

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 5

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

Tuesday, May 7

- 7:00 PM Nurture Commission—Zoom
- 7:00 PM Peace Pod—FH

Wednesday, May 8

- 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 12

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

Upcoming worship service:

May 19—Pentecost Sunday and communion—Pastor Laura



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First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
May 5, 2024

First Mennonite Church Newton, KS

Make a Joyful Noise!

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Gathering

Welcome and Call to Worship
Ken Regier, worship leader

Gathering Songs
Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down
If I Stand
Ben's Band

Listening

Children's Time
Andrea Regier

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

Prayer for the Offering—Local Mission
Ken Regier

Scripture Reading
Psalm 100
Ken Regier

Sermon
Make a Joyful Noise!
Pastor Luke Unruh

Prayer of the Church
Pastor Laura Goerzen

Sending

Sending Song
God of the Bible VT 420

Announcements and Benediction
Ken Regier, worship leader

Postlude
The Lorica
Ben's Band

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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, Kent Erb and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Ben's Band. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Mason Unruh

Announcements

Bethel College commencement weekend—Saturday and Sunday, May 11-12.

Events: Nurse Pinning Ceremony, 2:00 PM, May 11, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center; Baccalaureate, 10:00 AM and Commencement, 4:00 PM, May 12, both in Memorial Hall.

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) & 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!

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.

The offering for May 12 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 28—156; Sunday School—122.

Local Mission offering from April 21 and 28—\$7,170. Online Local Mission—\$5,055.

VBS REGISTRATION DEADLINE is today!—Vacation Bible School is right around the corner! Please register your child soon! **If you have any questions contact 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.

FMC's peace pod (knitting4peace) will meet Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall to tie a comforter for MCC. Come join us and help tie or bring your own project to work on.

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.

Did you know... that only 9% of all plastic produced worldwide is ever recycled? Thank you for your help toward improving that number! In April we turned in 403 lb. for recycling, making great progress toward our 1000 lb. goal! Collection bins are in the Gathering Area and elevator entrance. Extra flyers are available near the bins. If you have questions, please 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.

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 Ruby Moore at or call or text Lee Penner at

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 316-288-0354.

SR. HIGH YOUTH



Youth group on May 8, will focus on preparation for our summer mission trip and hear Luke share about his boarder trip. This will be to fill out the initial paperwork. We encourage parents to come at 8:00 PM for signatures.
We will start at 6:45 PM.

Community Announcements

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.

Unfortunate news, folks—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.

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.

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 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!