

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

## Sunday, July 28

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Luke
- 3:00 PM Baptism for Sarah Koehn at Camp Mennoscah
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

## Wednesday, July 31

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting

## Thursday, August 1

- 6:30 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission

## Sunday, August 4

- 9:15 AM Sunday School—Intergenerational Sunday School: Coffee, Coloring, and Kool-Aid
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Laura
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

## Upcoming worship service:

### August 11

- 9:15 AM—Intergenerational Sunday School: Board Games



First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS  
July 28, 2024

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## Gathering

### Welcome

Chris Weaver, worship leader

### Meditation Music

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
Jyl Ewy

### Call to Worship

Chris Weaver

## Listening

### Songs for Worship

*Jesus Messiah*  
*The Lord Almighty Reigns*

### Children's Time and Recognition of Teachers and Helpers

Sara Rickard

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

### Prayer for Offering—Local Mission

Chris Weaver

### Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:1-21

### Sermon

*Joy Subverts*  
Pastor Luke Unruh

### Response Song

*Beautiful*

### Prayer of the Church

Pastor Luke Unruh

## Sending

### Sending Song

*I'm Trading My Sorrows*

### Update from Mennonite Mission Network

Bob Tolle

### Announcements and Benediction

Chris Weaver

### Postlude

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
Jyl Ewy

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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, Ryan Koehn, Sarah Koehn, Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Jyl Ewy, Joey Menninga, Joan Entz, Luke Unruh. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Mason Unruh*

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**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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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. There will also be a donation raffle for baked goods, camp merch, and more! Following the singing we will have popcorn and generic pop together! We would love to see you there.

**MCC immigration-focused learning tour in South Texas, Aug. 18-23:** MCC learning tours present a unique opportunity to engage directly with the work done by MCC and partner organizations. The tour will give participants the chance to meet with law enforcement officials from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), gain insights into the complexity of immigration enforcement, including deportation and apprehensions, and visiting migrant response shelters. The tour will shed light on the challenges faced by migrants on their journey and raise awareness about the asylum process, and conditions faced by displaced and uprooted individuals. [Find out more and register for the trip by August 9.](#) Questions, please contact Abraham Diaz Alonso, MCC Central States Immigration Program Coordinator at [abrahamdi-azonso@mcc.org](mailto:abrahamdi-azonso@mcc.org).

**A new book, *THE CHURCH BY THE PLAYGROUND: THE STORY OF THE SHARING COMMUNITY IN ROSEDALE***, by Dorothy Nickel Friesen, has been published by Rainbow Mennonite Church. The book will be launched at Rainbow August 10 and 11 and at Kidron Bethel/Kidron Hall on Thursday, August 15 at 2:00 PM. (Faith and Life Bookstore will sell the books.) The public is invited to hear Dorothy share, sign books, and tell this unique urban ecumenical ministry history.

**The 2024 issue of Bethel College’s online journal *Mennonite Life*** can now be viewed at [ml.bethelks.edu](http://ml.bethelks.edu) The issue includes articles by Rod Ratzlaff, Mark Jantzen and Rachel Pannabecker related to the 150th anniversary of Mennonite immigration to North America from the Russian Empire, as well as the text from last spring’s Bible Lectures by César García and Sandra Báez, several other articles, and book reviews.

## Announcements

**The offering for August 4** will be for the Scholarship Fund. 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 July 21—138; Sunday School—114.

**Join us today at Camp Mennoscah for a baptism!** After going through a faith exploration class, Sarah Koehn has made the decision for baptism. **A service will take place today at 3:00 PM, by the river at Camp Mennoscah.** Following the brief service, there will be an ice cream reception to celebrate this occasion! Come out and share in the welcoming of a new member into FMC!

**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!

**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!

**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 & 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 NexTrex 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.

### Community Announcements

**Warkentin House Summer Concert**—today at 4:00 PM. The concert is by Kilometer 81. (Ken and Amy Regier's family) A free will offering will be taken to support the Warkentin House Museum. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the music.

**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.

**WANTED: Cars, Tractors, Pickups, Farm Machinery, Motorcycles, etc.** We are collecting items for next year's KS MCC Sale. Your donations are tax deductible and help feed and clothe thousands of people in need around the world. Call Jerry Toews at 620-367-8257 for more information.

**Join the MCC School Kit Challenge** and help pack 24,000 school kits for 24,000 kids this summer (plus, you could win a pizza party)! All school kits donated and completed in the month of August will help us meet this goal. Currently, in the Material Resources Center in North Newton we are very low on these specific school kit items: school kit bags (sewn), pens, erasers, and rulers. Please make your donations of individual kit items or full school kits by August 31. 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 [broci-amueller@mcc.org](mailto:broci-amueller@mcc.org) or 316.836.5045. [Join the MCC School Kit Challenge today!](#)

**Soft Plastic and Cardboard Recycling at MCC!** Did you know you can recycle soft plastics (plastic bags, bread bags, any plastic packaging that you can stretch) and cardboard at MCC Central States in North Newton? This is a *new* and *ongoing* recycling project. Follow the signs at MCC for Donations & Recycling and you will find bins outside the warehouse to drop your recycling in. Questions, please contact [duaneunruh@mcc.org](mailto:duaneunruh@mcc.org).

**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!

**Kauffman Museum bird walk**—Saturday, August 3, 7:00 AM, start time in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets (2801 N. Main St., North Newton 67117). Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail (terrain is mostly wood-chip path and sometimes uneven/sloping).

**Women & Girls! Western District Women in Mission** invites you to our annual retreat September 7-8 at Camp Mennoscah! Bring a friend! **Theme:** Peaceful Practices with Kristine Regehr as our keynote speaker. **Girls' Programming** for 5th grade-high school with Janna Duerksen. **Registration is due August 30.** Retreat brochure and registration form are available at: <https://www.westerndistrictwomeninmission.org/register> Come early at 10:00 AM, on Saturday morning to tie Camp Mennoscah t-shirt comforters! They will also be available to tie throughout retreat. We hope to get six comforters tied and give them to camp to sell as fundraisers. At least 15 years of past camp T-shirts are in the comforters!

**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](mailto:patsydirksen@mcc.org) or calling 316-283-2720. Two sizes are available: **9 lbs.**