

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

## Sunday, June 16—Happy Father's Day

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

## Wednesday, June 19—Juneteenth

Church Office Closed

## Sunday, June 23

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 30—Worship Service—The Twelve Scriptures of FMC—Pastor Luke



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## First Mennonite Church

## Newton, KS

## June 16, 2024

# First Mennonite Church Newton, KS Making Disciples

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## Gathering

### Welcome

Peter Miller, worship leader

### Meditation Music

*People need the Lord*  
Donna Stucky

### Call to Worship

Peter Miller, worship leader

## Listening

### Songs for Worship

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues* VT 764  
*I Love to Tell the Story* VT 761

### Children's Time

Pastor Luke Unruh

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

### Prayer for the Offering—Local Mission

Peter Miller

### Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16-20  
Peter Miller

### Meditation

*Making Disciples*  
Pastor Laura Goerzen

### Song of Response

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission* VT 774 v. 1, 2, 5

### Prayer of the Church

Pastor Luke Unruh

## Sending

### Sending Song

*God, Be the Love* VT 43

### Announcements and Benediction

Peter Miller, worship leader

### Postlude

*Christ is our Cornerstone*  
Donna Stucky

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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, Brian Kennell, and Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Donna Stucky, Chorister: Daryl Unruh. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Mason Unruh*

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**Save the Date!** Western District Women in Mission's annual Women's & Girls' Retreat will be Saturday/Sunday September 7-8 at Camp Mennoscah. The keynote speaker will be Kristine Regehr on the topic of Peaceful Practices. More information and registration info will follow in July. Activities will be available for girls age 5th grade - high school & women of all ages! Come for a time of relaxation, peace, & friendship! Email [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com) with questions.

**You're invited! Support a new Mennonite Mission Network family.** On Wednesday, June 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, at the Mennonite Mission Network office in downtown Newton (718 N Main St), come hear about the work of a new Mennonite Mission Network family. Later this year, Laurel and Ben Woodward-Breckbill, from Newton, will move to Paris, France to be directors of the Paris Mennonite Center. On the 26th you can enjoy snacks, hear about the work of the Center, and even offer your financial support. Make a giving pledge online or in person and you will be entered to **win a pair of Kansas City Chiefs tickets!** (Las Vegas at Kansas City, November 29, 2024). See you there!

**NAMI Mid Kansas Family to Family**—Free Education Program in Newton for Family Member and Friends. This is a series of eight weekly classes structures to help loved ones and caregivers understand and support individuals with serious mental disorders while maintaining their own well-being. Every Monday, June 17-August 5 from 6:30 to 9:00 PM, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2001 Windsor Drive, Newton. Contact LaMar Bender at 620-869-1143 with questions. For more information there is a flyer in the Gathering Area with a QR code to register.

**Expand your leadership capacity through AMBS's Practical Leadership Training modules!** Four-session online workshops beginning in September include Moving through Congregational Changes; Living Outside the "Man Box"; and Leadership Practices for Spiritual Vitality. CEUs available. Check out our full list of modules for the fall: [ambs.edu/plt](https://ambs.edu/plt)

**Take a seminary course this fall!** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's distance-friendly options include Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture; Introduction to Biblical Languages; Reading Cultural Contexts; Spiritual Practices: Prayer and Scripture; Understanding Trauma in Ministry and Peacebuilding; and more. In-person courses are also available. Some courses may be audited. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours! Classes run September 3 – December 13; sign up by August 26. [ambs.edu/upcoming-courses](https://ambs.edu/upcoming-courses)

## Announcements

**The offering for June 23** 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 June 9—100; Sunday School—79.

**Local Mission offering** for June 2 and 9—\$4,392. Online Local Mission—\$4,434.

**Local Missions Update:** Thank you to all who increased your giving for the month of May. We received \$10,975 more than we spent in May. This means that for the year we are now only \$22,572 in the red. Keep up the good work in the coming months. A note about camp scholarships: The church has paid for scholarships to camp for our children and now is needing \$850 to cover these scholarships. If you or your Sunday school class is interested in helping take care of this expense, it would be much appreciated. May God bless your generosity. ~Betty Pauls, Treasurer

**Yearbook update**—Ken and Neva Frey no longer have their landline. Please use their cell phones that are listed in the Yearbook.

**Check out our new Photography Wall** near the Gathering Area (by the water fountain)! Our current theme is Earth Stewardship: Seeing God in the Sky. Come & take a look and enjoy the talent of our very own members - plus God's beautiful creation. In several months, we'll do another all-call for more photos with another complimentary nature verse/theme so be watching for that in the bulletin.

**The Church Office will be closed** in observance of Juneteenth, this Wednesday, June 19.

**Did you know...** that our church has turned in 898 lb. of plastic for recycling since April 1? We're nearing our goal of 1000 lb., which will earn FMC an outdoor Trex bench made of recycled plastic! The program allows one free bench per year, so we're not eligible to start earning another bench until next April. However, please keep bringing your plastic and putting it in the bins! Other community groups that already earned their bench for the year offered us their plastic, which helped us get to this point so quickly. Now we'll share ours with another group to help them earn their bench faster. This is a win for Harvey County too - more plastic is being reused, and stays out of the landfill!

**WDC ANNUAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED:** Church Board invites anyone who would be interested in attending the WDC Annual Assembly, August 2-4, in Beatrice, Nebraska to represent FMC in the business sessions. Conference registration and hotel expenses will be reimbursed by FMC. This is an opportunity to be involved in the decision making and input process from congregations for WDC. If you are interested, please contact Janice Good, Church Board Chair.

**Water Wednesdays with SEAK**—Sign up in the Gathering area for helping with SEAK on Wednesdays. We had record attendance last week, and a great time playing with water. We'd love your help! Come at 11:15am—12:30pm at the playground on Pine Street, behind New Creation.

**Church Office summer schedule**—Starting Friday, June 28, the church office will be closed each Friday for the months of July and August.

### Community Announcements

**Everence will hold an informative Social Security** and retirement income workshop on Tuesday, June 18, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be plenty of time for questions. The in-person workshop will be at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton, KS. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com) or 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294.

**MC USA Webinar: Navigating Your Protection Policy During Crisis**—On June 18, 7:00 PM ET, join Nancy Kauffmann, Mennonite Church USA interim denominational minister of Church Safety, Michael Danner, MC USA associate executive director for Church Vitality and Ben Woodward-Breckbill, associate pastor at Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton, Kansas, as they address topics related to Safe Church protection policies and navigating through a crisis.

**June 20 - Dyck Arboretum of the Plains Summer Music Night**—You are invited to bring your friends and family, lawn chairs or picnic blankets and join us for Summer Music Nights at Dyck Arboretum! **This event is free to the public – donations are welcome.** Water and lemonade will be provided. Bring your own picnic, if you like. Everyone is welcome to walk the arboretum grounds and enjoy the summer evening. Music will begin at 7:00 PM. Performers will be located on the covered patio on the west side of the Prairie Pavilion and the public is invited to gather on the lawn areas nearby. The Sassanachs are a high energy band with a heavy Irish influence. When you come to a show, you will be taken on a journey around the world with polka, country, mariachi and Ukrainian tunes mixed in.

**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. Sign up to help with Water Wednesdays in the Gathering Area.

**Summer Story Days are BACK!** Stop by the WDC Resource library, 2517 N. Main in North Newton, KS on **Saturdays June 29 and July 27 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM**, for Read Alouds; self-guided, come-and-go activities; and opportunities to learn and grow together! Activities geared for ages 3-8 and their families, but open to all ages. Take advantage of these Saturday hours to tour the library and check out resources.

**Bible classes offered on Hesston College's campus**—Lifelong learning is a goal of many individuals. Did you know Hesston encourages community members to enroll in Bible courses? We even have a discounted rate for senior citizen attenders. This coming fall semester we have opportunities to take two Bible classes on campus: Biblical Literature (at two different times) and Missional Leadership on Monday evenings. These classes will only be offered in person this semester. To learn more, visit [hesston.edu/bible](https://hesston.edu/bible). If you are interested in enrolling in a course, contact Michele Hershberger at [michele.hershberger@hesston.edu](mailto:michele.hershberger@hesston.edu).

**WDC Annual Assembly:** Here are a few of the workshops (in-person, virtual and hybrid) waiting for you at Annual Assembly, many of which reflect on authentic community – MennoMedia Highlights, “Mind the Gap: Adaptive Change in Your Congregation,” “Congregational Glimpses into Racial Justice,” “WDC Listening Process: What We’re Hearing,” “Internal to External Communication,” a tour of Homestead National Historical Park, and more. Join us at the WDC Annual Assembly, August 2-4, 2024 at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE. Register at [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org)