

Upcoming Worship Services

July 23—Stories of Faith: TBD; Pastor Luke

July 30—Stories of Faith: *Martha*; Pastor Laura



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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FMC Youth Sunday July 16, 2023

First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
July 16, 2023

Welcome

Singing

Introduction to MennoCon23

Devotions

Children's Time

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

Singing

Seminars

Morning Worship

Offering/Congregational Prayer

Local Mission

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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, Sarah Koehn, Ryan Koehn, and Melody Enns are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Property Committee: Mason Unruh. Visuals: Cindy Unruh.

Announcements

The offering for July 23 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.

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.

Offering for July 2 and 9—Local Missions—\$4,128; online Local Missions—\$2,185.

July 9 voting results—There were 70 yes and 12 no votes for the solar panel project. The amount of money promised towards the solar panel project was \$44,825. There were 81 yes votes and 1 no vote for the fan coils.

THANK YOU to the Life Sharing Sunday school class for their work on trimming bushes and pulling weeds in the landscaping areas around the church and to Kevin Hamm for spraying the weeds. Also, thank you to Roy Goering for the mowing of the church lawn each week.

We would like to encourage anyone who “sees a need” to help beautify our church or the church grounds, to form a small group of individuals to fix the need. If your group is needing some ideas of what needs to be done, please contact someone from the Property Commission, and they will be able to give your group some suggestions.

FMC is needing delegates for the WDC Assembly at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton on August 11-13. Registration will be paid by FMC. If you are interested in attending please contact Janice Good, Church Board Chair for more information.

A support group for survivors of sexual abuse will meet with the guidance of a professional therapist on Tuesday, July 18. 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.

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.

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't 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.

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. This is also a great way to explore baptism and/or membership at FMC! Contact Pastor Laura if you are interested: laurag@firstmennonitewton.org

August Intergenerational Sunday School is Coming!!! We are super excited about our line-up of activities for this year, and hope all ages join us for:

- August 6: Gift games, gift-gardens, & gift exploration with Pastor Laura & Judy Murphy
- August 13: Mandala drawing/painting with Liz McGinness
- August 20: Knitting, tying comforters, & assembling MCC school kits with Knitting 4 Peace
- August 27: Flying with John Goerzen

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.

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.

Community Announcements

Warkentin House Summer Sunday Concert series—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.

Newton Community Theatre and Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts (BCAPA) will present *The Sound of Music* musical—Friday, July 21, 7:30 PM; Saturday, July 22, 2:00 PM and 7:30 PM; Sunday, July 23, 2:00 PM. **We have several members from FMC that are participating in this musical.** Tickets are on sale now at <https://newton-community-theatre.square.site/>. You can also purchase tickets at the door or reserve in advance at the Newton Rec Center. All ticket sales are final. No refunds or exchanges.

Tell the young adults in your life! MCC is organizing two Peace Camps this year for those ages 18-30 who are hungry to connect, root themselves in intentional, theological reflection and apply that to the real-world work of peace and justice in their communities. The registration cost is \$200 and all other expenses are covered, including travel, lodging and food! **July 23-28:** Peacebuilders Training in Colorado Springs, CO. **October 15-20:** Descolonizando la construcción de paz | Decolonizing Peace training in Puerto Rico in Spanish. Information and registration can be found at <https://mcc.org/peace-camps>.

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.

Get ready for a celebration of a summer of faith formation and camp songs! The Camp Sing will be August 5, at Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita. This is a time to gather for an evening of singing and friends. All ages, campers and others—everyone is invited! Details will be forthcoming. Put it on your calendar so you don't miss out.

Save the Date! The Women's and Girls Retreat will be September 9 & 10 at Camp Men-noscah sponsored by Western District Women in Mission. The theme this year is "Women Talking, Listening and Creating." Come for a time of friendship, fellowship, and story-telling in a variety of forms with Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Wendy Funk Schrag and others. Watch for registration information on the WDC website and your church bulletins. Follow us on Facebook: Western District Women in Mission.