn chairs, table service, and a dish to share.



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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First Mennonite Church Newton, KS May 28, 2023

Gathering

Welcome

Carol Entz, worship leader

Meditation music

Great Are You Lord

Call to worship

Carol Entz, worship leader

Listening

Worship song

Oceans

Words for the children

Penny Dorado

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

Prayer for the offering—Bethel College

Carol Entz

Scripture reading

Acts 2:1-21

Carol Entz

Sermon

Of Wind and Fire

Pastor Luke Unruh

Prayer of the church

Pastor Luke Unruh

Sending

Sending song

Holy Spirit

Announcements and benediction

Carol Entz, worship leader

Postlude

God of Justice VT 772

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 Koehn, Sarah Koehn and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Joey Menninga, Joan Entz, Luke Unruh. Property Committee: Rod Wedel. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering.

Announcements

The offering for June 4 will be for Mennonite Central Committee. 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 May 14—165.

The floral arrangement up front is in honor of Vernon and Velma Frey celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary, June 2. The flowers are from their children and grandchildren.

Local Missions offering from May 7 and 14 was \$12,596; online Local Mission was \$2,770.

The church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Memorial Day.

A support group for survivors of sexual abuse will meet with the guidance of a professional therapist on Tuesday, June 6. 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.

Come see a Play, Friday, June 2 at VBS! From 6:00-7:30 PM, on June 2 at BCMC, ALL are invited to a performance of Selah's Song, a play about a young girl in Ukraine who inspires her community with a song of Peace. This play is suitable for all ages and we hope you can join! Presented by Theatre of the Beat, a touring company based in Toronto.



The Nurture Commission has put together a survey about Wednesday Community Nights. We would like for the congregation to provide responses for future insight into what the congregation would like to see. You may fill out the survey online at: <https://forms.gle/Vu8WTzmb7XptfC2d9>, fill out a paper copy that is on the table in the Gathering Area, or follow the QR code to fill out the survey. Responses are due by May 31.

Summer Enrichment Activities for Kids (and Families) or SEAK will again be sponsored by Peace Connections this summer, June 6 - July 28. Free meals are provided by local businesses, for children up to age 18. We will be participating on Wednesdays with water play activities. It's fun playing with kids and meeting the children and parents who come! If you have completed Safe Sanctuary training, please sign up in the Gathering Area for the Wednesdays you can help, or talk to Bev Regier.

Are you missing a dish or container from your kitchen?? Please check in the church kitchen on the counter...there are a number of dishes that have been left at the church who are wanting to go home...come look to see if they are yours. Thank you.

The next quarter Sunday School materials are here. You can find the material on the table in the Gathering Area.

Community Announcements

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.

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 inter-generational 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.

Saturday, June 3—The public is invited to Walk Sand Creek Trail Day, part of National Trails Day®. Water will be available for people and leashed dogs at the trailhead at Memorial Grove on the Bethel College campus, dawn to dusk (6 a.m.-8 p.m.), courtesy of the Sand Creek Trail Committee, with members there to answer any questions about the trail and its history. This is the 25th anniversary of Sand Creek Trail as an organized and maintained trail.

Saturday, June 3—Kauffman Museum bird walk, 7:00 AM start time in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets (2801 N. Main St., North Newton 67117). Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail (terrain is mostly wood-chip path and sometimes uneven/sloping).

Custodial-housekeeping help is needed at Camp Mennoscah. This is a 10 hours per week position and is paid hourly. The work times are flexible, but must fit within the group and retreat scheduling, which varies from week to week. The position requires an application, references, and background check. Contact Olivia at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org for details.

Two nurses are needed for First Camp, June 15-17, and a partial camp week, July 9-12, Junior High II Camp. As a nurse, you are a vital part of camp life. Your work to keep everyone healthy and well means campers and staff are ready to play and learn during their time at camp. Nurses must be a registered nurse (RN). Nurses receive either a stipend or a camper discount up to full camp fees. Contact us at: olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

Camp Mennoscah has begun to raise money through the M&M Project. Our list of Fire Keepers—givers who have promised to add \$1000 to this fund by the end of the calendar yet - is growing. Remember, money raised for the M&M Project, will be matched by, dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000 by a generous donor. We know you will want to be in on this opportunity to continue our Mission at Camp. Now is the time to sign up—your family, your Sunday School class, your small group, yourself—to be a Fire Keeper! Some may want to make the commitment and write the check immediately. That allows us to use the funds coming in for projects that need attention now, like making sure the AC is working in the Retreat Center for the people who will rent that facility this summer. Others may wish to make the promise, then pay later. That is OK as well—you can give monthly or in whatever way works for you and your group. Your promise now for funds to come helps us plan how to budget our spending. Of course, your churches are invited to put together a fundraising event this year that would specifically benefit the M&M Project. Talk to Tammy for ideas! For information, check out the Camp Mennoscah website, or contact Tammy 316-207-3472 or tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org.

Hesston College Theatre Camp will run Sunday through Saturday, June 11 to 17, for students ages 11 to 18, with registration options for a commuter or full residential experience. The week-long immersive theatre program will culminate in a performance of “Freaky Friday” at 2:00 PM, Saturday, June 17. Registration is open through June 4 at hesston.edu/theatrecamp

Western District Conference seeks a half-time Business Manager beginning July 10, at WDC’s North Newton, KS, office (some remote work possible). Responsibilities include financial management, bookkeeping, reporting and payroll. Qualifications include organizational, computer and communication skills, bookkeeping or accounting experience, and willingness to support WDC’s mission and priorities. For position description and application form visit: <https://mennowdc.org/wdc-staff-position-opening/>. Interested applicants please submit application form and letter of interest to the Conference Minister at heidirk@mennowdc.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)