

## Upcoming Worship Services

**August 13**—*Joy and Generosity*—Pastor Laura

**August 20**—Pastor Luke



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Scan the QR code or fill out the purple or green card in your pew and a pastor will reach out to you!



**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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Stories of Faith: Witnessing the Sermon on the Mount

First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS  
August 6, 2023

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## Gathering

### Welcome

Ken Regier, worship leader

### Meditation music

*If I Stand*

### Call to worship

Ken Regier, worship leader

## Listening

### Worship song

*I Love to Tell the Story* VT 761

### Words for the children

Chris Weaver

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

### Prayer for the offering—Scholarship Fund

Ken Regier

### Sermon

*Stories of Faith: Witnessing the Sermon on the Mount*

Pastor Luke Unruh

### Prayer of the church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

## Sending

### Sending song

*You Are Salt for the Earth* VT 297

### Announcements and benediction

Ken Regier, worship leader

### Postlude

*This Little Light of Mine*

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*We will be live-streaming our worship beginning at 10:30 AM. You may view it on our webpage ([firstmennonitenewton.org](http://firstmennonitenewton.org)), on our Facebook page, YouTube, or at our Vimeo site. Recordings of the service will be available afterwards as well. Today, Isaac Koehn, Ryan Koehn, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Ben's Band. Property Committee: Alan Entz. Visuals: Carol Goering.*

## Save the Date!

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

Check your church mailboxes for more information and how to register.

**Camp Mennoscah Update:** A correction on the retreat center is \$78 for two persons and \$23 for each additional person. **Please make checks out to First Mennonite Church with Camp Mennoscah weekend in the memo line** and drop them off at the church office with your registration form. We will try to accommodate special food needs if possible.

Please make them known to us with you registration.

~The Celebration Committee

## Announcements

**The offering for August 13** 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 & toddlers every Sunday during Sunday school & 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:** July 30—150.

**Local Mission offering from July 16, 23, and 30—\$7,922;** online Local Missions—\$4,620.

**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.

**SOLAR PANEL PROJECT:** From the reports we have received we should have sufficient money to do the solar panel project! We are asking that the committed money you plan to give for this project be received within the next six weeks if at all possible. We would like to secure a place to have the work done in 2024. The sooner we have the project funded the sooner we can be placed on King Solar’s project list. Thank you FMC for your generosity in funding and supporting this project.  
~Financial Stewardship and Chair Board

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

- August 13: Mandala drawing with Liz McGinness
- August 20: Knitting, tying comforters, & assembling MCC school kits with Knitting4Peace
- August 27: Flying with John Goerzen

**Knitting4Peace will meet in the Fellowship Hall** on Tuesday, August 8 at 7:00 PM. Come tie a comforter, knit, crochet, etc and donate hand-made items to MCC and local organizations. We will also plan our August 20 Sunday school time and look through the items donated so far for MCC school kits and see what specific items may still be needed for packing school kits during the August 20 Sunday school hour. All are welcome!

**CALLING ALL ASPIRING MUSICIANS!** The new Evelyn Smith Music Scholarship Fund is accepting applications for those in the First Mennonite and Casa Betania church communities who would like to receive a scholarship to help cover the cost of music (piano, instrumental, voice, dance) lessons during Fall 2023. Applications will be accepted through August 15. For more information, contact Barb Claassen by phone (620-242-4325) or email [s.claassen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.claassen@sbcglobal.net).

### 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](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.

### Community Announcements

**The July edition of *On the Level*** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In this issue: Kevin King shares some lessons learned in the wilderness; learn about an MDS family project bringing a new look to a campground in Wyoming; and hear from a long-time project director talk about why he continues to serve with MDS. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3DlnAQX>

**The 2023 issue of the Bethel College journal *Mennonite Life*** is online: [ml.bethelks.edu](http://ml.bethelks.edu) and includes a poem by Cheryl Denise and prose poems by Abigail Carl-Klassen; a sermon by Sheri Hostetler; Brad Gregory's Menno Simons Lectures from 2022; articles by Johnny Wideman and Nathan Garber; and reviews by Ben Woodward-Breckbill, Hannah Neufeld, Willmar Harder, Brad Born, Josue Coy Dick, Daniel Shank Cruz, Rachel Waltner Goossen, Joe Smucker, Kimberly Schmidt and Melanie Springer Mock.

**Save the Date!** The Women's and Girls Retreat will be September 9 & 10 at Camp Mennoscah 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.

**You are invited to the MDS Region 3 Annual Meeting** September 15 and 16 in Boulder, Colorado. Virtual attendance is available. Throughout the weekend you will have opportunities to meet/greet some of the MDS binational staff and learn about MDS activities. You can register online. The registration fee of \$20 for individuals and \$30 for couples to cover meal costs will be collected on-site when you register at the table. We are excited to have Kevin King, MDS Executive Director; Paul Johnson, Rocky Mountain Unit Chair; and Matt Troyer-Miller, Region 3 Operations Coordinator speak at this event. If you have questions contact Stephen Hochstetler at 919-825-0354 or email [shochstetler@mds.org](mailto:shochstetler@mds.org)

**Registration for the Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats is open.** The retreats are scheduled for November 3-5 and November 10-12. All retreat activities will happen at the Main Camp facilities with cropping and crafts in the dining hall and lodging in the bunkhouses. (The Retreat Center will be undergoing HVAC renovations.) Single rooms are not available. Contact us at 620-297-3290 with questions or issues. We'll see you in the fall!

**MCC is looking for a driver with a semi tractor** that would be willing to transport cardboard paper bales for recycling from the MCC warehouse in North Newton to Wichita. This is an immediate need, but MCC anticipates needing help like this 4-5 times per year. If you can help or have questions, please reach out to Duane Unruh at MCC at 785.760.1390 or [duaneunruh@mcc.org](mailto:duaneunruh@mcc.org).

**Seeking an Admissions Counselor.** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for this 0.5 FTE position. The person in this role will serve as a member of the AMBS Admissions Team, recruiting and working with prospective students from the U.S., Canada and across the world and connecting with church leaders and alumni about AMBS programs and offerings. See the full job description: [ambs.edu/jobs](http://ambs.edu/jobs)

**Fund Development Coordinator:** Western District Conference is pleased to announce that Mike Lamb will begin September 1, as Fund Development Coordinator for WDC. In this new role, he will promote resource development for congregations and encourage congregational and individual giving to support WDC's ministries of resourcing congregations, of sustaining ministers, and cultivating church planting partnerships. Mike recently retired as Vice President responsible for planned giving, annual giving and regional development with the Wichita (KS) State University Foundation, and previously served as Director of Admissions at Bethel College. He is active in community and Mennonite organizations, and he and his wife Susan are members of Hesston Mennonite Church where he has held a variety of leadership roles. We welcome Mike as he joins WDC's mission of empowering Anabaptist Mennonite congregations to witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, dwell in just and loving relationships, and connect to God's mission in the world!

**SAVE THE DATE**—Plan to join us at the 2023 Bluestem Gala for an evening of amazing food, entertainment and memories, all to support the Bluestem Communities mission. The 2023 Bluestem Gala will be Thursday, November 2. An invitation will be sent to you later this fall with more details. Your support of this annual event will benefit the three benevolent funds for Bluestem PACE, Kidron Bethel Village and Schowalter Villa.