

## Upcoming Worship Services

June 18—Stories of Faith: TBD, come, be surprised!

June 25—Stories of Faith: TBD



### Cleaning Supplies Collection for Muse Apartments:

- Indoor broom and dust pan
- Outdoor broom
- Disposable gloves
- Face masks
- Cleaning wipes
- Window cleaner
- Old newspapers
- Mop and bucket
- Trash bags
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- First aid kits



Residents of the Muse Apartments have indicated that these items would be much appreciated. Look for a box labeled “Muse Apartments” in the Gathering area to leave your donations. The items will be taken to a community closet at the Muse Apartments for tenants to use.

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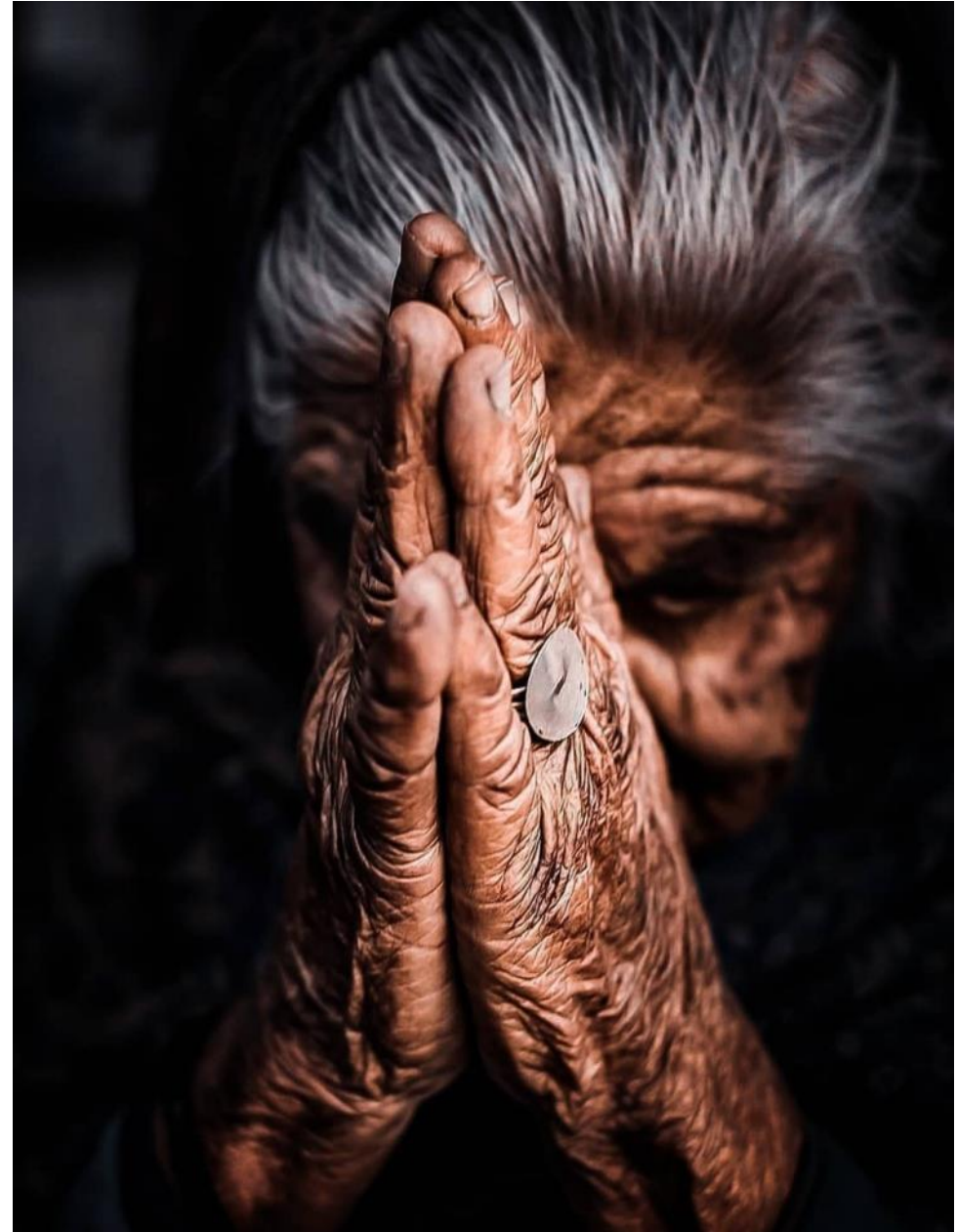
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# Stories of Faith: Sarah



**First Mennonite Church**  
**Newton, KS**  
**June 11, 2023**

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**Gathering**

**Welcome**

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

**Meditation music**

*Bless the Broken Road*  
Sheralyn Goering, pianist

**Call to worship**

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

**Listening**

**Worship songs**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* VT 606  
*We Walk by Faith* VT 588

**Words for the children**

Keith Knopp

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

**Sharing from Rod Pauls of Intervarsity**

**Prayer for the offering—Local Mission**

Casson Schmidt

**Scripture reading**

Genesis 17:1-8, 15-22  
Casson Schmidt

**Sermon**

*Stories of Faith: Sarah*  
Pastor Laura Goerzen

**Response song**

*The God of Sarah Praise* VT 190

**Prayer of the church**

Pastor Luke Unruh

**Sending**

**Sending song**

*Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us* VT 518

**Announcements and benediction**

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

**Postlude**

*Blessed Assurance*  
Sheralyn Goering

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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!



*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, Eric Murphy, Joey Menninga and Judy Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Sheralyn Goering; Chorister: Wendy Schrag. Property Committee: Brent Voran. Visuals: Carol Goering.*

## Announcements

**The offering for June 18** 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: [first-mennonitenewton.org](http://first-mennonitenewton.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.

**Do you have trouble hearing in the sanctuary?** Thanks to a generous donation, we have installed a new hearing assist system. There are eight units that can be picked up and used during the service along with earbuds. If you have hearing aids that are compatible with t-loop, we also have the capability put the sound into your hearing aids. If you would like to use a hearing assist unit, stop by the sound booth before the service.

**The rose on the pulpit** is in honor of Caden Laurence, who was born on May 23 to Tim and Michelle Regier. We surround this family with our love.

**From January through April our loss was \$36,867.** In May, we received \$2,359 more than we spent. Our present loss is \$34,508. This simply gives you a year to date report. Prayerfully consider how you might be able to help decrease this short fall.

~Financial Stewardship Committee

**For your information—FMC will have overnight guests this Tuesday, June 13.** We will have about 5 visitors from Bike Across Kansas (BAK) staying in our church for the night. They will arrive sometime in the afternoon of June 13 and leave bright and early by 6:30 or 7:00 AM, June 14. If you run into them, say “Hi!” and wish them a pleasant ride!

**Books are looking for new homes!** Check out the book cart in the gathering area with a variety of books, VHS tapes, and more for all ages that are looking for new homes. Leave a donation for new library resources. More items will be added as things find new homes so be sure to check out the offerings throughout the summer. Questions? Contact a member of the library committee.

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

**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.**

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**August Intergenerational Sunday School!** We had so much fun last year that we're doing it again! For the month of August, children and adults of all ages are invited to gather in the fellowship hall to learn more about the passions, skills, and hobbies of people in our church. Save the dates and stay tuned for more details!

**Share a hobby, skill, or passion during our August intergenerational Sunday School!**

What do you love to do with your hands? What do you know so well you could teach it to someone else? What are you so passionate about you could enjoy talking about it to a captive audience? Contact Pastor Laura if you have a hobby, skill, or passion you would like to share with the congregation.

**CASA BETANIA is inviting our participation** in a 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary service on Sunday, June 25, at 4:00 PM, here in the First Mennonite sanctuary. After the service there will be a time of fellowship with a meal. Casa Betania will provide the main dishes and an anniversary cake. Guests do not need to bring food, but those who would like to bring something are welcome to share a salad or fruit.

**It's time to renew Anabaptist World magazine.** If you would like to renew your subscription or would like to start a new subscription, please fill out the order form that was placed in your church mailbox. Our group subscription cost is \$39. Order forms are due to the church office by Friday, June 23. Please make checks payable to First Mennonite Church with *Anabaptist World* in the memo line.

### Community Announcements

**Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a Staff Accountant** (Full-time, In office, Hybrid or Remote) that will oversee budget development and monitor budget performance. This position will also be the liaison between finance and other departments and work teams and cross-train to cover other finance functions as necessary. If further interested or to apply, you may visit us at [www.MennoniteMission.net/about/Employment](http://www.MennoniteMission.net/about/Employment). Please email Mennonite Mission Network – Human Resources if you have additional questions at [staffrecruitment@mennonitemission.net](mailto:staffrecruitment@mennonitemission.net).

**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.

**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](mailto:tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org).

**Instead of a traditional Summer Story Hour**, the WDC Conference Resource Library will be hosting Story Days with a self-guided, come-and-go approach with activities for ages 3-8 and their caregiver(s) on June 15, July 20 and August 3 from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM. Read alouds by library staff/volunteers on the hour from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The WDC Resource Library is located at 2517 N Main in North Newton.

**A Gift for You**—The WDC Resource Library summer reading program for all ages includes a gift for you. Stop by the library from May 30-August 10 to pick out a wrapped package and a response sheet or request one be mailed to you. The book/DVD/resource inside is yours to keep. Fill out a response sheet and return to the library for a ticket into the prize drawing (gift cards for teens/adults and a prize bag for kids). The WDC Resource Library is located at 2517 N Main in North Newton. For questions and mailing requests, email [crilib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crilib@mennowdc.org)

**MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton is critically low on inventory:** An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: *new* infant onesies and sleepers (3-12 month sizes); notebooks (70 sheets) and black or blue ballpoint pens. Locally, MCC distributes prisoner care and returning citizen care kits, for those kits we currently need: shampoo (20 oz or more), men's deodorant (min 2.25 oz) and toothpaste (min. 5 oz). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact [broci-amueller@mcc.org](mailto:broci-amueller@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits).