

Upcoming Worship Services

October 15—Courageous Women in Egypt—Pastor Laura

October 22—No morning worship service or Sunday school—combined worship service with Casa Betania at 4:00 PM, Potluck following



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: Reconciliation

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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First Mennonite Church Newton, KS October 8, 2023

Gathering

Choir

When in Our Music God is Glorified

Welcome

Chris Weaver, worship leader

Meditation music

Morning Has Broken

Amanda Rempel, organist

Call to worship

Chris Weaver, worship leader

Listening

Worship songs

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty VT 88

Renew Your Church VT 717

Children's time

Andrea Regier

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

Prayer for the offering—Local Mission

Chris Weaver

Scripture reading

Genesis 44:18-34, 45:1-15

Kara Schmidt and Carol Goering

Sermon

Becoming a People of God: Reconciliation

Pastor Luke Unruh

Choir

A New Song

Prayer of the church

Pastor Laura

Sending

Sending song

We, Your People, Sing Your Praises VT 849

Announcements and benediction

Chris Weaver, worship leader

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress

Amanda Rempel, 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, Joey Menninga, Eric Murphy, and Melody Enns are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Amanda Rempel. Choral conductor: Barb Claassen. Visuals: Carol Goering. Property Committee: Mason Unruh.

Announcements

The offering for October 15 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 1—158; Sunday School—120.

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.

Thank you to Elena Wiebe for making all the zwieback last week for World Communion Day.

Monthly FMC Board Meeting: October 10, 7:00 PM in Room 125. (Board meetings are open with minutes available in the church office)

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.

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.

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!

Don't want to cook? Want time to connect and serve alongside others who follow Jesus? Join us for Wednesday Community Nights! Wednesday activities will go through November 8.

- Meal at 5:45-6:45 PM—Soup, Breads, Dessert
- Service projects for all ages at 6:30 PM

October 11: Neighborhood clean-up

October 18: Trivia Night fundraiser for Camp Mennoscah—**Childcare for the youngest will still end at 7:30 PM.**

*Alternative projects will be available for those with physical limitations.

- Childcare for children ages 2-4 available from 6:30-7:30 PM

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>.

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 284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

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!

Community Announcements

The dam will be taken out at Camp Mennoscah today at 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!

Bethel College's Fall Festival is October 12-15, with most activities taking place Saturday, October 14, on campus. Features include music, food, class reunions, football, the musical *The Addams Family* and two different organ performances. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival> for the complete schedule.

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@bethelks.edu.

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 aratzlaff@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!](#)

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.

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, 2023, 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 October 16.