

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 17

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—*Glory By Way Of The Cross*—Mark 8:27-9:13
Pastor Luke
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

Tuesday, November 19

- 7:00 PM Outreach, Mission and Peace Committee

Wednesday, November 20

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 5:30 PM Youth Group Turkey Dinner
- 6:45 PM Choir
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study—Warkentin Room

Sunday, November 24

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Jr. High—Anabaptist Jeopardy
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service
- 6:30 PM Hymn Sing—Sanctuary

Upcoming worship service:

- Sunday, December 1—First Sunday of Advent/Remembrance Sunday

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First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS
November 17, 2024

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Gathering

Welcome

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Meditation Music

I want Jesus to Walk with Me
Donna Stucky

Call to Worship

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Listening

Songs for Worship

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues VT 764
What Wondrous Love is This VT 564

Children's Time

Shannon Bartel

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

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:27—9:13
Casson Schmidt

Sermon

Glory By Way of the Cross
Pastor Luke

Response Song

We Read the Cross VT 569

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Laura

Sending

Sending Song

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus VT 443

Announcements and Benediction

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Postlude

Praise Him! Praise Him!
Donna Stucky

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Welcoming Peter and Alesha Miller into Membership

Prayer for the Offering

Local Mission
Casson Schmidt

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, Eric Murphy, and Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musician: Donna Stucky Chorister: Daryl Unruh Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering Property Committee: Kevin Hamm



50,000 MEALS TO BE PACKAGED! Your help is needed to help package 50,000 meals in one day. Each meal will be used to address local food security by donation to local food banks. Buhler Mennonite Church and IdeaTek are partnering with The Outreach Program to again package non-perishable meals at the Sand Hills Event Center in Hutchinson, KS. The meals will be packaged on **Saturday, December 7**, with the first shift beginning at 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM, and the second from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. You can work one or both shifts. Job orientation is provided and no previous experience is needed! The event is open to all interested in volunteering their time and energy. There are jobs for volunteers ages 4 to 124! *“What a great way to give of your time during the Holiday season and to help those who struggle to put food on the table,”* shared a volunteer at last year’s event. To volunteer please go to buhlerchurch.com or use the QR code. For more information please contact: bmcpastor@gmail.com.

Kidron Bethel Village Holiday Market—Saturday, December 7, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. We are asking for donations for the *Friends of Kidron* bake sale booth. Cinnamon rolls, pecan rolls, breads, cakes, zwiebach, pies, cookies are just some of the popular items we are needing. Please drop off baked goods Friday, December 6 in Kidron Hall from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM or Saturday, December 7, 8:00 AM.

MCC Open House, Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 2pm-4pm all are welcome to come see the updated space at MCC Central States in North Newton. Bring your Christmas shopping list to get your alternative Christmas gifts purchased from our tree! Visit with MCC staff, get a tour while you enjoy some snacks. We can’t wait to see you at the Open House, 121 E. 30 St, North Newton! mcc.org/open-house

Giving Tuesday at MCC, Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 6:30pm-8pm we’re excited to host this annual evening of service to kick off your holiday season! This all-ages event is focused on service and fellowship. *Please bring new dark colored hand towels with you* – the more you bring, the more hygiene kits we can pack! There will be Christmas cards to write in and comforters to tie AND snacks to enjoy. What a great way to give back on Giving Tuesday! mcc.org/giving-tuesday

Can a Book of Stories Bring Peace to Palestine and Israel? Western District Conference (MC USA) Israel-Palestine Task Force invites you to join us for a book discussion group on February 25, 2025 at 7:00 PM, held on Zoom. We will be reading *Apeirogon* by Colum McCann. An apeirogon is a polygon with an observably infinite number of sides. McCann is an award winning author who writes a book of tiny chapters, each one a breath, a feeling, a story. The book is based on the real life experiences of two friends, an Israeli who opposes the occupation and a Palestinian who studies the Holocaust. They meet in a parent grief support group, as both have tragically lost their daughters. Their raw stories and their ardent peace work buoy the heart as the book takes us on a journey through love, loss, reflection, and hope. As you read the book, note the artful connections between the stories and the theme of ending the occupation in Palestine. What stories of peace do you tell? We will take time in our discussion to reflect on the book’s stories and our own. To register, email wdc@mennowdc.org, and a Zoom link will be sent out.

Announcements

The offering for November 24 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: firstmennonitewton.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 November 10—123; Sunday School—94.

Local Mission offering for November 3 and 10—\$7,562; Local Mission online—\$4,676.

LOCAL MISSION UPDATE: In September we received \$11,100 more in contributions than in October. This has caused us to have a deficit of \$7,768 for the month of October. For the year our deficit is \$38,712 at the end of October. The anticipated need by the end of December will be \$101,000. Please prayerfully consider how you can help take care of the deficit.
~The Financial Stewardship Committee

The Youth Group Turkey Dinner is this Wednesday, November 20, 5:30-7:00 PM, in Fellowship Hall. Menu: roast turkey, **CHOICE of mashed potatoes and turkey gravy or baked sweet potatoes**, cranberry salad, corn, homemade rolls, and pumpkin dessert. Since this will be the first time of having sweet potatoes, the supply is limited. There will be some alternative foods for those with food sensitivities. Carry-out meals will also be available while the serving line is open. Proceeds will go mainly to Youth Group’s summer mission trip.

Remembrance Sunday is Coming: While we did not mark Remembrance Sunday on its usual date, November 3, we plan to observe it on December 1, the first Sunday of Advent. Advent, the season of waiting, longing, and darkening days, is a beautiful time to tend to our griefs in sacred time & space. If you have a loved one you would like to have named on Dec. 1, please contact Pastor Laura (laurag@firstmennonitewton.org) or the church office (office@firstmennonitewton.org) and indicate if you plan to come forward to light a candle for your loved one. Pastors will light candles for those unable to come forward.

Directory update—

Lost and found—Please check the coat rack in the Gathering Area. There are a few coats that have been hanging on the coat rack for several months. In a couple of weeks, whatever is left hanging, will be taken to the Et Cetera Shop.

Join the Choir! All singers are warmly invited to join the choir! Greg Bontrager is directing, with rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:00 PM.

Mark your calendars for Sunday November 24, 6:30 PM, for our own **First Mennonite Hymn Sing**. Come prepared to request a favorite hymn or “heart song”. If your selection is not in our current hymnal or the previous “blue” hymnal, let us know ahead of time so we can make it available at the Sing.

Harvest of Love—Throughout November and December, the Salvation Army invites you to join in their annual food and fund drive to support people in need in our county. Items always needed are canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce, hamburger helper, tuna helper, cereal (of any kind), peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, and soups. Boxes are available in the Gathering Area and inside the west entrance to collect nonperishable items. If you wish to make a monetary donation you may write a check to "Harvest of Love" and place it in the offering. Every donation is a gift that makes a difference in our neighbors' lives!

Community Announcements

Newton Chorale and the Newton Community Children's Choir will be presenting a combined performance today at 3:00 PM, at the Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton. Admission is free but a freewill offering will be taken.

The 2024-25 Prairie Window Concert Series welcomes back *Damn Tall Buildings* today at 4:00 PM, at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music & delicious food from Crust & Crumb in a prairie garden setting. Purchase tickets online at dyckarboretum.org or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

Camp Mennoscah—There are currently materials on hand for 18 of 35 projects remaining on the HVAC renovation at the Retreat Center. Work groups can be of any size (within reason). Contact Isaac at 316-217-5626 or Olivia at 316-293-7313 to set up a time for you or your group. If you are interested in working on a weekend, advance notice of two weeks is needed. A lack of construction skills should not keep you from helping. Willing hands and the ability to follow directions are the only requirements. (Activities for those under 18 are limited and likely not at the Retreat Center.)

Everence November workshop: Make Medicare an Easy Step Everence will hold its popular Medicare workshop at its office in North Newton on Tuesday, November 19, 6:30 PM. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare. The in-person workshop will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

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

An exhibit featuring the work of Katie Petersen will be featured in the Regier-Friesen Gallery located in Hesston College's Laban Peachey Center (325 S. College Dr., Hesston) from November 1 to 24. Katie is an art professor at Sterling College in Sterling, Kansas. There will be a reception with the artist Thursday, November 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Gallery hours are 9:00 AM—4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and admission is free.

Harvey County Habitat for Humanity invites you to join us for our annual Pork Chop Dinner fundraiser on November 21, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson Ave, Newton, Kansas. Dine-in and carry-out options are available. This is Harvey County Habitat's largest fundraiser of the year, and we need your generous donations to help ensure we can continue to build a new home for a qualifying family each year. Please reserve your pork chop meal (includes pork chop, potatoes, green beans, dessert and a drink) by visiting our website at <https://harveycountyhabitat.org/pork-chop-dinner-reservations/>. Thank you for supporting the vision of Habitat for Humanity, where everyone has a decent place to live.

Prairie Lights at Dyck Arboretum—The first of two weekends of Prairie Lights will kick off the holiday season November 29, 30 and December 1 from 5:30 to 8:00 PM, each night. Experience the quiet beauty of Kansas in winter while observing tens of thousands of twinkle lights adorning the arboretum path and illuminating the grounds. For tickets visit dyckarboretum.org/events.

Mark your calendars for Anabaptism at Five Hundred: Hymn Festival on Sunday, January 19, 2025, 3:00 PM, at Hesston Mennonite Church. Hosted by the Hesston College Music Department, this event will also celebrate the release of the *Anabaptist Community Bible*. The Hymn Festival coincides with the 500th anniversary of the first Anabaptist adult baptisms that took place in Zurich, Switzerland in 1525. More information to follow in area bulletins and at hesston.edu/music.

MCC Borderlands Peace Camp, Jan. 19-25, 2025 Young adults, ages 18-30, are invited to join MCC in El Paso, TX and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico in January! This MCC Peace Camp will explore topics of peace and justice through the lens of migration, including the Biblical mandate of hospitality. Find out more and register by January 5 at mcc.org/borderlands-peace-camp.

Serving And Learning Together (SALT) applications now open for 2025! Each year, MCC offers 80+ unique opportunities to serve with our local partners working for relief, development and peace around the world. Explore the numerous possibilities that match your passions, skills, and experience. If you're between the ages of 18-30, the SALT program might be the epic adventure you've been waiting for. Check it out at mcc.org/salt!