

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 15—Courageous Women in Egypt—Pastor Laura

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
4:00 PM Casa Betania Service
6:00 PM Intro to FMC—FH

Tuesday, October 17

9:30 AM Stay “N Play
6:30 PM Worship Commission—Office Conference Room
7:00 PM Prayer Room reserved
7:00 PM Nurture Commission via Zoom
7:00 PM Warkentin Room reserved

Wednesday, October 18—Community Night

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
5:45 PM Meal served by New Disciples Sunday school class: taco salad & applesauce
6:45 PM Choir—Sanctuary
6:45 PM Youth Group Trivia Night Fundraiser for Camp Mennoscah
(childcare for the youngest will still end at 7:30 PM)
7:30 PM Men’s Bible Study—Warkentin Room

Sunday, October 22—No Sunday school or morning worship service

4:00 PM Combined worship service with Casa Betania
5:30 PM Potluck following worship service—FH

Upcoming Worship Services

October 29—*Moses Confronts Pharaoh*—Pastor Laura
November 5—*Crossing the Red Sea*—Pastor Luke

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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Becoming a People of God: Courageous Women

First Mennonite Church Newton, KS October 15, 2023

Gathering

Welcome

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Meditation music

Above All

Donna Stucky, pianist

Call to worship

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Listening

Worship songs

Come, We That Love VT 31

With Mary Sing Magnificat VT 208

Children's time

Dana Neff

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

Jr. High Skit

Courage to Do the Right Thing

Prayer for the offering—Local Mission

Casson Schmidt

Scripture reading

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Dennis Good and Woody Miller

Sermon

Becoming a People of God: Courageous Women

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Response Song

Don't Be Afraid VT 596 (3X)

Prayer of the church

Pastor Luke

Sending

Sending song

The Lord Is My Light VT 437

Announcements and benediction

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Postlude

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Donna Stucky, organist

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, Tim Regier, Brian Kennell and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Donna Stucky. Chorister: Daryl Unruh. Visuals: Carol Goering. Property Committee: Mason Unruh.

Announcements

The offering for October 22 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 October 8—122; Sunday School—111.

Local Mission for October 1 and 8—\$12,071; Online Local Mission—\$3,410.

Interested in exploring membership at First Mennonite? Join us today 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.

A support group for survivors of sexual abuse will meet with the guidance of a professional therapist on Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room upstairs. 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.

THANK YOU to Rod Wedel and Brent Voran for the work they did on the playground. Thank you as well to the Property Commission and everyone who helped with re-mulching the playground.

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. Form your own teams of up to eight people: no deadline signup; just show up with a donation to enter. We are encouraging families to form teams with their children also. Rules for this event are on the Gathering Area table. Anyone can boost their favorite teams by donating extra money (cash or check) throughout the evening. There will also be a dessert bar available by donation throughout the evening. For further information, call Carol Entz. Let's double our money with this awesome Camp Mennoscah challenge!

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 FMC Historical Committee needs your help! Do you have any special Christmas memories that you could share as part of a future Historical display? Ideally, stories/memories that took place or were somehow connected with FMC. Please email or call Andrea Regier at

Lost and Found—there is several things in the lost and found tub that is in the Gathering Area. If you are missing anything (especially cups) please check the tub and see if anything is yours. After a week or two anything that is left in the tub will be disposed.

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. You can sign up online at: <https://tinyurl.com/MeatCanning2023>.



Community Announcements

The 2023-24 Prairie Window Concert Series celebrates its 100th show with Leslie Mendelson today at 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.

MCC responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict—As conflict has escalated in the region, MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and we invite you to join us in praying for an end to the violence. MCC is planning an emergency response to the current crisis with existing partners. Our response will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. MCC's work will build on previous responses to the ongoing conflict, including the distribution of food and bedding. We are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. Donate online at mcc.org/Palestine-Israel.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity at Et Cetera Shop: We are removing the old General Managers office and creating more space on the sales floor on Saturday, October 21, beginning at 6:00 PM. If you have any carpentry, construction, or a desire to tear things apart, then let us know if you can help. Email James at generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com or call 283-9461. We will work through the evening and possibly Sunday afternoon, if needed. Bring your own tools as our tool supply is limited.

Et Cetera Shop Christmas Set up Day: Join our staff Sunday, November 5th as we set up for our Christmas Open on Monday, November 6th. We are asking for as many volunteers as possible as we have numerous items to put out! We will begin at 11 am that morning and continue until we are finished. Lunch will be provided! If you can help, give us a call (316-283-9461) or email James at generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com and let us know!

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!**

The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association Fall banquet will be held at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson Avenue in Newton on Thursday, October 26, at 6:00 PM. The keynote speaker will be Jerry Juhnke who has been researching Swiss Volhynian Mennonite genealogy and history for many years. He will give a program entitled "Interesting Happenings Over Our Last 500 Years". He will answer such questions as: Do you know of an ancestor that travelled back to Russia to settle a legal issue? Do you know of a very famous movie star that lived near Pretty Prairie? An ethnic German meal will be catered by the Breadbasket. Bohne beroggi will be made by authentic Schweitzer cooks. The cost to attend is \$25 per person payable at the door. RSVP by texting or calling Nancy Stucky, 620-532-5693 by October 23.

MCC is hiring a Peace Education Coordinator! The Peace Education Coordinator leads MCC's church education efforts nationwide in the U.S. related to peace and nonviolence. This includes peace theology, conflict transformation, and response to violence (including gun violence prevention, anti-militarism, and mass incarceration). Education efforts involve engaging MCC's constituency on these peace-related topics by working with MCC regional staff and with denominational and other partners. Apply at mcc.org/peace-education-coordinator by Oct. 16

Living that Matters for Men: A half-day retreat. Men, what kind of man do you want to be and how can you live a life that matters? In this half-day retreat, men will examine scripts we've been given, explore differing expressions of masculinity, and reconsider our purpose in life. This retreat will be led by Steve Thomas, director of Mennonite Men and author of *Living that Matters* (Herald Press, 2023), at Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, on Saturday, November 11. See more information or register at www.mennonitemen.org/.

Hesston College Masterworks: Peacing It Together will celebrate the career of Tony Brown as we honor his lifelong pursuit of peace building through music. All are invited to sing in the Masterworks Chorus! Rehearsals begin at 7:00 PM, on Thursday, October 18 with the performance at 7:00 PM, on Saturday, November 11. Repertoire and rehearsal schedule listed at Hesston.edu/masterworks.