

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, September 22

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Laura—*Disciples as Family*—Mark 3:7-35
- 4:00 PM Fellowship/Kitchen reserved—FH
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

### Tuesday, September 24

- 6:30 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission—Warkentin Room

### Wednesday, September 25

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

### Sunday, September 29

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Luke—*For Those with Ears to Hear*—Mark 4:1-34
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

### Upcoming worship service:

#### Sunday, October 6—World Communion Sunday

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

## Mark: Discovering the Good News



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First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS  
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## Gathering

### Welcome

Chris Weaver, worship leader

### Meditation Music

Jyl Ewy

### Call to Worship

Chris Weaver, worship leader

## Listening

### Songs for Worship

*Revelation Song*  
*God of Justice* VT 772

### Children's Time

Andrea Regier

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

### Prayer for Offering—Local Mission

Chris Weaver

### Scripture Reading

Mark 3:6-35  
Chris Weaver

### Sermon

*A Family of Disciples*  
Pastor Laura Goerzen

### Response Song

*In Christ Alone*

### Prayer of the Church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

## Sending

### Sending Song

*The Blessing*

### Announcements and Benediction

Chris Weaver

### Postlude

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, Sarah Koehn, Isaac Koehn, Melody Enns are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Joey Menninga, Jyl Ewy, Joan Entz. Visuals: Carol Goering. Property Committee: Phil Gaertner*

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**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](https://hesston.edu/bookstore) or by calling 620-327-8104.

**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).

**Kidron Bethel Village** will host its annual Country Breakfast on Saturday, October 5, from 7:00 to 10:00 AM, in Kidron Hall, 3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton. Enjoy pancakes, sausage and eggs by donation. Proceeds benefit the Kidron Bethel Village Health Care Benevolent Fund, assisting residents who are unable to cover the full cost of their care.

**Bethel College’s Fall Festival** is October 3-6, with most activities taking place Saturday, October 5, on campus. Features include music, food, class reunions, football, the musical *9 to 5*, and the 50th-anniversary celebration for the social work program. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/> for the complete schedule.

**The September edition of *On the Level*** is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares the power of prayer, learn how volunteers are keeping our fleet rolling, and volunteers look back on a year of MDS service. To read more: <https://conta.cc/3ZtD4Pd>

**Looking for an Advent study?** Check out all the great study options through the WDC Resource library. We have individual and group studies in print, the Book Bundles program, DVDs, and access to digital streaming options through StudyGateway. Check out the library catalog at [mennowdc.org/library](https://mennowdc.org/library) or contact Jennie for access to StudyGateway at [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org)

## Announcements

**The offering for September 29** will be for Western District. 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 September 15—136; Sunday School—104.

**Local Missions offering for September 1 and 8**—\$7,878; online Local Missions—\$3,226.

**Local Mission update**—In August, we received \$28,428 for Local Missions. This was \$3,039 more than expenses. We are, however, \$37,075 in the red for the year. In order to end the year in the black we will need to receive approximately \$42,000 per month. Whatever you can do to help us reach our goal will be appreciated. Thank you for your continuing support of FMC. ~The Financial Stewardship Committee

**We want to thank the congregation** for their support and prayers, the numerous cards, and for their presence at the visitation and funeral service for Faye. Our family is blessed to have so many connections and relationships with those at First Mennonite dating back to the late 80s. ~Love, the Koop family

**Thank you for all the prayers,** thoughts and cards received after the passing of Stephanie. All of these were a meaningful comfort and appreciated during this time. ~Henry and Marilyn Nickel, Bryan and Kathy Becker family

**The group sponsoring the Ukrainian family** is looking for a few fans to help keep the house a little cooler. If you have a fan you would like to donate, please call Carol Goering at

**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.

## 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.

**Relief Kit Leaders Wanted:** Nurture Commission is looking for a couple individuals who would like to help organize a Wednesday evening activity of packing relief kits. Contact Amy Funk or Pastor Laura if interested!

**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.

**Save the dates!** Our Fall season of Wednesday Community Nights is approaching quickly. Mark your calendars and join us. A meal will be served from 5:45-6:30 PM. A short time of singing will take place at 6:30 followed by an intergenerational activity for all that will end by 7:30 PM. Would you or your committee or commission like to host one of these evenings? Contact Amy Funk at [amygoering@gmail.com](mailto:amygoering@gmail.com) to brainstorm ideas!

Oct. 9 - TBD—meal by Life-Sharing and FIRST Classes

Oct. 16 - TBD—meal by New Life Fellowship Class

Oct. 23 - TBD—meal by New Disciples Class

Oct. 30 - TBD—TBD

Nov. 6 - Game Night (Nurture Commission)—meal by Living Stones Class

Nov. 13 - TBD—meal by Koinonia Class

Nov. 20 - Youth Group Turkey Dinner Fundraiser

**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.

**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

## Community Announcements

**Enjoy a summer-fall evening at Camp Mennoscah and hear updates!** The Annual Meeting today has been shortened to the annual business meeting at 5:00 PM, instead of a full day event. Donations will be accepted for the Foundation 75 Capital Campaign.

**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/>

**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](mailto: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.