

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, October 20

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—*The Rejected Prophets*—Mark 6:1-29
- 11:30 AM Young Adult lunch following the service
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

### Tuesday, October 22

- 1:30 PM Kitchen reserved

### Wednesday, October 23—Community Night

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 5:45 PM Supper—FH
- 6:30 PM Fall Craft and Sister Frieda presentation—Sanctuary
- 6:45 PM Youth Group

### Saturday, October 27—Sunday, October 13

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service-Special performance from Bel Canto of Hesston College
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

### Upcoming worship service:

- Sunday, November 3—*Breaking Down Barriers*—Mark 7:1-30

## Mark: Discovering the Good News



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First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS  
October 20, 2024

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## Gathering

### Welcome

Carol Entz, worship leader

### Meditation Music

*Just As I am*

Nora Miller, pianist

### Call to Worship

Carol Entz, worship leader

## Listening

### Songs for Worship

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* VT 25

*Could It Be That God Is Singing* VT 42

### Children's Time

Keith Knopp

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

### Prayer for Offering—Local Mission

Carol Entz

### Scripture Reading

Mark 6:1-29

Carol Entz

### Meditation

*The Rejected Prophets*

Pastor Luke Unruh

### Song of Response

*O Carpenter, Why Leave the Bench* VT 280

### Prayer of the Church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

## Sending

### Sending Song

*Lord, Listen to Your Children* VT 682

### Announcements and Benediction

Carol Entz

### Postlude

*Refiner's Fire*

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, Joey Menninga, Alex Goering, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Daryl Unruh, Nora Miller Visuals: Carol Goering. Property Committee: Mason Unruh.*

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**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](http://mennowdc.org/library) or contact Jennie for access to StudyGateway at [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org)

**Join Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church**, for our Annual Sausage Mission Supper on Saturday, October 26, 5:00 – 6:30. This will be a curbside pick up meal featuring our traditional menu of German sausage, mashed potatoes with gravy, creamed peas, zwiebach, applesauce and pie. Picnic tables are available if you wish to stay and eat. If inclement weather, tables will be set up inside. Cost is by donation with all **proceeds going to New Hope Shelter**, Newton. **To order meals NOW**, call or text Barb (620-543-6863) or Teresa (620-242-2357)

**The 2024-25 Prairie Window Concert Series** continues with Flagship Romance on Sunday, November 3, 4:00 PM, 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](http://dyckarboretum.org) or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

**Camp Mennoscah**—The November 1-3 Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat will be the only retreat for the Fall. There is still space at this retreat. Lodging and crafting will be held at Main Camp in the bunkhouses and dining hall. Register at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org). We'll see you for another fun weekend!

**SAVE THE DATES**—October 27-28, Dr. Eric Schmaltz from Northwestern Oklahoma State University will give the annual Menno Simons Lectures.

**Start tapping shoulders and thinking about the 2025 summer.** Camp Mennoscah will be recruiting for summer staff (along with other camps) at Hesston, Tabor and Bethel Colleges from November 11-13, respectively. There will be a pizza meal on November 13 at a location and time yet to be determined for interested applicants. (The application is not yet open.)

**Live at a distance?** Wish you could read larger print? Want a good audiobook that will help you grow in faith? Wish you could access the library from your phone? The WDC Resource Library has something new just for you! **Launching November 1, you can borrow ebooks and audiobooks from the Resource Library!** See more at [mennowdc.org/library](http://mennowdc.org/library) or contact the library at [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org)

**The October edition of *On the Level*** is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares some examples of being the hands and feet of Jesus, learn the lates on the MDS response to Hurricanes Helene and Milton, and see how wall hangings can provide colors of hope. **To read more:** <https://conta.cc/3A1Xft6>

## Announcements

**The offering for October 27** will be for Local Missions 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.

**Local Missions offering** from October 6 & 13—\$3,422. Online Local Missions—\$4,001.

**Jenson Robert, born to Logan and Aarika Hamm** (and siblings Blakely and Shepherd), on Tuesday, October 15. Grandparents Kevin and Renee Hamm, and Great Grandma Mary Lou Schmidt.

**Thank you to all who attended** the retreat at Camp Mennoscah. There were 113 in attendance. Thank you to all who helped to make this a meaningful time.

~The Retreat Committee

**Today, following the worship service**, there is a young adult lunch in the Fellowship Hall. For questions, reach out to Pastor Luke.

**Following the Fellowship Meal on Wednesday, October 23** at 6:40 PM, in the FMC Sanctuary: Donna Becker, first-person historical performer, will present Sister Frieda Kaufman. Sister Frieda, a spirited child, a curious and eager learner, and a friend to all, had a childhood dream of serving God and others as a deaconess. She is familiar to many in this congregation. This presentation will focus on her early life and entrance to the diaconate. All are welcome to attend!

**Our church kitchen** is in need of containers with lids! These are used for packing leftovers or storing in the refrigerators. **We can use a variety of sizes but they need to have lids!** If you have some extras we would take them before you recycle. We have many orphan lids with no bottoms.

**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.

### Join us for Wednesday Community Night!

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.

**THIS WEEK! (Oct. 23) - Fall Craft for distribution to the Care Connect list ...AND...Donna Becker, first-person historical performer, will present Sister Frieda Kaufman. Sister Frieda, a spirited child, a curious and eager learner, and a friend to all, had a childhood dream of serving God and others as a deaconess. She is familiar to many in this congregation. This presentation will focus on her early life and entrance to the diaconate.**

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**Meal provided by New Disciples Sunday school class:  
cheesy potatoes and ham, zwieback, green beans, applesauce and cookies.**

Oct. 30 - MCC Returning Citizen Care Kits

Nov. 6 - Board Game Night

Nov. 13 - Mission Field Updates from Schyler, Josh and Eli

Nov. 20 - Youth Group Turkey Dinner Fundraiser

## SR. HIGH YOUTH



Wednesday, October 23—"Let your light shine" - youth group worship night - meet in the youth room at 6:45 PM, done by 8:15 PM.

**Did you find a puzzle piece in your pocket** or in the stuff you unpacked from the FMC retreat last weekend? Don't throw it away, it still has a home in our community puzzle—if you have one, just put it in Daryl and Cindy Unruh's mailbox at church. We would like to complete the puzzle! Thank you!

**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.

**MCC Meat Canning time again.** Meat Canning will be October 29-31. We will be starting at 9:00 AM, and go till around 9:00 PM, the first two days and half day the last day. Sign up to volunteer at: <https://tinyurl.com/MeatCanning2024>

## Community Announcements

**The dam will be taken out today at 2:00 PM.** Meet at the shelter area (look for people and things happening). Spectators welcome, as are people to help take out the boards and clean them. Taking the dam out is not for younger ages due to the weight of the boards, but spectators of all ages are most welcome! Be prepared for whatever weather/temperatures there are. It's a fun time for both those helping and those watching!

**A Musical Souvenir from Goshen College**—On Tuesday, Oct 22, Goshen College music professors Solomia Soroka and Hillary Harder will share an evening of music, conversation, and information about the many musical opportunities that Goshen College has to offer. High school students are invited to join us for a pizza supper and Q and A at 6:00 PM, followed by a duo violin recital at 7:00 PM, open to all, at the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church (1304 K KS-15, Goessel, KS). Free and open to the public.

**New Jerusalem Missions volunteer round-up**—if you are looking for a way to serve, we are rounding up volunteers for this next season of ministry. Chili and cinnamon rolls will be served. Come hear about all of the ways you can be a part of serving our community. October 24 at 6:30 PM at 209 E. Broadway Street in Newton.

**Western District Conference (WDC) invites you** to subscribe to our weekly Tuesday announcement email "WDC News & Updates" to receive announcements from WDC, WDC Congregations, and our institutional partners as well as weekly articles from WDC staff, credential updates, and upcoming events. This is a great way to stay connected and informed about what is happening in and around WDC. To subscribe, visit the following link: <http://eepurl.com/hKcbDX> or contact the WDC Office at [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org) or 316-283-6300. Thanks for your support of Western District Conference!

**12th Annual Celebrity Servers**—Saturday, November 2, 5:00-8:00 PM at Water's Edge Restaurant in Hesston. They will be serving a three-course meal. Tips will go to Harvey County Circle of Hope. **FMC member Jenna Ratzlaff will be one of the servers.** Reservations are strongly recommended. Call 316-284-0000.

**Responding to the crisis in Lebanon and Gaza:** Up to a million people in Lebanon have been displaced in the last few days due to increasing military attacks. And the grave humanitarian crisis in Gaza continues. You can donate and **provide relief today.** MCC continues to respond to the needs of displaced people in Lebanon and Gaza. MCC is providing relief to recently displaced people in Lebanon with food, hygiene, bedding and psychosocial support. Please pray for an end to the violence and for a just peace in Israel and Palestine. Donate online at [mcc.org/palestine-israel](http://mcc.org/palestine-israel)

**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.