

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

Tuesday, October 1

- 6:30 PM Nurture Commission—Warkentin Room
- 6:30 PM Worship Commission—Church Office Conference Room

Wednesday, October 2

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

Sunday, October 6—World Communion Sunday

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

Upcoming worship service:

- Saturday, October 12—Sunday, October 13**
FMC Retreat Weekend at Camp Mennoscah

Mark: Discovering the Good News



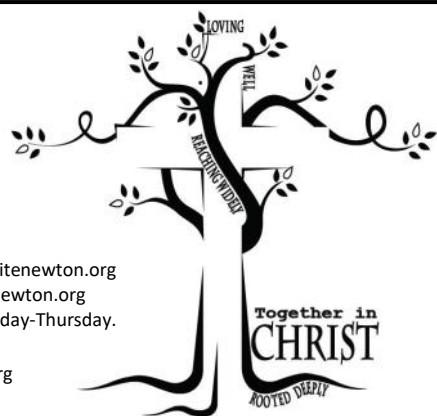
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First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
September 29, 2024

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Gathering

Welcome

Dana Neff, worship leader

Meditation Music

Prelude on a Shaker Hymn Tune

Amanda Entz, organist

Call to Worship

Dana Neff, worship leader

Listening

Songs for Worship

Open My Eyes That I May See VT 738

You Are Salt for the Earth VT 297

Distribution of Bibles

Children's Time

Shannon Bartel

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

Prayer for Offering—Western District Conference

Dana Neff

Scripture Reading

Mark 4:1-34

Dana Neff

Sermon

For Those with Ears to Hear

Pastor Luke Unruh

Response Song

What Is the World Like VT 298

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Sending

Sending Song

Sent Forth by God's Blessing VT 812

Announcements and Benediction

Dana Neff

Postlude

Sonata in Bb Major, 1st Movement

Amanda Entz

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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), on our Facebook page, YouTube, or at our Vimeo site. Recordings of the service will be available afterwards as well. Today, Ryan Koehn, Isaac Koehn, Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Amanda Entz. Visuals: Carol Goering. Property Committee: Alan Entz.

Announcements

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.

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 or contact Jennie for access to StudyGateway at crlib@mennowdc.org

The 2024-25 Prairie Window Concert Series begins with [Buffalo Wabs & The Price Hill Hustle](#) on Sunday, October 6, 2024 at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and delicious food from Crust & Crumb in a prairie garden setting. [Purchase tickets online](#) at dyckarboretum.org or call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

Mark your calendars for the annual SMCHA Banquet. This year we will celebrate on Thursday, October 10, 6:00 PM, at Faith Mennonite church in Newton. We will be featuring an ethnic German buffet style meal catered by the Breadbasket. A return of our 'bohne beroggi' made by authentic Schweitzer cooks will occur again. At this event we will focus on thanking those that coordinated the 150th anniversary of Schweitzers coming to the United States. Dale Schrag will be our speaker for the evening discussing the future. We invite you to come to the banquet on the 10th, enjoy good food, learn who we are and were, learn what SMCHA is doing and planning, have a great time fellowshiping with friends old and new, and continue our celebratory mood from the 150th. The cost of the annual banquet is \$25 to be paid at the door. RSVP to Nancy Stucky by October 7, with a text or phone call to 620-532-5693. [After contacting Nancy, you are welcome to pay online on \[www.swissmennonite.org\]\(http://www.swissmennonite.org\).](#) Come and enjoy!

Prairie Window Concert October 6— Buffalo Wabs & the Price Hill Hustle. Join Dyck Arboretum October 6, 4:00 PM, to hear Buffalo Wabs & the Price Hill Hustle. It's hard to stay still around Buffalo Wabs. They've got that toe-tapping, knee-slapping, boot-stomping kind of sound. They are part rowdy honkytonk, part old-time pioneers equating to a sound that sticks with your soul. Crust & Crumb will serve food during intermission. Learn more at dyckarboretum.org/events.

Camp Mennoscah will have a booth at Bethel College's Fall Fest on October 5th! T-shirts will be for sale and staff and board will be available to chat. Stop by and say hi!

The offering for October 6 will be for Mennonite Misson 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: 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—115; Sunday School—118.

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

Thank you for the many cards and good wishes that we received for our 65th anniversary. We do appreciate them. ~Dewayne and Betty Pauls

In August, Caregiving and Membership Commission acknowledge Kaitlyn Black's termination of membership. Paul and Christine Unruh requested membership transfer to Emma Creek Mennonite Church which was granted by Caregiving and Membership in September. We offer all three of them our blessings.

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.

Peace Pod is meeting on October 1—same time and place. Everyone is welcome to come tie quilts and do handiwork.

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.

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 4:00 PM 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.

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 PM, 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 to brainstorm ideas!

Oct. 9 - TBD

Oct. 16 - TBD

Oct. 23 - Fall Craft for distribution to those on the Care Connect List (Caregiving Commission)

Oct. 30 - MCC Kits (Youth Group)

Nov. 6 - Game Night (Nurture Commission)

Nov. 13 - Mission Field Updates from Schyler, Josh and Eli (Pastor Laura)

Nov. 20 - Youth Group Turkey Dinner Fundraiser

SR. HIGH YOUTH



Wednesday, October 2—Youth Group will meet at Dwight and Janet's field, 6:00-8:00 PM, for a worship night. Supper will be provided. Dress for the weather. Watch for specifics in text and e-mail early this week.

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/>

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@bethelks.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!

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).

Volunteers needed--come enjoy the cooler weather! Volunteers for the HVAC work at the Retreat Center are welcome Monday - Friday. A lack of construction skills should not keep you from helping out with this project. Willing hands are what is needed! Let us know when you are available, so we can prepare for you. For anyone interested in working on a weekend, two weeks notice is needed. Contact Isaac—316-217-5626 to sign up.