

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 28

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

Wednesday, May 1

- 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.

Sunday, May 5

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—The 12 Scriptures of FMC—Pastor Luke
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

Upcoming worship service:

- May 12—The 12 Scriptures of FMC—Pastor Laura



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First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
April 28, 2024

First Mennonite Church Newton, KS

What Dwells in You?

Gathering

Welcome

Dana Neff, worship leader

Meditation Music

Revelation Song

Jyl Ewy

Call to Worship

Dana Neff, worship leader

Listening

Worship Songs

Happy Day

How He Loves

Children's Time

Keith Knopp

Prayer for the Offering—Local Mission

Dana Neff

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

Dana Neff

Sermon

What Dwells in You?

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Song of Response

The Blessing

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Luke Unruh

Sending

Sending Song

This is Amazing Grace

Announcements and Benediction

Dana Neff, worship leader

Postlude

Lead Me, Lord

Jyl Ewy

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

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, Sarah Koehn, Isaac Koehn, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Jyl Ewy, Joey Menninga, Joan Entz, Luke Unruh. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Rod Wedel.

or Dr. Blaine at (316) 239-5474.

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 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 if you are interested. You are needed to make summer youth camps healthy and successful!

The April edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King shares a truly uplifting story of MDS work in Maryland, volunteers are transforming lives in Mississippi, and long-time project in Jennings, Louisiana comes to a close. Plus, check out the volunteer opportunities for this summer and fall.

More volunteer fun than just the Retreat Center project! Many volunteers are still needed for the Retreat Center project, but volunteers are also needed for other camp tasks--mowing, clearing trails, weeding the flower beds. Contact us at 620-297-3290, 316-293-7313 (text) or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org. Thank you to the many volunteers who have already helped with all the camp projects!

Announcements

The offering for May 5 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.

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 21—140; Sunday School—117.

In Sympathy—Kenneth Goering (85), Theron Goering's father, passed away April 11. We extend our condolences to Theron, Jennifer, Elle, and Ivy.

Gracious Sustainability Sunday School Class. Reminder that this week's creation care class will be on the theme of Slow Violence and the Gospel of Peace. The lesson will be based on [Lesson 5](#) of the Every Creature Singing curriculum

Did you know...that recycling 1000 lb. of plastic bags saves about 4 ½ barrels of oil, according to the EPA? Our church is participating in the NextTrex Recycling Challenge, with the goal of collecting 1000 pounds of plastic bags and plastic film for recycling by next March. We're off to a great start, with 309 lb. already turned in! Collection bins are in the Gathering area and elevator entrance. Check the posters with lists of what is acceptable/not accepted for this project. Extra mailbox flyers are available near the bins. Thank you for your participation!

Looking for Bibles! Do you have an old/antique Bible at home? We are looking for Bibles to display in the locked Historical display cases temporarily. Please contact Andrea Enns Regier if you have something that might work.

VBS REGISTRATION DEADLINE—MAY 5—Vacation Bible School is right around the corner! An insert for registration was in the April 14 bulletin. There will also be one in your mailbox. Please register your child soon! Deadline for registration is May 5.

Direct questions to Amy Regier. 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 and to register as a volunteer, please visit bit.ly/newtonvbsvols.

Calling all FMC Nature Photographers! (Amateur or professional) Several FMC members are creating an Earth Stewardship display/vignette on one of the interior walls here at FMC. Do you have a digital photo you'd like to contribute that captures God in Creation, specifically sky-related (sunset, clouds, etc.)? We will print all the photos into a similar format/size and will attach a label with your name/title. The theme of the Creation vignette may change after a year, so stay tuned! Please email andrea.and.ben@gmail.com with your HD digital photo.

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.

Homeless Shelter—Our next week to serve New Hope Homeless Shelter is May 8-14. If you are able to help by volunteering or with meals, call or text Lee Penner at

Do you have trouble hearing in the sanctuary? Thanks to a generous donation, we have installed a new hearing assist system. There are eight units that can be picked up and used during the service along with earbuds. If you have hearing aids that are compatible with t-loop, we also have the capability put the sound into your hearing aids. If you would like to use a hearing assist unit, stop by the sound booth before the service.



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).

SR. HIGH YOUTH



May 1—Community Night—please meet at East Gate Lanes, 1610 E 2nd, near KFC or Newell's Truck Stop at **6:45 PM**, for an evening of bowling.

Community Announcements

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 for the application form.

Masterworks concert at Bethel College, today at 4:00 PM, featuring the Bethel College Oratorio Chorus, orchestra and soloists, performing Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* and Vaughan Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem*, with Dr. Henry S. Waters conducting. The concert will be at Memorial Hall.

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.

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 or mcc.org/swap-summer-job-site. Or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 634-4418 or AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org.

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

Living with Loss support group will be offered May 7 through June 11 at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton, KS. The support group is open to all who have experienced the death of a loved one, divorce, unemployment or any other life experience that has created grief. Living with Loss support group is co-facilitated by Elizabeth Schmidt, Pastor for Congregational Care at Bethel College Mennonite Church, and Dr. Gary Blaine, a retired chaplain and certified in grief counseling and grief group facilitation, as well as palliative care and hospice care. The meetings will last six weeks, beginning at 5:30 PM, at Bethel College Mennonite Church. The support group is open to anyone and requires a minimum of six participants for the group to form. The cost is \$10.00 per week. The group will gather for six weeks. The group will be closed to new participants after the second session. To register, call Pastor Schmidt at (316) 283-3667