

Upcoming Worship Services

July 2—Stories of Faith: Bathsheba—Pastor Laura

*Trigger warning, this story contains references to sexual abuse.

July 2—Camp Mennoscah baptism service 4:00 PM; followed with a potluck picnic.



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.

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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Stories of Faith: Daniel



First Mennonite Church Newton, KS June 25, 2023

Gathering

Welcome

Kevin Miller, worship leader

Meditation music

We Gather Together
Amanda Entz

Call to worship

Kevin Miller, worship leader

Listening

Worship songs

God of Our Strength VT 47
Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord VT 131

Words for the children

Penny Dorado

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

Prayer for the offering—Local Mission

Kevin Miller

Scripture reading

Daniel 6:10-24
Kevin Miller

Sermon

Stories of Faith: Daniel
Pastor Luke Unruh

Response song

Seek the Peace of the City VT 206

Prayer of the church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Sending

Sending song

Great Is Thy Faithfulness VT 419

Announcements and benediction

Kevin Miller, worship leader

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation
Amanda Entz

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 Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Amanda Entz. Property Committee: Alan Entz. Visuals: Carol Goering.

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. Please email Mennonite Mission Network – Human Resources if you have additional questions at staffrecruitment@mennonitemission.net.

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.

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.

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. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

Attending MennoCon23? Consider attending the workshop on Thursday, July 6 at 9:00 AM entitled: "Add Women as Church Leaders: We Did Not Keep Silent!" which will be led by Lois Barrett, retired professor of theology and Anabaptist studies, AMBS; Dorothy Nickel Friesen, retired pastor, former WDC conference minister and former assistant dean at AMBS. Lois Barrett and Dorothy Nickel Friesen will talk about highlights from their new book, "Proclaiming the Good News: Mennonite Women's Voices 1972-2006," published by the Institute of Mennonite Studies, which is co-sponsoring this workshop. Hear women's stories from decades past and strategize ways the church can encourage women's leadership today. Visit: www.amazon.com/dp/0936273593 to purchase the book.

Announcements

The offering for July 2 will be for Mennonite Mission Network. 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: June 18—166.

CASA BETANIA is inviting our participation in a 15th anniversary service **today 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 2nd 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 PM, on Sunday, July 2nd 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!

We will have a special Congregational Meeting on July 9 immediately following the worship service to vote on two recommendations. The first is to replace the sanctuary fan coil units. The second is to install solar panels. Watch for more information in your church mailboxes regarding these recommendations prior to the meeting
~Ryan Koehn, Church Moderator

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!

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

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!

Mark Your Calendars! The Nurture Commission is planning a Children/Youth Ministries appreciation brunch for Sunday, July 30, during the Sunday School hour. There will be no nursery or Sunday School for children and junior high students during that hour. (As of today, the high school class is NOT cancelled). All who have volunteered with children and youth programming this past school year have received a special invitation to attend with their families. For everyone else in the congregation who would like to attend, we are requesting that you sign up to bring fruit, a dozen muffins or a cheese plate. The Nurture Commission is providing egg casserole and cinnamon rolls. Please RSVP to the church office by Sunday, July 23, at office@firstmennonitenewton.org, so we know how many participants to expect.

Join an Anabaptist Theology Conversation Group! Whether you are new to the Anabaptist/Mennonite faith tradition or someone who has grown up with it, this is a great opportunity to ask questions, deepen understanding, and engage with others who have different backgrounds. Time of meetings will be determined by participants interested. Pastor Laura will be facilitating. Contact Pastor Laura if you are interested: laurag@firstmennonitenewton.org. This is also a great way to explore baptism and/or membership at FMC!

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.

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.

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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!

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.

Community Announcements

Warkentin House Summer Sunday Concert series—*Hearts 4 Him*—today, June 25, 4:00-6:00 PM; *September River*—Sunday July 23, 4:30-6:00 PM; *Sometimes on Sunday*—Sunday, August 27, 4:00-6:00 PM; *Kilometer 81*—Sunday, September 3, 4:00-6:00 PM. Warkentin House Museum, 211 E. 1st Street, Newton. There will be food trucks and self guided tours. Limited seating, please bring lawn chairs or blankets. Free admission but donations will be accepted.

Camper pick-up is 10:30-11:30 AM on the last day of camp. Friday is the last day of camp for Junior, Junior High, and Senior High camps. We had conflicting information that was sent out to parents/guardians and we want to make sure you are here to pick up your campers and hear the fun stories about the week.

Kidron Bethel Village in North Newton will host it's annual Fourth of July Fireworks Extravaganza on July 4. Arrival is welcome after 7:30 PM, and fireworks will begin after sundown. It is recommended that you bring your own chairs or blankets for fireworks viewing. The free outdoor event will include family fun with games, giveaways and food for purchase, including Salted Creamery ice cream. Kidron Bethel is located at 3001 Ivy Dr., in North Newton. Parking for the event will be marked.

