

## Upcoming Worship Services

**October 1**—World Communion Sunday—Pastor Laura

**October 8**—Joseph and His Family Reconcile—Pastor Luke



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## ***Becoming a People of God: The Favored Child***

# First Mennonite Church Newton, KS September 24, 2023

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## Gathering

### Welcome

Pastor Laura Goerzen

### Meditation music

*Amazing Grace*  
Nora Miller

### Call to worship

Pre-K/Kindergarten class

## Listening

### Worship songs

*Build My Life*  
*Beautiful*

### Children's time

Nick Sharp

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

### Prayer for the offering—Local Mission

Pastor Laura

### Scripture reading

Genesis 37:1-14a, 17b-36  
Amanda Entz and Elizabeth Frey

### Sermon

*Becoming a People of God: The Favored Child*  
Pastor Luke Unruh

### Response song

*You Hold Me Now*

### Prayer of the church

Pastor Laura

## Sending

### Sending song

*Got ist die Liebe (I Know God Loves Me)* VT 158  
verses 1-2 in English, then verse 1 in German

### Announcements and benediction

Pastor Laura

### Postlude

*Blessed Be His Name*  
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](http://firstmennonitenewton.org)), on our Facebook page, YouTube, or at our Vimeo site. Recordings of the service will be available afterwards as well. Today, Melody Enns, Ryan Goertzen Regier and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Nora Miller, Joey Menninga, Luke Unruh. Property Committee: Alan Entz Visuals: Cindy Unruh.*

## Announcements

**The offering for October 1** 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](http://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 17—146; Sunday School—117.

**In Sympathy**—Marvin Rempel, Rachel Koehn’s father, passed away on Sunday, September 16. His funeral service was held Saturday, September 23, in Iowa. We extend our condolences to Rachel, Ryan, Sarah and Issac.

**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.

**The Caregiving and Membership Commission** has approved Joel Schroeder’s request for a transfer of his membership to Faith Mennonite Church. Please pray for Joel as he begins his ministry there.

**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.

**Printed forms for noting your skills and interests** are on the table in the Gathering Area. Please fill one out and return it to either the box provided, or to the office. Many thanks!

~The Gifts Discernment Committee

**Our fall adult choir season** will begin this Wednesday September 27, 6:45-7:45 PM, in the sanctuary. We will begin working on music to share in Sunday worship on October 8 and November 5 and also during the Advent/Christmas season. All who enjoy participating in choral singing are invited to come.

**Stay 'N Play—Tuesday's from 9:30-11:30 AM**, bring your little ones ages 0-5, for a time to socialize and play. Your child can explore the toys in a free-play, unstructured environment while making friends with other youngsters. It's the perfect time to meet other parents and caregivers. We will meet each week on Tuesdays, here at FMC. Please use the south doors to enter the church. Coffee and snacks provided. Contact Dorian Funk if you have any questions. 316-284-7683

**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 October 4 and runs through November 8.

- Meal at 5:45-6:45 PM
- Service projects for all ages at 6:30 PM
- Childcare for children ages 2-4 available from 6:30-7:30 PM

### Community Announcements

**The Camp Mennoscah 75th Anniversary** Kick-Off event will be held **today**, at Camp Mennoscah! Come join us for a day of celebration and activities as we initiate our extended season of remembering Camp's past and anticipating Camp's future. The day's schedule is below. Go to [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) for more information and to register. You are invited!

- 1:00-5:00 PM Opening Event & Fun Family Activities
- 4:00 PM Music
- 5:00 PM Dinner - Burgers, Brats, Hot Dogs on the grill
- 6:00 PM Annual Meeting
- 7:00 PM Talent/No Talent Show

**Have you seen our white Mr. Coffee coffeepot?** The one in the Retreat Center is missing. There is a white Mr. Coffee, but it is of a different style and size than the one belonging to Camp Mennoscah. Let's switch! Contact us at 620-297-3290 or [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org)

**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](mailto:aaratzlaff@yahoo.com) or 316-619-4580 for more information.

**Registration for the Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat 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!

**Newton Paid Election Mobilizers Job**—Are you a civic-minded Kansan who is good at motivating your friends to take action? Kansas Interfaith Action is looking for folks to join our voter empowerment movement who will encourage their Newton friends and family members to vote in the November 07, 2023 election. You don't need to be an election expert to participate—we'll provide you with nonpartisan training and resources. You just need to be willing to start the conversation! Position Pay: This is a short-term contract position. Mobilizers work through the beginning of October 2023 through the November 7 election and debrief. We're paying \$125 for each week of work in October 2023, up to \$500. Checks will be mailed after the November 7 election. If interested, please sign up for an interview here: [calendly.com/ewilkinsonkifa/30-minute-interview](https://calendly.com/ewilkinsonkifa/30-minute-interview). Interviews will be held from 9/12 through 9/23.

**Bethel College Wind Ensemble**—directed by Chris Miertschin, Thursday, September 28, 7:00 PM, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, featuring work by Gustav Holst, Percy Grainger, Jaime Texidor, Grace Baugher (who will be present at the concert) and Leonard Bernstein.

**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](mailto:bcwa@belthelks.edu).

**Warkentin House Summer Sunday Concert series-Kilometer 81**-Sunday, October 1, 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.

**Hesston College Theatre** presents *Steel Magnolias* this Thursday, September 28-Sunday, October 1, in the Keim Center Black Box Theater. This comedic-drama focuses keenly on M'Lynn and the push/pull she has with Shelby, her headstrong, loving daughter. When their family experiences a tragedy, it's the friendship of Truvy, Annelle, Clairee and Ouiser that helps M'Lynn embrace the hurt and move forward. More information at [hesston.edu/theatre](http://hesston.edu/theatre)

**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