

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 15

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Luke—*Conflict in Galilee*—Mark 2:1-3:6
- 11:30 AM Young Adult lunch—FH
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

Wednesday, September 18

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 7:00 PM Youth Group

Sunday, September 22

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Laura—*Disciples as Family*—Mark 3:7-35
- 11:30 AM Young Adult lunch—FH
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

Upcoming worship service:

September 29

- 9:15 AM—Sunday School
- 10:30 AM—Worship Service—Pastor Luke—*For Those with Ears to Hear*—Mark 4:1-34

Mark: Discovering the Good News



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First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
September 15, 2024

First Mennonite Church Newton, KS



Gathering

Welcome

Peter Miller, worship leader

Meditation Music

Hiding in Thee

Donna Stucky, organist

Call to Worship

Peter Miller, worship leader

Listening

Songs for Worship

I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Love VT 590

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms VT 160

Children's Time

Lee Penner

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

Prayer for Offering—Local Mission

Peter Miller

Scripture Reading

Mark 2:1-3:6

Peter Miller

Sermon

Conflict in Galilee

Pastor Luke Unruh

Response Song

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy VT 156

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Luke Unruh

Sending

Sending Song

Go, My Children VT 830

Announcements and Benediction

Peter Miller

Postlude

Old Hundredth

Donna Stucky, organist



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, Ryan Koehn, Alex Goering and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Donna Stucky; Chorister: Daryl Unruh. Visuals: Carol Goering. Property Committee: Mason Unruh

Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register call 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com. Attendance recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.

Camp Mennoscah—The Annual Meeting on September 22, will be a day of worship, fun, and fellowship, followed by the annual business meeting at 5pm. Events begin at 10:30 AM at Camp Mennoscah. Make reservations for a picnic-style lunch. Donations will be accepted for lunch and for the Foundation 75 Capital Campaign.

Bethel College Women's Association needs your donations of baked goods and craft items! Home-made pies, poppyseed rolls, zwieback, cinnamon rolls, other baked goods and treats for Market-in-the-Round at Fall Festival are welcome. In addition, home-made jams/jellies and craft items are needed. All of these items can be delivered to the Music Library in Luyken Fine Arts Center from 1:00-5:00 PM, Friday, October 4. All proceeds will benefit Bethel College. Questions? Email bcwa@belthelks.edu.

Registration for the Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats is open! The dates are November 1-3 and November 15-17. Lodging and crafting will be held at Main Camp in the bunkhouses and dining hall. We'll see you for another fun weekend!

Historic archive exhibit opens at Hesston College—An exhibit featuring various historic Hesston College memorabilia, photos, drawings and other interesting archived items will be featured in the Regier-Friesen Gallery located in Hesston College's Laban Peachey Center (325 S. College Dr., Hesston) from August 19 through September 29. Exhibit hours are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and admission is free.

Fall theatre production, "Antigone" The Hesston College Theatre department will perform "Antigone" September 26 to 29 in the Black Box Theater located in Keim Center. Performance times are Thursday through Saturday at 7:00 PM and Sunday at 2:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased online at hesston.edu/bookstore or by calling 620-327-8104.

Thank you to the many summer youth camp volunteers, both far and near, long-time and new! Camp Mennoscah had a successful summer because of you. 403 campers had the absolute bestest of camp weeks! (If not, we'll try harder next summer.)

Sarah Augustine will give a keynote address for the 50th anniversary of Bethel College social work on Saturday, October 5, 2:00 PM, at Kidron Hall at Kidron Bethel Village. **She will also speak Sun., October 6, 9:30 AM**, at Bethel College Mennonite Church, and **Mon., October 7, for convocation** in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. The public is invited to any and all events. Augustine is the founder and co-chair of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery, author of *The Land is Not Empty* (2021) and co-author of *So We and Our Children May Live* (2023).

Announcements

The offering for September 22 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.

FMC worship attendance for September 8—120; Sunday School—106.

In sympathy—Faye Koop, mother to Aaron, passed away on Friday, September 6. Visitation will be today, September 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, at Tabor Mennonite Church. The service will be on Monday, September 16 with Committal at 9:30 AM at Tabor Mennonite Church cemetery and the service at 11:00 AM at Tabor. We extend our condolences to Aaron, Melanie, Ella, Everett, Kit and the rest of Faye's family.

In sympathy—Carl Boyer (87) passed away on Thursday, September 5, at Schowalter Villa. Carl was the husband of Joan Boyer who was pastor here at FMC from 2001 to 2012. His memorial service will be on Monday, September 16, 11:00 AM, at Whitestone Mennonite Church. We extend our condolences to Carl's family.

Thank you to the congregation and FMC Scholarship Committee for contributing to my tuition at Eastern Mennonite University this school year. I appreciate your support, both prayerfully and financially. ~Sincerely, Madelynn Hamm

FMC is hosting young adult lunches on 'most' of the 3rd Sundays of the month this fall (2nd Sunday in December). These are for all persons 18-25ish to join in eating and fellowship together. **There will be a lunch today in the Fellowship Hall.** If you would like to help provide food or coordinate a meal, there is a sign up sheet in the gathering area. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Luke.

Thank you, thank you from the Furniture Team of the Ukrainian family our church is sponsoring. Many of you pitched in to supply various furniture (and other items), so the home is now well furnished!

A support group for survivors of sexual abuse will meet with the guidance of a professional therapist on Tuesday, September 17. If you have experienced sexual abuse, you are welcome to attend. Please contact Laura Sharp from the Caregiving and Membership Commission for details at .

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.

Homeless Shelter—Our next week to serve New Hope Homeless Shelter is September 25-October 1. If you are able to help by volunteering or with meals, contact Lee Penner at or Ruby Moore at

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.

Books from WDC Library are available to check out: The Caregiving Commission has gathered books from the Western District Library which are available in the display case near the office door. Some of the titles include "God's Tapestry", "Making Peace With Change", "Facing Feelings in Faith Communities" and more. This is just a way to care for our congregation through reading and studying. Please sign the checkout page provided and return the books to the display case after 1-2 weeks. All books need to be back by October 27.

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

Save the dates! Our Fall season of Wednesday Community Nights is approaching quickly. Mark your calendars and join us. More information to come.

Oct. 9 - TBD

Oct. 16 - TBD

Oct. 23 - TBD

Oct. 30 - TBD

Nov. 6 - Game Night (Nurture Commission)

Nov. 13 - TBD

Nov. 20 - Youth Group Turkey Dinner Fundraiser

Needed: English speaking children's Sunday school teacher for Casa Betania. Casa Betania would appreciate having more children's Sunday school teachers in their rotation. They excuse their children to Sunday school part way through their 4:00pm Sunday service. They have one class of 2-3 elementary age children and a three year old that likes to play while the older children have their lesson. Please contact Linda Shelly if interested.

Know anyone in Pest Control? Prairie View has contacted us on behalf of some Muse Apartment building tenants seeking assistance with pest control. Prairie View is looking for personal connections with someone in the business who might be able help a few Muse tenants at a reduced rate. Contact Pastor Laura for more information.

Community Announcements

Seth Bontrager, son of Greg & Melody Bontrager, will be going on a Prison tour with Higher Love, an organization that provides worship and music for prison inmates, in late November. He needs your help raising funds for the organization for this year's tour. He participated last year, and it was truly a life changing experience for him. He is excited to be given the chance to join the team again as part of a worship band as they visit inmates in various prisons in Alabama and Florida. Their theology isn't tied to a specific church or denomination. "We find beauty in our variety as we join together as one to share these four truths: you are loved, you have great worth, God is with you, and you are not forgotten!" He would appreciate any help that you can offer by going to the Higher Love website: <https://www.higher-love.org/>

Forum on Democracy and Christianity with David Gushee, Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics at Mercer University, today at 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.

Everence will hold an informative Medicare webinar—Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 PM Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn't) cover, Medicare Parts A, B, C and D in clear, understandable language plus budgeting for health care costs in retirement. There will also be time for your questions.