

Upcoming Worship Services

October 8—Joseph and His Family Reconcile—Pastor Luke

October 15—Courageous Women in Egypt—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



Becoming a People of God: Joseph's Rise to Power

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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First Mennonite Church Newton, KS October 1, 2023

Gathering

Welcome

Ken Regier, worship leader

Meditation music

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth VT 426

Ben's Band

Call to worship

Ken Regier, worship leader

Listening

Worship song

On The Wings of An Eagle

Children's time

Chris Weaver

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

Prayer for the offering—Mennonite Mission Network

Ken Regier

Scripture reading

Genesis 39:1-5, 19-23, 41:29-42

Stephanie and Eli Weaver

Sermon

Becoming a People of God: Joseph's Rise to Power

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Response song

From North and South, From East and West VT 460

Prayer of Confession

Sharing the Lord's Supper

(Communion music: Amanda Entz)

Sending

Announcements and benediction

Ken Regier, worship leader

Postlude

The Lord Lift You Up VT 832

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, Isaac Koehn, Ryan Goertzen Regier and Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Ben's Band, Amanda Entz. Property Committee: Rod Wedel. Visuals: Carol Goering.

Announcements

The offering for October 8 will be for Local Missions. 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 & 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 for September 24—157; Sunday School—121.

Local Mission offering for September 17 & 24 was \$3,972; online Local Mission was \$4,127.

For the congregation’s information: The Church Board would like to share that for the past three months we have been discussing a path for congregational discussion concerning the Mennonite USA’s Repentance and Forgiveness Resolution. We asked the congregation for one year of prayer and discernment last year and it is now completed. Please know that we are not making congregational decisions concerning the resolution; we are discussing the process for discussion. We are consulting two outside resources for guidance and will be sharing more details in the near future. Please continue to be in prayer for the Church Board and our church family as we begin this process. Thank you.

Special Board Meeting Tuesday, October 3, at 7:00 PM, in Room 125. The Church Board will be meeting with KIPCOR (Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution) and Jon Friesen of Hesston Mennonite Church. The goal of the meeting is to explore possible pathways for congregational discernment around MCUSA’s Repentance and Transformation resolution. FMC Board meetings are open meetings and minutes are available through the church office.

FMC's peace pod (knitting4peace) will meet Tuesday, October 3, 7:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Come tie a comforter or bring a project of your own to work on.

Interested in exploring membership at First Mennonite? Join us on Sunday, October 15, at 6:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall for food, fellowship, and an introduction to the history and mission of First Mennonite led by Pastor Laura and Pastor Luke. If you’re interested in exploring membership, but can’t make this date, reach out to either pastor and we’ll connect with you at a different time.

SR. HIGH YOUTH



On Wednesday, October 4, the Youth Group will be meeting outside by the playground for an evening of pumpkin carving and video starting at 7:00 PM sharp and going until 8:30 PM. Youth: Bring any carving tools you have and invite a friend or two!

Buddy-up for Scripture Reading! Worship Commission would like to encourage people of all ages, from different generations, to consider pairing up to read scripture for us in Sunday morning worship. Youth, team up with a sponsor, children, team up with a Sunday school teacher, friends or colleagues that cross generational lines, team up with each other! Grab a buddy and sign up for a date to read scripture on the sign up sheet in the back. If you would like to read, but prefer us to match you with a partner, sign up too!

Save the date—MCC Meat Canning will be on October 24 and 25. Start thinking about which day works best for you to help can meat.

Homeless Shelter—Our next week to serve New Hope Homeless Shelter is October 11-17. If you are able to help by volunteering or with meals, contact Lee Penner at or Ruby Moore at

TRIVIA NIGHT MENNOSCAH FUNDRAISER—On October 18, 6:30 PM, following the Wednesday night meal, the FMC Youth Group is hosting a Camp Mennoscah Fundraiser Trivia Night for the camp's "M & M Challenge" (matching donations for up to \$100,000). Form your own teams of up to 8 people for this evening of fun competition, all for a good cause. Rules for this event will come out by email in the next week. There are hard copies of the rules on the Gathering Area table. Audience participation will also be a part of the evening by boosting your favorite teams with additional donations. Let's double our money with this awesome Camp Mennoscah challenge!

Don't want to cook? Want time to connect and serve alongside others who follow Jesus? Join us for Wednesday Community Nights! Wednesday activities **begin this week on October 4** and runs through November 8.

- Meal at 5:45-6:45 PM—Pigs in a Blanket, Baked Beans, Chips, Cole Slaw, Dessert
 - Service projects for all ages at 6:30 PM
 - October 4:** Re-mulching the playground
 - October 11:** Neighborhood clean-up
 - October 18:** Trivia Night fundraiser for Camp Mennoscah
- *Alternative projects will be available for those with physical limitations.
- Childcare for children ages 2-4 available from 6:30-7:30 PM

Community Announcements

Warkentin House Summer Sunday Concert series-Kilometer 81-today at 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.

Open to new participants: Healing & Hope, a confidential group of women supporting each other after experiencing betrayal trauma (a spouse or partner's use of pornography, affair, or sexual addiction). Bimonthly meetings are held via Zoom and will begin in mid-October. This group is hosted by First Mennonite Church of Newton and facilitated by Audrey Ratzlaff, M.Div. Contact Audrey at aaratzlaff@yahoo.com or 316-619-4580 for more information.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the MCC school kit challenge! Thanks to your generosity, we completely shattered our goal of 10,000 kits donated in August. Over 27,800 kits were donated! Thank you so much! Together, we are sharing God's love with our global neighbors by giving the gift of education through erasers, pencils and more! **Our church packed school kits on August 20, during the Sunday school hour. Our church total was 73!**

The Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats will be moving to the Retreat Center. All activities and lodging will be in the Retreat Center. HVAC renovations have not taken place, yet, so space heaters will still be used. The Retreat Center is better insulated and will offer a more comfortable temperature than the dining hall. Cropping and crafting will be downstairs and meals will be upstairs, so attendees need to be prepared to go up and down stairs. If you have already registered and this does not work for you, contact us at 620-297-3290. [Register now and bring your friends!](#)

BCWA welcomes donations of baked goods for Market-in-the-Round and pies for Pie-by-the-Slice at Fall Festival. Bring homemade fruit pies, poppyseed roll, zwieback, cinnamon rolls, or other treats to room 140 in Luyken Fine Arts Center from 2:00-5:00 PM, Friday, October 13 or 7:00-9:00 AM, Saturday, October 14. All proceeds will benefit Bethel College. Questions? Email bcwa@belthelks.edu.

The dam will be taken out at Camp Mennoscah on Sunday, October 8, 2:30 PM, whatever the weather may be, unless deemed dangerous. Meet down by the shelter. Helpers and spectators are welcome. Helping is not for younger ages due to the heavy planks and rushing water, but are welcome to watch the activities. Planks will need to be scraped and pressure-washed once removed. Many hands are welcome!

KMRS QUILTER'S CORNER FALL SALE—October 13-14, 2023, Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM and Saturday, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, at MCC, 121 E. 30th Street, North Newton, KS. There will be lots of great quilt-related items available for purchase with all the proceeds going to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Questions? Contact Rose at 316-288-0079 or Ann at 919-604-3282

The 2023-24 Prairie Window Concert Series celebrates its 100th show with Leslie Mendelson on Sunday, October 15, 4:00 PM, at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and delicious food from Crust & Crumb in a prairie garden setting. Purchase tickets online at dyckarboretum.org or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

M&M Project Update: We've made it to \$80,000! The monies that have been brought in for the Mission and Maintenance Project (M&M) now total more than \$80,000! Gifts, small and large, continue to be given to the fund drive, and we are getting closer weekly to our goal of matching the generous gift of \$100,000 that started this matching drive. **Thank you all so much!**