

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 19

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Pentecost Sunday and communion
- 11:45 AM Special Congregational Meeting following the worship service
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

Wednesday, May 22

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 6:45 PM Youth Group

Sunday, May 26

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

Upcoming worship service:

June 2—10:00 AM Joint worship service for the end of VBS—Bethel College Green

Congratulations to our 2024 graduates!

Sarah Koehn—Newton High School
Madi Enns—Newton High School
Evelyn Gaertner—Newton High School
Brooklynn Black—Newton High School
Schyler Entz—Bethel College
Josh Kennell—Bethel College
Lia Groves—Bethel College
Emily Brandt—Bethel College
Kendall Smith—Seminary

PENTECOST
sunday



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First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
May 19, 2024

First Mennonite Church Newton, KS

A Church that Dreams

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Gathering

Welcome

John Good, worship leader

Meditation Music

Oh Lord You're Beautiful
Come As You Are
Jyl Ewy

Call to Worship

John Good, worship leader

Listening

Song for Worship

Revelation Song VT 415

Children's Time

Sheralyn Goering

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

Pentecost Reading, written by Patricia Shelly

Alesha Miller, Dana Neff, Judy Murphy, and Jeff Kauffman

Prayer for the Offering—Bethel College

John Good

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-4, 14-21
John Good

Meditation

A Church that Dreams
Pastor Laura Goerzen

Song of Preparation

Build Your Kingdom Here VT 393

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Luke Unruh

Celebration of Communion

Sending

Announcements and Benediction

John Good, worship leader

Sending Song

God of Justice VT 772

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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 Goertzen Reger, Eric Murphy, and Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Jyl Ewy, Joan Entz, Joey Menninga. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Phil Gaertner.

Mennonite Disaster Service Cabinet Shop—the MDS Kansas Unit will dedicate its new Cabinet Shop and Warehouse on June 9, at 604 E. Main Street, Goessel, Kansas. 4:00 – 5:30 PM there will be tours of the Cabinet Shop and Warehouse and at 5:30 PM there is a September River fundraising concert. More information can be found on the flyer in the Gathering Area.

Enrollment is open for Uncle Carl's Camp at Kauffman Museum at Bethel College. Half-day camps are offered in art, history and nature for kids ages 4-18. New this year is Creative Writing Camp for students finishing grades 7-12, with instructor Lydia Chappell Deckert. The **writing camp starts June 3**, so sign up soon! Go to kauffmanmuseum.org/uncle-carls-camp/ for more information about this and other camps with space still available, and to register online.

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 May edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King introduces you to some of our national partners, learn how MDS is helping those who help the homeless in Selma, Alabama, and take a look at the volunteer opportunities for this summer and fall. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/4akQLBQ>

An outdoor trifecta! Saturday, June 1, 6:00 AM-8:00 PM, the public is invited to Walk Sand Creek Trail Day, part of National Trails Day®. Water will be available for people and leashed dogs at the trailhead at Memorial Grove on the Bethel College campus, courtesy of the Sand Creek Trail Committee, with members there to answer any questions about the trail. **7:00 AM, Kauffman Museum monthly bird walk**, led by experienced local birders; **9:00 AM, Kauffman Museum-sponsored wildflower walk** with Brad Guhr of Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. The bird walk begins at the kiosk in the museum parking lot at the corner of North Main and 27th streets in North Newton, the wildflower walk begins at the museum, and both walks will follow part of Sand Creek Trail.

Announcements

The offering for May 26 will be for Bethel College. 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 12—128; Sunday School—111.

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

Local Mission offering from May 5 and 12—\$17,947. Online Local Mission was \$3,951.

A special Congregational Meeting will be held today, 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



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.

If you plan to apply for a Camp Mennoscah Scholarship for your child this summer and haven't already done so, the deadline is **Monday, May 21**. Please respond to the email you received from Sara Rickard or sign up on the forms in the Gathering Area. Email if you have any questions.

THE PLANNING GROUP has completed their work! After meeting multiple times over the past five months, processing four sessions of table discussions and a survey a summary report was presented to the Church Board this past week. It is now the Church Board's work to discuss all the information presented and decide our next steps. There will be a special congregational meeting within the next few weeks to share the summary report and our decisions. The summary report will be shared with the congregation and opportunity for questions will happen. We have appreciated the care, involvement, patience, and prayers from our church family that have occurred. Continued prayer for the Church Board for us to listen and follow God's leading in our processing and decisions are appreciated. ~Janice Good, Church Board Chair

Did you know...that the Great Pacific Garbage Patch is bigger than the state of Texas. It consists of plastic waste suspended in the ocean, some dating back to the 1960's. Thank you for your part in recycling plastic, which makes some kinds of waste plastic useful, and keeps it out of the landfill and oceans! Collection bins are in the Gathering Area and elevator entrance. If you have questions, contact Cindy Unruh or Janet Regier.

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.

SR. HIGH YOUTH



Youth Group—Wednesday, May 22, 6:45 PM
School's out Party

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.**

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.

Everence May workshop: Make Medicare an Easy Step—Everence will hold its popular Medicare workshop at its office in North Newton on Tuesday, May 28, 6:30 PM, Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare. The in-person workshop will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

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!

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.