

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 14

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—The Twelve Scriptures of FMC—Pastor Laura
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service
- 5:00 PM Planning Group and Congregation meeting in FH

Wednesday, July 17

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Sunday, July 21

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Youth Sunday
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

Upcoming worship service:

- July 28—Pastor Luke—New worship series



First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
July 14, 2024

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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First Mennonite Church Newton, KS The Sermon on the Mount

Gathering

Welcome

Ken Regier, worship leader

Meditation Music

Amazing Grace
Amanda Rempel

Call to Worship

Ken Regier, worship leader

Listening

Song for Worship

Mountain of God VT 11

Children's Time

Sheralyn Goering

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

Prayer for the Offering—Local Mission

Ken Regier

Sermon

The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5-7

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Blessed Are You VT 290

You Are Salt for the Earth VT 297

Seek Ye First VT 417

My Hope Is Built VT 621

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Sending

Sending Song

As You Go Out From Here (3x) VT 841

Announcements and Benediction

Ken Regier, worship leader

Postlude

Allegro

Amanda Rempel

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, Joey Menninga, Alex Goering, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Amanda Rempel. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Alan Entz.

Announcements

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 western-districtwomen@gmail.com with questions.

Camp Mennoscah is excited to be starting a new capital campaign! Watch for more information coming soon! Foundation 75 is going to be an exciting adventure for all of us involved at Camp Mennoscah!

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton is critically low on inventory: An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: new infant sleepers (6-12 month sizes); hand towels (dark colored); bar soap; bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); wide toothed combs (6-8 inches long); laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); and shampoo (20 oz min). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316-836-5045. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

Colorado Peaches are coming! The Palisade peaches on the Western Slope are looking to be a good crop once again. Peaches will be available to order from **July 1-31**. Orders can be made by contacting the MCC Central States Office at patsydirksen@mcc.org or calling 316-283-2720. Two sizes are available: **9 lbs. for \$30 and 18 lbs. for \$41**. Payment for peaches in the form of cash or checks is **due by August 1** to MCC. **Checks should be made payable to Beth-El Mennonite Church** with "peaches" in the memo line. Peaches will be available for pickup from the MCC Office, 121 East 30th, North Newton, on Monday, August 19 (**tentative date**). This is a fundraiser for the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale held in Castle Rock, Colorado, October 18-19.

Camp Mennoscah Camp Sing—Saturday, August 3, at 3:00 PM at Faith Mennonite Church (Newton, KS) we will be holding our annual Camp Sing event. All are welcome to join us for a gathering of the Camp Mennoscah community to sing camp songs led by the Summer Staff, enjoy a recap of the summer, and hear testimony to the great work camp is doing. Following the singing we will have popcorn and generic pop together!

The offering for July 21 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.

The rose on the pulpit is in honor of Zachary Michael, who was born on July 1, to Mike and Liz Linscheid. We surround this family with our love.

FMC worship attendance for July 7—115; Sunday School—96.

THE CHURCH BOARD has finished our discussions concerning what was learned from the information gathered by the Planning Group and finalized a statement to share with the congregation. Because of summer travel schedules, we were not able to schedule this meeting until **TODAY at 5:00 PM, in Fellowship Hall**. We will share the Summary Report concerning the table discussions and surveys. Anyone who would like to see the Summary Report will have an opportunity at the meeting. The Church Board has prepared a statement with our decisions regarding the inclusion of LGBTQIA+ persons at FMC based on what was learned in the information gathered by the Planning Group. **All are invited to attend this meeting**. We ask for your continued prayers as we move forward. ~Janice Good, Church Board Chair

Local Mission Update: Again in June, we have received more than we spent by \$5,642. We now need only \$17,000 to be in the black. Thank you for your generous giving. ~Betty Pauls, Treasurer

It is Christmas in July! Peace Connections is hosting a donation drive for hygiene items to provide additional support for Laundry Love. Much like you would pull a gift request off an angel tree, please stop by the church foyer, and take a coconut off the palm tree to provide items to families in our community. Laundry Love is an initiative to wash the clothes of no/low-income individuals in our community, to make sure everyone has access to clean clothes. By providing quarters and detergent and hygiene items, this monthly program at the laundromat creates a place where everyone can live with dignity!

Congratulations to Christina and Nate Stang, on the birth of their daughter, Grace (Gracie) Jane, born on Saturday, July 6. Gracie joins big brother Rhys and big sister Shelby at home. Congratulations to grandparents Loren and Nancy Entz.

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 and 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.

Did you know...that First Mennonite met the NextTrex Recycling Challenge goal? Last week, we turned in the final bags, totaling 1059 pounds in less than 3 months! Thank you to all who helped reach our goal so quickly! Our free Trex bench (Rainforest Canopy color) should arrive in a few weeks. Please continue to drop off your plastic in the bins. What we collect here will be shared with Whitestone Mennonite and Faith Mennonite churches, to help them reach their goals.

Open to new participants. A confidential group of women meets to seek healing and hope as they support each other in the experience of betrayal trauma (a spouse or partner's use of pornography, affair, or sexual addiction). Bimonthly meetings are held Wednesday evenings via Zoom. This group is sponsored by First Mennonite Church of Newton and facilitated by Audrey Ratzlaff, M.Div. Contact Audrey at 316-619-4580 or aaratzlaff@yahoo.com for more information.

August Intergenerational Sunday School! There will be no children's Sunday school during the month of August. Instead, there will be intergenerational activities for all ages during the Sunday School hour:

- August 4 – Coffee, Coloring, and Kool-aid
- August 11 – Board games
- August 18 – Nature/Prayer Walk (meeting location TBD)
- August 25 – Stay tuned!

Homeless Shelter—Our next week to serve New Hope Homeless Shelter is July 17-23. If you are able to help by volunteering or with meals, contact Lee Penner at or Ruby Moore at

Community Announcements

Warkentin House Summer Concert—today, 4:00-5:00 PM. Join the Warkentin House Museum, 211 E 2nd Street, Newton, for their Summer Concert Series. This concert will feature the Flannel Backs. (Tim Regier and Matthew Graber) They are a local folk and bluegrass band. The event is free to attend but donations are encouraged and welcome to help support the Warkentin House Museum.

Newton Community Theatre Presents—Guys & Dolls. July 19 and 20 at 7:30 PM and July 21 at 2:00 PM at Newton High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for kids and seniors 65 and older. You can purchase tickets on the Newton Community Theatre Facebook page or scan the QR code on the flyer that is on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. **(Pastor Luke is in the play)**

Summer Story Days are BACK! Stop by the WDC Resource library, 2517 N. Main in North Newton, KS on **Saturday, 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.

The MCC Sale Quilter's Corner is looking for donations of quilts, quilt tops, fabric, books, magazines and vintage linens for our next sale. We hope to have an October sale if we receive enough donations. Donations can be dropped off at the MCC Center in North Newton **labeled** for Quilter's Corner or at Stitches Quilt Shop in McPherson. If you have questions, please contact Ann Yoder Smith at 919-604-3282.

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. If you are interested in enrolling in a course, contact Michele Hershberger at michele.hershberger@hesston.edu.

Bluestem Communities will host its annual Dementia Forum at 6:30 PM, on Wednesday, July 17, at Kidron Bethel Village's Kidron Hall, 3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton. The event is free and open to the public. Amy Siple, APRN, will present "Understanding Dementia and Caring for Those Who Have It." The forum is beneficial for anyone providing care for someone living with dementia, both professional caregivers and family or friends. One Continuing Education (CE) hour available for \$15. Those wanting the CE must register for it prior to the forum at bluestemks.org/events.

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