

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 6—World Communion Sunday

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Luke— *Victory Over Storms and Satan*
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

Tuesday, October 8

- 7:00 PM Church Board

Wednesday, October 9—Community Night

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 5:45 PM Supper—FH
- 6:30 PM Welcome Party
- 6:45 PM Youth Group

Saturday, October 12—Sunday, October 13

- FMC Retreat Weekend at Camp Mennoscah
- There is no Sunday school or worship service at the church.

Upcoming worship service:

- Sunday, October 20—*Victory of Sickness and Death*—Mark 5:221-43
- Young Adult Lunch—after worship service in Fellowship Hall

Mark: Discovering the Good News



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First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
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Gathering

Welcome and Call to Worship
Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Listening

Songs for Worship
Come and See
Psalm 40

Children's Time
John Goerzen

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

Prayer for Offering—Mennonite Mission Network
Casson Schmidt

Scripture Reading
Mark 4:35-5:20
Dana Neff

Meditation

Victory Over Storms and Satan
Pastor Luke Unruh

Song of Preparation

From North and South, From East and West VT 460

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Celebration of Communion

Sending

Announcements and Benediction
Casson Schmidt

Postlude

Felix Culpa

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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 Goertzen Regier, Kent Erb, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Ben's Band. Visuals: Carol Goering. Property Committee: Kevin Hamm.

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](#) today, October 6, 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 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!

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)

MCC seeks a full-time HR Recruiter and Central States HR Generalist. As HR Recruiter, this position supports general recruitment and selection processes for openings across the organization. As a regional HR Generalist, this individual is the front-line HR contact for all local employees, assisting with a range of HR tasks, and redirecting to specialist colleagues as appropriate. This position can be based in Kansas, Texas, Colorado, Montana, or Minnesota with a preference for North Newton, Kansas office. [Apply online here by October 23.](#)

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

Announcements

The offering for October 13 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.

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 29—144; Sunday School—109.

Local Mission offering from September 15, 22, and 29—\$12,200. Online Local Mission—\$7,383.

There will be no Sunday school or worship service next Sunday, October 13, here at FMC. We will be at Camp Mennoscah for our retreat weekend.

Please sign up for an interest group for the church retreat at Camp Mennoscah, October 12! Today is the last Sunday to sign up! These groups will start at 3:30 PM, on the Saturday of our retreat and last about 45 minutes. In addition to the announcements from last Sunday, there will be activities for children as well. We have great folks from our congregation that have agreed to lead these groups:

Fishing—Brent Voran
Crafts—Addie Kauffman and Michelle Claassen
Cookie baking—Joan Entz
Disc golf—Lee Penner
Nature scavenger hunt—Sean Claassen
Board games—Jeff Kauffman
Quilt tying—Elena Wiebe

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.

Our Fall season of Wednesday Community Nights starts this Wednesday! 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.

October 9 - Welcome Party! For those who have been a part of the community at First Mennonite for 1 week or 90 years, please come to the party! An opportunity to get to know new faces and familiar ones, join us for large group games, yard games and lots of fun.

Meal served by Life Sharing and FIRST Sunday school classes
Variety of soups, breads and dessert

October 16 - TBD

October 23 - Fall Craft

October 30 - MCC Kits (Youth Group)

November 6 - Board Game Night (Nurture Commission)

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

November 20 - Youth Group Turkey Dinner Fundraiser

Don't respond to suspicious emails—Some in the Newton community are once again receiving “phishing” emails from someone pretending to be Pastor Laura. Before responding to any email, please verify that it comes from Pastor Laura's ACTUAL email address, which is Anything else is spam.

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.

Community Announcements

Prairie Window Concert today— Buffalo Wabs & the Price Hill Hustle. Join Dyck Arboretum at 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 dyck-arboretum.org/events.

SR. HIGH YOUTH



Wednesday, October 9—Youth Group will meet at FMC. Supper is 5:45—6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Youth Group to follow. Watch for specifics in text and e-mail early this week.

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/>

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!

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 or 316-283-6300. Thanks for your support of Western District Conference!

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

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.