

## Upcoming Worship Services

June 25—Stories of Faith: Daniel; Pastor Luke

July 2—Stories of Faith: Bathsheba



### 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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## Stories of Faith: Ananias



**First Mennonite Church**  
**Newton, KS**  
**June 18, 2023**

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**Gathering**

**Welcome**

Pastor Laura Goerzen

**Meditation music**

*How Deep the Father's Love For Us*  
Nora Miller

**Call to worship**

Pastor Laura Goerzen

**Listening**

**Worship songs**

*Here in This Place* VT 10  
*Immoral, Invisible, God Only Wise* VT 98

**Words for the children**

Dana Neff

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

**Prayer for the offering—Local Mission**

Pastor Laura Goerzen

**Scripture reading**

Acts 9:10-18  
Pastor Laura Goerzen

**Sermon**

*Stories of Faith: Ananias*  
Pastor Luke Unruh

**Response song**

*What Wondrous Love Is This* VT 564

**Prayer of the church**

Pastor Laura Goerzen

**Sending**

**Sending song**

*Lead Me, Guide Me* VT 601

**Announcements and benediction**

Pastor Laura Goerzen

**Postlude**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
Nora Miller

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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, Tim Regier, Brian Kennell and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Nora Miller. Chorister: Daryl Unruh. Property Committee: Phil Gaertner. Visuals: Carol Goering.*

**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 [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org)

**Staff position opening:** Western District Conference seeks a quarter-time **Fund Development Coordinator** beginning July 2023 to cultivate donor relationships and congregational giving, promote planned giving, and generate creative fundraising initiatives. Qualifications include communication, fund-raising and development skills. Position description and application form can be found here: <https://mennowdc.org/employment/>. Please submit application and letter of interest to [heidirk@mennowdc.org](mailto:heidirk@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 [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits).

**WDC Staff Announcement:** Business Manager Beth Yoder will conclude her role with WDC in mid-July, with plans to move with her family to Minnesota where her husband Caleb Yoder will become pastor at Faith Mennonite Church in Minneapolis. We give thanks for Beth's faithful and generous service to WDC, and will deeply miss her presence on the WDC staff! If you would like to share an expression of appreciation for Beth and her time with WDC, you are welcome to send a note to her at the office at [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org) or Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS

## Announcements

**The offering for June 25** 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](http://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:** June 11—162; online attendance—105.

**Local Mission offering for June 4 and 11**—\$5,674; online Local Mission—\$3,495.

**The church office will be closed tomorrow, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth.**

**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.

**FMC Media:** If your family, Sunday School or Committee/Commission would like to have a personalized lesson on Church's Realm system, please contact Judy Murphy at 316-288-7960 or at [media@firstmennonitenewton.org](mailto:media@firstmennonitenewton.org).

**Opportunity to serve children and families during worship.** We need 1-2 more volunteers to assist with children's childcare during worship, one Sunday per month. This is a fun, no-prep way to connect with children in our congregation. Safe Sanctuaries training is required. Please contact Sara Rickard if you are interested.

**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!

### MCC School Kit Challenge!

Last year, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) delivered 89,369 school kits to children in need around the world! MCC has a goal to collect 10,000 school kits this summer and distribute them during the month of August. **Please bring some items below throughout the summer, put them in the designated box in the gathering area, and the kids will pack the items into kits during the Sunday school hour on August 20.**

Each school kit will include the items below.

How many kits can we make?

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in; 70 sheets each)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small all metal pencil sharpener, one or two holes\* (must be metal, can not be plastic)

We plan to get the kit bags from the North Newton MCC office, but if anyone is interested in sewing some kit bags,

the instructions are at this link: [mcc.org/get-involved/kits/bag](http://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/bag)

This activity is sponsored by the FMC Peace Pod (knitting4peace).

See Elena Entz Wiebe or Wendy Funk Schrag if you have any questions.

Thank You!

### 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.

**Join us on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at Camp Mennoscah** for a baptism service! After going through a faith exploration class, Camryn Entz, Evelyn Gaertner, and Hope Ewy have made the decision for baptism. A service for Camryn and Evelyn will take place at 4:00 on Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> by the river at Camp Mennoscah. Following the brief baptismal service, there will be a potluck picnic to commemorate this occasion! Come out and celebrate as we welcome new members into FMC!

**Save the Date!** First Mennonite has reserved Camp Mennoscah for September 2-3. Save the date and plan to join us at camp for food, fellowship, and fun!

**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. (we noticed that the address label on the recent issue of *Anabaptist World* says that we are paid until July 2024, that is not correct. Please ignore that.)

### Community Announcements

**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 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).

**Camp Mennoscah is moving forward on the M&M Project.** As of now, we are close to one-third of the way to our goal of \$100,000. We have 30 plus giving units committed to being **Fire Keepers** and the list grows weekly. Churches are invited to put together a **fundraising event** this year that would specifically benefit the M&M Project. Churches are planning events for the summer and the fall. If you would like camp representation at such an event at your church, we are more than happy to see what we can do! And we'll advertise for you on our website and Facebook page. 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! Or, get a plan together for an event at your church to "fan the flames." For more information, check out the Camp Mennoscah Website, or contact Tammy at 316-207-3472.

**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 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.