

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 12—Happy Mother's Day!

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

Monday, May 13

- 7:00 PM Church Board

Tuesday, May 14

- 6:30 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission

Wednesday, May 15

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Sunday, May 19

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Pentecost Sunday and communion—Pastor Laura
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

Upcoming worship service:

- May 26—The Twelve Scriptures of FMC—Pastor Luke



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First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
May 12, 2024

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A Different Goal

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Gathering

Welcome

Carol Entz, worship leader

Celebration Music

Mozart, Sonata in F Major, Allegro assai

Amanda Entz

Call to Worship

Carol Entz, worship leader

Listening

Songs for Worship

Here I Am to Worship VT 227

What Wondrous Love Is This VT 564

Children's Time

Shannon Bartel

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

Prayer for the Offering—Local Mission

Carol Entz

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

Carol Entz

Sermon

A Different Goal

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Response Hymn

Let This Mind Be in You VT 572

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Luke Unruh

Sending

Sending Song

Help Us to Help Each Other VT 722

Announcements and Benediction

Carol Entz, worship leader

Postlude

God, We Praise You

Amanda Entz

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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), on our Facebook page, YouTube, or at our Vimeo site. Recordings of the service will be available afterwards as well. Today, Ryan Koehn, Joey Menninga, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Amanda Entz. Chorister: Wendy Schrag Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Brent Voran

Announcements

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!

Mennonite Mission Network is currently seeking a Divisional Coordinator for Advancement to join our team in the Newton, Kansas office. At Mennonite Mission Network, we foster a collaborative work environment that prioritizes our employees' well-being. We offer competitive benefits, including standard insurance options available from day one, paid sick time, immediate access to vacation time, substantial employer contributions to retirement funds, flexible work arrangements to support work-life balance, a comprehensive employee assistance program, and more. To find more information on the job summary, required skills, duties, etc. visit mennonitemission.net and click on the resources tab where you will find the tab employment.

SEAK—June 3-July 26—no cost family friendly activities and free lunches. New Creation Fellowship, SE 3rd and Pine, Newton; Monday-Thursday. Immanuel Baptist Church, 1515 N. Anderson, Newton; Tuesdays and Wednesdays. 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. Join us for games, activities and free summer meals for any child ages 1-18.

Summer Theatre Camp—Student actors ages 11 to 18 are invited to stage a live theatre performance at Hesston College's annual summer theatre camp June 16 to 22. The weeklong theatre immersion will culminate in a public performance of the musical "Mean Girls" at 2:00 PM, Saturday, June 22, in the Hesston Mennonite Church sanctuary on the Hesston College campus. Theatre camp registration is \$335 per person and includes lodging and meals for seven days and six nights, or \$285 for day camp only. A discount is available for families registering more than one student. Participants can visit hesston.edu/theatrecamp to register online. Registration is due June 10.

Random items needed for summer youth camps! By random, we mean toilet paper, white paper towels, volleyballs, soccer balls, frisbees (for Ultimate), a smallish fish seine, fish hooks, inner tubes for floating (Intex River Run is what we have), manual can openers, prayers for safety and wisdom, and Sharpies of all colors plus black for the kitchen. Send directly to Camp Mennoscah or contact office@campmennoscah.org.

The offering for May 19 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 May 5—142; Sunday School—88.

Local Missions Update: At the end of April, Local Missions has a deficit of \$33,548. Our expenses run between \$33,000 and \$36,000 per month. It would be much appreciated if you would be able to up your contributions during the summer months. Thank you for your continued support. ~Betty Pauls, Treasurer

If you are graduating from high school or college this May, or know of someone from our congregation that will be graduating, please email or call the church office by May 13, to let us know. We would like to include the names in an upcoming bulletin announcement.



Have you ever wished you could listen to your favorite worship songs performed by our outstanding FMC bands anytime you want. Now you can by downloading your favorite songs and performances from the new FMC Playlist. The QR code below will take you to a site that has 46 songs that you can download and listen to anytime. You can download one or all of the songs. Check back periodically as new songs will be added from time to time.

Did you know... that 80% of plastic in the ocean is estimated to come from land-based sources, with the remaining 20% coming from boats and other marine sources, according to National Geographic. Thank you for participating in the recycling challenge, to keep plastic film out of the landfill and oceans! Collection bins are in the Gathering Area and elevator entrance. If you have questions, please contact Cindy Unruh or Janet Regier.

A special Congregational Meeting will be held on May 19, immediately following the Worship service in the sanctuary. At the meeting we will vote on a new term for Pastor Laura Goerzen. Ryan Koehn, Church Moderator

Looking for Bibles! Do you have an old/antique Bible at home that is special to you? We are looking for Bibles to display in the locked Historical display cases temporarily. Please include a brief description of whom it belonged to/approximate year. Contact Andrea Regier if you have something.

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.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Each year, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, known locally as NAMI Kansas, brings together hundreds of people to raise mental health awareness and funds through NAMIWalks Kansas. This year's walk will be at West Ridge Mall in Topeka on Saturday, May 18, 10:00 AM. Funds raised support NAMI Kansas' free local mental health programs and services. NAMI Kansas is part of the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for millions of Americans affected by mental illness. **Lee and Deb Penner** are part of the Mid-Kansas Family Support Group which meets once a month at our church. Join our team by registering online at www.namiwalks.org/kansas. Our team name is Mid-Kansas Walkers 24, and Deb is the team captain. Please consider a donation to this vital organization. There are two ways to donate: Go online and donate securely with your credit card. Or, if you prefer to send a check, make it payable to NAMI Kansas, and give it to Deb by May 16 so she can take it with her to the walk. Half of all proceeds go to our local affiliate. Learn more about NAMI at www.nami.org. For questions, call Deb at



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



**There will be no Youth Group
on Wednesday, May 15. It is NHS Baccalaureate that evening.**

Community Announcements

The Retreat Center HVAC project will not be finished by the start of the summer. There have been unexpected discoveries that have extended the time line for completion. The Facilities Committee and Camp Mennoscah board are reviewing the next steps. Camp Mennoscah staff will be in communication with groups with Retreat Center reservations. Work will continue on the project with a brief hiatus to get campgrounds and the pool ready for Summer Youth Camps. Please keep the board, camp staff and the project in your prayers. Questions can be directed to olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290. **This does not prevent summer youth camps from taking place.**

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.

You are invited to attend the MCC Sale Annual Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 6:00 PM, at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church. The cost for the meal is \$20/person and you will pay at the door. Please RSVP to Barb BJ Reeves by May 19. 620-543-6863 or bj.reeves@live.com. The meeting to review the Sale and present MCC with a check will be held after dinner at approximately 7:00 PM.

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!

Tasty Treat Makers Needed! Parents can receive a discount up to full camp fees as kitchen staff for a week of summer youth camp. Willing hands and hearts are all that 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 June 9-14, June 23-28, July 7-12, July 14-19, and July 21-26! Contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290. Free camp tee shirt and tasty meals provided, as well as the hearty thank yous of well-fed campers.

Band-Aid Appliers 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 full parent discount. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org if you are interested. The care you share gives campers a fun and safe camp week!