

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

## Sunday, August 18

- 9:15 AM Intergenerational Sunday School: Nature/Prayer Walk—meeting location is at Bethel College Memorial Grove near Sand Creek trail.
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Laura
- 11:30 AM Small Groups Fair following the worship service—Gathering Area
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

## Wednesday, August 21

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting

## Sunday, August 25

- 9:15 AM Sunday School—Intergenerational Sunday School: Coloring AND Board Games
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Luke
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

## Upcoming worship service:

### September 1

- 9:15 AM—Sunday School
- 10:30 AM—Worship Service



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# First Mennonite Church

## Newton, KS

## August 18, 2024

# First Mennonite Church Newton, KS Please Pass the Faith

**Special Music**  
*This Little Light of Mine*  
Melody Bontrager

**Meditation**  
*Please Pass the Faith*  
Pastor Laura Goerzen

**Hymn of Response**  
*Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us* VT 518

**Prayer of the Church**  
Pastor Luke Unruh

## Sending

**Sending Song**  
*Heart with Loving Heart United* VT 813

**Engage Small Groups!**

**Announcements and Benediction**  
Wendy Schrag

**Postlude**  
*Ode to Joy*  
Melody Bontrager

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## Gathering

**Welcome**  
Wendy Schrag, worship leader

**Meditation Music**  
*Adagio in D*  
Melody Bontrager, pianist

**Call to Worship**  
Wendy Schrag

## Listening

**Songs for Worship**  
*Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah* VT 95  
*I Saw a Tree by the Riverside* VT 514

**Children's Time**  
Nick Sharp

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

**Prayer for Offering—Local Mission**  
Wendy Schrag

**Scripture Reading**  
Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 2 Timothy 1:3-7  
Wendy Schrag

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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, Alex Goering, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Melody Bontrager. Chorister: Daryl Unruh. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Alan Entz*

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## Announcements

**The offering for August 25** will be for the 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: [firstmennonitewton.org](http://firstmennonitewton.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 August 11—125; Sunday School—92.

**Local Mission offering** from August 4 and 11—\$4,762. Online Local Mission—\$4,306.

**We will hold a Small Group “Fair” today**, in the Gathering Area immediately following the worship service. We want to invite small group representatives to be available to visit with people about their small group and take down contact info for those who might be interested in joining. We want to make this “Fair” an opportunity for new groups to get started and old groups to gather new participants as needed.

**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 25 – Coloring AND Board Games

**Plastic recycling:** by recycling 1000 lb, FMC earned a free outdoor bench from the Trex company, which recently arrived! You can try it out next to the office. Thank you to everyone for working together toward this goal! Please continue bringing your plastic bags to the bins at church. Currently we’re sharing it with Faith Mennonite.

**Refugee Resettlement Project:** It’s time to begin fundraising for bringing a family from Ukraine to Newton. To donate, write your checks to First Mennonite Church and designate it for the Refugee Resettlement fund. An online giving option is also available.

**As we make plans to resettle a family from Ukraine**, let’s also be mindful of our Casa Betania neighbors in their efforts to help folks settle in the Newton Community. A couple of needs that we are aware of: A person in need of a small car. If you have a small car that you are willing to part with, even if it needs repair (there are some home-grown mechanics among us!) please notify someone on Outreach, Mission and Peace Commission or the church office. Also there’s a family that needs a three or four bed-

room house to rent, or to purchase as a fixer-upper. If you know of an available house that could fit this description, please respond!

**State Fair help needed, September 6-15**—if you are interested in helping to drive a tractor for MCC to shuttle people to and from the parking lots at the State Fair, please contact the Church Office.

**Evelyn Smith Music Scholarship**—We are now receiving applications for the Evelyn Smith Music Scholarships for the fall semester 2024. There are flyers available in the Gathering Area with information on how to apply if you are new, and how to reapply if you have previously received a scholarship. The applications need to be completed by August 15. For more information, contact Barb Claassen

**It is time for the Financial Stewardship Committee** to come up with another pictorial display. The display depicts the income and expenses for each month. The color red indicates the expenses and the green portrays the income received. The different cars represent the remaining months of the year. This is just another way in which we will be sharing the financial picture of Local Missions with you. A special thanks to Carol Entz, Kara Schmidt and Kiley Schmidt for working on this project.

~Financial Stewardship Committee

**Old Piano Give-Away!** First Mennonite has three upright pianos that have been evaluated and are not worth fixing to make them playable. If you have creative ideas about how you might like to re-purpose or reclaim one of these old pianos, contact Daryl Unruh by the end of August. Please note that these pianos are not currently tunable or playable! After August 30, the pianos will be hauled to a suitable piano graveyard.

**Family Heirlooms – Bibles of Various Ages and Sizes.** The current exhibit of the Historical Committee has been a display of heirloom Bibles from a number of First Mennonite families. At this time, there are three Bibles being presented: one, a 165 year old German Bible (Martin Luther's translation); a Holy Bible (KJV) gifted in 1935; and three, a Greek New Testament (1909 Edition). They can be viewed in the corner display cabinets at the west end of the Gathering Area.

### Community Announcements

**Today, August 18—Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, 3:00 PM,** with Lorna Harder, professor emeritus of biology at Hesston College and former curator of natural history at Kauffman Museum, on the 40th anniversary of the museum's tallgrass prairie reconstruction; in the museum auditorium (corner of Main & 27th streets, North Newton).

**URGENT OPENING:** Would you or someone you know consider serving a two-year term as an MCC mobile [canner operator](#)? Do you want to gain new skills while traveling across the country? To learn more, contact Joe Miller at [joemiller@mcc.org](mailto:joemiller@mcc.org) or 717-808-2417.

**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).

**We're just a few weeks away** from the Western District Women in Mission Women's & Girls' Retreat on September 7-8 at Camp Menno'sah with our theme of Peaceful Practices. **Registrations are due by August 30.** The retreat brochure and registration form are on our website at this link: <https://www.westerndistrictwomeninmission.org/events> If you plan to come Saturday morning to tie comforters, please remember that lunch is not provided, so bring a sack lunch. Questions? Send an e-mail to [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com).

**Forum on Democracy and Christianity with David Gushee**, Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics at Mercer University, Sunday, September 15, 3:00 PM, *Memorial Hall at Bethel College*; sponsored by Bethel College Mennonite Church and the Bethel Department of Bible and Religion. Gushee will also speak in convocation Monday, September 16, 11:00 AM, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

**Want to learn more about First Mennonite?**

Scan the QR code or fill out the purple or green card in your pew and a pastor will reach out to you!



**OUR VISION**—Together in Christ: rooted deeply, reaching widely, loving well  
**OUR MISSION**—With Jesus as our center, we are called to be:

- Faith-Focused
- Mission-Minded
- Community-Connected

