

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, September 8

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Laura—*Disciples and Miracles*
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

### Tuesday, September 10

- 7:00 PM Church Board

### Wednesday, September 11

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

### 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

### Upcoming worship service:

#### September 22

- 9:15 AM—Sunday School
- 10:30 AM—Worship Service—Pastor Laura—*Disciples as Family*—Mark 3:7-35

## Mark: Discovering the Good News



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### Pastoral Team

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First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS  
September 8, 2024

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## Gathering

**Welcome Call to worship**  
David Wiebe, worship leader

**Meditation Music**  
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us  
Nora Miller, pianist

**Call to Worship**  
David Wiebe

## Listening

**Songs for Worship**  
*Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing* VT 555  
*Be Thou My Vision* VT 549

**Children's Time**  
Chris Weaver

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

**Prayer for Offering—Local Mission**  
David Wiebe

**Scripture Reading**  
Mark 1:16-45  
David Wiebe

## Sermon

*Disciples and Miracles*  
Pastor Laura Goerzen

## Response Song

*You Are Salt for the Earth* VT 297

## Prayer of the Church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

## Sending

### Sending Song

*Somlandela (We Will Follow)* VT 566

## Announcements and Benediction

David Wiebe

## Postlude

*Blessings*  
Nora Miller

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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, Ryan Goertzen-Regier, Brian Kennell, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Nora Miller Visuals: Carol Goering. Property Committee: Mason Unruh*

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**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](https://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., Oct. 6, 9:30 a.m.**, at Bethel College Mennonite Church, and **Mon., Oct. 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).



**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

## Announcements

**The offering for September 15** 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](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 1—152; Sunday School—119.

**In sympathy**—Stephanie Titus (55) daughter of Henry and Marilyn Nickel, passed away on August 22. Her memorial service was held on Friday, August 30. We extend our condolences to Henry and Marilyn, and Kathy and Bryan Becker and family.

**FMC is hosting young adult lunches** on 'most' of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month this fall (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in December). These are for all persons 18-25ish to join in eating and fellowship together. 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.

**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.

**Ukrainian family furniture needs:** We have had a good start at a list of furniture to be given to the Ukrainian family that we are hosting. We still need more items, such as: a bunk bed frame, dressers, chairs for a living room, couch, end tables, shelving units, plus floor and table lamps. It is likely that there will be more items offered than we can use, in which case the "Furniture Team" will choose the most suitable one. In any case a member of that team will contact you. If chosen, please plan on keeping the item(s) until we can put it directly into the home. We are required to purchase new mattresses and box springs, so please consider giving to the FMC Refugee Resettlement Project with your donations through the church. You may sign up on the "Furniture Needed" sheet in the Gathering Place. Questions? Text or call Dwayne Abrahams at (316) 217-3881 or email to [dwayne.abrahams@gmail.com](mailto:dwayne.abrahams@gmail.com). **Important! If you sign up, please take a photo of each item and either text or email the photo to Dwayne so we can see what is offered.** Thanks!

## 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.

**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

## SR. HIGH YOUTH



Youth Group Community Night, next Wednesday, September 11, 7:00-8:15 PM. We will be deciding on our scripture theme for this semester. Bring a verse or passage of your choice that you would like to explore. We will top off the evening with Giant Dutch Blitz and snacks! Friends are welcome.

**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

**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.

**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. 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](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com). Attendance recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.

**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](mailto:bcwa@bethelks.edu).

**MCC immigration-focused learning tour in South Texas, Oct. 6-11:** 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 Sept. 20.](#) Questions, please contact Becky Teiwes, MCC Central States Borderlands Program Coordinator at [beckyteiwes@mcc.org](mailto:beckyteiwes@mcc.org).