

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 25

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

Wednesday, August 28

- 7:00 PM Youth Group

Sunday, September 1

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Laura—*Introducing the Gospel of Mark*
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

Upcoming worship service:

September 8

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



First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
August 25, 2024

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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First Mennonite Church Newton, KS For Everything, A Season

Gathering

Welcome

Dana Neff, worship leader

Meditation Music

Medley with *Cares Chorus* and *In His Time*
Jyl Ewy, pianist

Call to Worship

Dana Neff

Listening

Songs for Worship

This is Amazing Grace
Jesus Messiah

Children's Time

Keith Knopp

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

Prayer for Offering—Local Mission

Dana Neff

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Dana Neff

Sermon

For Everything, A Season
Pastor Luke Unruh

Song of Response

10,000 Reasons

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Sending

Sending Song

Revelation Song

Announcements and Benediction

Dana Neff

Postlude

Adoration
Jyl Ewy

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, Sarah Koehn, Isaac Koehn, and Melody Enns are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Jyl Ewy, Joey Menninga, Luke Unruh. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Kevin Hamm

Announcements

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

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!



Happy Birthday!

LaWanda Wiens—August 25
Pat Denno—August 26
Dwight Claassen—August 27
Nick Sharp—August 27
Brent Voran—August 27
Isaac Entz—August 28
Alyssa Becker—August 29
Harry Ensz—August 29
Henry Nickel—August 31



Have you ever wished you could listen to your favorite worship songs performed by our outstanding FMC bands anytime you want. Now you can by downloading your favorite songs and performances from the new FMC Playlist. This QR code will take you to a site that has 46 songs that you can download and listen to anytime. You can download one or all of the songs. Check back periodically as new songs will be added from time to time.



The offering for September 1 will be for Mennonite Mission Network. 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.

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 18—141; Sunday School—60.

Congratulations to John and Olivia (Miller) Reimer on the birth of their son, Declan John. He was born Sunday, August 18. Congratulations as well to Forrest and Nora Miller, grandparents. We wish God’s richest blessing on this new life.

In sympathy—Harvey Pankratz (89) passed away on August 18. His graveside service will be at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, August 27, at Greenwood Cemetery. Harvey attended church several years ago and was a member here at FMC. We extend our condolences to Harvey’s family.

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 bedroom 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.

First Mennonite Church Retreat 2024

Please reserve October 12 and 13 for a church retreat at Camp Mennoscah.

The lodging will be different this year since it appears that the retreat center will not be available, as it is still under construction. However, there will be limited space available in Sunflower and Cottonwood. Due to limited space, if you plan to spend overnight, we would encourage you to bring tents, campers or RV's. The camp cabins are also available for those who wish to use them. We are looking into the possibility of having transportation available to camp on Saturday night and would return home for the night and return on Sunday morning.

There will be three meals at camp: Saturday evening, Sunday breakfast and Sunday noon. The cost of the food and fees to be at camp will be paid for. You will, however, need to pay for the night's lodging.

There will be registration forms available at the church office. Even though it is some time away, it would help out planning to have the registrations as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, you can contact one of the persons involved in planning the retreat: Laura Goerzen, John and Janice Good, Jeff and Addie Kauffman, Dewayne and Betty Pauls, Ken and Amy Regier, Daryl and Cindy Unruh, and Brent and Cora Voran.

Small Group Opportunities: If you missed the small group fair last Sunday, you can still sign up for a small group! Below is the list of open small groups and their contact persons (contact info in the church yearbook, or reach out to the church office):

- Men's intergenerational small group (meets every 2 weeks) – Kevin Hamm
- Women's intergenerational small group (meets every 2 weeks) – Barb Claassen
- Men's & women's intergenerational small group (meets monthly) – John & Janice Good
- Running group (meets weekly) – Chris Weaver
- Peace Pod knitting and sewing group (meets monthly) – Elena Entz Wiebe
- Men's Bible Study – Sam Claassen
- Missional Discipleship Groups (meets weekly) – Keith Knopp

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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

Etcetera Shop opportunity: Do you want to expand your social circle? Do you want to make new friends? Do you want to be a part of a mission that serves our local communities and the world? Then join us for our Volunteer Experience on Saturday, August 31st from 9-11 am, as we explore the mission and vision of the Newton Et Cetera Shop! We will journey through the history of the shop, our current vision, the work of our volunteers, and how you might become a part of this vital mission in our community! This event is open to all!

The Life Enrichment program at Bethel College plans to start up again on Wednesdays from August 28-November 20 this Fall. Life Enrichment is for people age 60 and above and is an excellent way to continue learning and meet people from the surrounding area in a relaxed setting. For more information see the link below or contact Byron Ediger, chair, 316-772-0488, edigerbyron@gmail.com, or Ben Lichti, coordinator for alumni and church relations at Bethel, 316-284-5251, blighti@bethelks.edu.

We're just a few weeks away from the Western District Women in Mission Women's & Girls' Retreat on September 7-8 at Camp Mennoscah 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.

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.