

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 4

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

Wednesday, August 7

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 6:30 PM Game Night—FH
- 6:30 PM Worship Commission

Thursday, August 8

- 6:00 PM Youth Group—Senior farewell at Carol Entz's house

Sunday, August 11

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

Upcoming worship service:

August 18

- 9:15 AM—Intergenerational Sunday School: Nature/Prayer Walk—meeting location is at Bethel College Memorial Grove near Sand Creek trail.



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
August 4, 2024

First Mennonite Church Newton, KS Remembering Our Center

Gathering

Welcome

Dana Neff, worship leader

Gathering Music

I Lift My Eyes Up
Ben's Band

Call to Worship

Dana Neff

Listening

Song for Worship

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Children's Time

Chris Weaver

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

Prayer for Offering—Scholarship Fund

Dana Neff

Reading Based on the Story of:
"The Loving Father and His Two Lost Sons"
(Luke 15:11-32)
Dana Neff

Sermon

Remembering Our Center
Pastor Laura Goerzen

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Sending

Sending Song

From North and South, From East and West

Announcements and Benediction

Dana Neff

Postlude

Felix Culpa
Ben's Band

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, Kent Erb, Ryan Goertzen Regier, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Ben's Band. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Brent Voran

Announcements

The offering for August 11 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: 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 28—125; Sunday School—100.

Local Mission offering—July 21 and 28: \$10,355. Online Local Mission: \$3,820.

Board Game Night: Nurture Commission will host a board game night the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be games provided, but participants are encouraged to bring other games they are excited to play or share! Games will range in difficulty from Uno to Wingspan and beyond! **See you this Wednesday, August 7!**

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 11 – Board games
- August 18 – Nature/Prayer Walk—Bethel College Memorial Grove near Sand Creek trail.
- August 25 – Stay tuned!

Plastic recycling—In June, we reached our goal of collecting 1000 lb. of plastic for recycling! Our free bench is ordered and we're awaiting its arrival. Please continue to bring your plastics to the bins here at church. Currently, it's going to Faith Mennonite Church, which just began participating in the same program. Our plastic continues to be recycled, and helps Faith Mennonite reach their 1000-lb. goal!

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 by phone

SR. HIGH YOUTH



Youth Group—Thursday, August 8, 6:00PM
Senior Farewell—Carol Entz's farm

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



Community Announcements

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.

The WDC Office & Resource Library will be closed this Friday, August 2, for staff travel to Beatrice for Assembly and the office will also be closed on Monday, August 5, for our annual "day after Assembly" staff holiday. We will open again as usual on Tuesday, August 6.

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 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.

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!

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!

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 abrahamdiazalonso@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 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.