

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

## Sunday, April 14

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—The Twelve Scriptures of FMC—Pastor Luke
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

## Wednesday, April 17

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 6:45 PM Youth Group
- 7:00 PM Warkentin Room reserved for Men's Bible study—a devotional Bible study in community. All are welcome to join.

## Thursday, April 18

- 6:30 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission

## Sunday, April 21

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Laura—The 12 Scriptures of FMC
- 12:00 PM Potluck/Congregational Meeting—FH (following Worship Service)
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

## Upcoming worship service:

- April 28—Pastor Laura—The 12 Scriptures of FMC



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## Pastoral Team

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First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS  
April 14, 2024

# First Mennonite Church Newton, KS

## Let the Children Come

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### Gathering

#### Welcome

Chris Weaver, worship leader

#### Gathering Music

*Ave Maria*

Open Road

#### Call to Worship

Chris Weaver, worship leader

### Listening

#### Worship Songs

*Plenty Good Room*

*Every Time I Hear the Spirit*

Open Road

#### Children's Time

Nick Sharp

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

#### Prayer for the Offering—Local Mission

Chris Weaver

#### Scripture Reading

Mark 10:13-16

Chris Weaver

#### Sermon

*Let the Children Come*

Pastor Luke Unruh

#### Song of Response

*Be Thou My Vision*

Open Road

#### Prayer of the Church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

### Sending

#### Sending Song

*In Lonely Mountain Ways*

Open Road

#### Announcements and Benediction

Chris Weaver, worship leader

#### Postlude

*Poor Man Lazrus*

Open Road

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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, Joey Menninga, Eric Murphy and Kent Erb are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Open Road. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Phil Gaertner*

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## Announcements

**Position Opening**—Mennonite Mission Network is searching for an Executive Assistant (Full-time—In office, Hybrid in Elkhart, Indiana or Newton, Kansas). This role provides comprehensive administrative support to the Executive Director, acting as the primary liaison for internal and external communications and overseeing special projects and executive outreach efforts. If further interested or to apply, you may visit us at [www.MennoniteMission.net/about/Employment](http://www.MennoniteMission.net/about/Employment)

**Bluestem Communities** will host a summer Junior Volunteer program at both Kidron Bethel Village (North Newton) and Schowalter Villa (Hesston) for youth ages 12 to 17. The program runs from June 3 through July 26. Applications must be submitted by May 10. To apply or for more information, contact Haley Hamm at 316-836-4821 or [haleyh@bluestemks.org](mailto:haleyh@bluestemks.org).

**Women & Girls Save the Date!** Edimental Gardening for Every Growing Space, featuring Renata Goossen will be sponsored by Western District Women in Mission at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton KS on Friday, April 19. The schedule is: 5:00-6:00 PM. Browse and purchase plants from Renata's Plant Bus. Bring a salad to share for supper to start at 6:00 PM. The evening program, 6:30-7:30 PM, will feature music by Prairie Highway and Renata speaking on her topic of edimental gardening, plants that are both edible and ornamental. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more details about the evening schedule and our other WDWM activities.

**Register for the 2024 Summer Youth Camps!** Send a child, grandchild or invite a friend to come to a week of fun-filled faith in the midst of creation. The theme for the summer is *Linked By Love* and looks at how God's love teaches us about faith and commitment. Register online!

**Learn to make--and get to eat--verenike casserole, bierocks, and Sunday Sandwiches!** Parents can receive a discount up to full camp fees. No great skill is needed. The head cook will direct you in what needs to be done to make yummy meals for campers and staff. Kitchen staff are needed for PreJunior 2, Junior 1, Junior 2, Junior High 1, Junior High 2, and Senior High Camps! Contact [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or call 620-297-3290.

**Nurses needed for the weeks of Junior High 2 (July 7-12) and Junior 2 (July 14-19).** Nurses must be an RN and can receive a stipend or a parent discount. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) if you are interested. You are needed to make summer youth camps healthy and successful!

**The offering for April 21** 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 and 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.

**FMC worship attendance** for April 7—128; Sunday School—102.

**In sympathy**—Bessie Huxman (92), Deb Ratzlaff's mother, passed away on April 4, in Pretty Prairie, KS. Her funeral service was held on Friday, April 12, in Pretty Prairie. We extend our condolences to Deb, Ron, Jared and Jenna.

**In sympathy**—Laurie Oswald Robinson (64) passed away on Monday, April 8. Laurie was a member here at FMC several years ago. Her celebration of life service will be on Friday, April 19, at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Newton. We extend our condolences to Laurie's family and her friends.

**Help Marjorie Janzen celebrate 100 years!** Consider sending Marjorie a card in recognition of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday coming up at the end of this month. We are so thankful for her many years with us at First Mennonite!

**A support group for survivors** of sexual abuse will meet with the guidance of a professional therapist on Tuesday, April 16. 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.

**The Spring Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, April 21. We will have a carry-in meal following the worship service. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall around 12:30 PM or as soon as possible after we finish eating. During the meeting we will hear various reports and will take action to approve the financial audit report and 2023 financial report. ~Ryan Koehn, Church Moderator

**Annual Report books** have been emailed out to the congregation. If you would like a paper copy, please contact the church office and one will be printed for you.

**Join the plastic recycling challenge!** Our church is enrolled in the NexTrex Recycling Challenge. Can we collect 1000 pounds of plastic bags and plastic film for recycling in the next year? If we meet that goal, the Trex company will give our church a free outdoor bench made out of recycled plastic! Look for more information in your church mailboxes. Contact Cindy Unruh or Janet Regier with questions, and if you'd like to help!



**The FMC Small Jobs Ministry** aims to connect willing FMC volunteers with people who have a project on their hands (a "small job" is a project that could be accomplished by 3 or fewer people on a Saturday morning). If you enjoy working together to help others on projects, please consider signing up and listing your areas of willingness to work/expertise here. If you have a "small job" in need of assistance, or have any questions, please reach out to Laura Sharp, of Caregiving & Membership Commission (for FMC attendees), or Chris Weaver, of Outreach Commission (for non-attending community members).

**College scholarship money is available** – If you (or a family member) will be attending (or are considering) a Mennonite college or university for either undergraduate study or graduate study during the 2024-2025 school year, you are invited to apply for scholarship funds from FMC. **By no later than Sunday, April 21, 2024**, submit the completed application to either Jyl Ewy or Ron Dietzel. For each school year, an FMC application must be completed. Some Mennonite colleges provide matching funds so your monies would be doubled when enrolled in one of those schools. Eligibility criteria for the FMC funds are provided on the application. The form is available in the Gathering Area at FMC; or, by contacting Ron Dietzel or Jyl Ewy.

**VBS is coming up!** Newton Mennonite Vacation Bible School will meet at Shalom Mennonite Church, 5:30-7:30 PM, May 28-31. On Sunday Morning, June 2, all our congregations will worship together on the Bethel College Green. VBS is open to all students from age 4 to grade 4, and we also need adult, high school, and junior high volunteers! To register students, visit [bit.ly/newtonvbskids](http://bit.ly/newtonvbskids) and to register as a volunteer, please visit [bit.ly/newtonvbsvols](http://bit.ly/newtonvbsvols). Our congregation's contact person for VBS is Amy Regier.

**Scholarships for Camp Mennoscah Youth Summer Camps!** With the help of the congregation, the FMC Nurture Commission offers a \$100 scholarship to youth from FMC and Casa Betania who plan to attend camp this summer. To request a scholarship for your child/children, please fill out the google form you receive via email or sign up on the forms posted in the Gathering Area. If you are interested in contributing to the scholarship fund, please write a check to FMC with 'Camp Mennoscah Scholarship Fund' in the memo line. For more information, please talk to Sara Rickard.

## SR. HIGH YOUTH



April 17—Youth Group will meet in Dwight and Janet's wheat field for supper, followed by a worship night. Arrive at 6:00 PM, at the field west of 5806 NE 24th Street for supper. Dress for the weather. We'll be done by 8:15 PM.

## Community Announcements

**Today at 7:00 PM—Junior recital by Bethel College student Peter Buller**, piano and oboe, in the Administration Building chapel.

**Bethel College Orchestra**, directed by Kris Hilding, Wednesday, April 17, 7:00 PM, will take place in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

**Two full scholarships are available** from the Camp Mennoscah Scholarship Endowment. The endowment was generously gifted to Camp Mennoscah to assist campers who would not otherwise be able to attend camp. Applications need to be received by May 1. Campers of diverse backgrounds will receive higher priority. Contact Olivia at: [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) for the application form.

**Senior recital by Bethel College student Phillip Balzer**, piano, Saturday, April 20, 7:00 PM, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

**Senior recital by Bethel College student Josie Epp**, piano, on Sunday, April 21, at 4:00 PM, in the Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

**Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus**—Please join KMMC on April 21, Tabor College, 4:00 PM. This year we are including the Newton Children's Community Choir, the Flannelbacks and the Menno Brass.

**The 2023-24 Prairie Window Concert Series** concludes with *The Brother Brothers* on Sunday, April 21, 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](http://dyckarboretum.org) or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

**The Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra** presents their Spring Classics Concert, Sunday, April 21 at 4:00 PM, in Memorial Hall at Bethel College. "Unfinished Journeys" includes works by Beethoven, Schubert, and Mahler with "Songs of a Wayfarer" featuring vocalist Valerie A. Bernhardt. Tickets: Adults \$15-20; Students \$7; twelve and under are free with an adult. Purchase at Faith & Life Bookstore, or online at [www.nmkso.org](http://www.nmkso.org).

**Mental Health First Aid:** Saturday, April 27, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM. Prairie View will conduct a **Mental Health First Aid Training** at Eden Mennonite Church, 401 18th Ave, Moundridge, KS. \$30 covers the training, materials, and lunch. There is space for 30 people. Register online by April 19.

**MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP)** home repair program is seeking summer staff in Kimball, West Virginia or Elkhorn City, Kentucky. These three-month positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators will allow you to explore new cultures, develop skills, build friendships and live out your faith. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. An hourly wage plus room and board are provided. For more information and to apply, visit [mcc.org/swap-summer-meals](http://mcc.org/swap-summer-meals) or [mcc.org/swap-summer-job-site](http://mcc.org/swap-summer-job-site). Or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 634-4418 or [AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org](mailto:AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org).