

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 19

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service—*Anabaptism at 500: Remembering Our Foundation*—
Pastor Laura

4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

Monday January 20—Church office closed for Martin Luther King holiday

Wednesday, January 22

10:00 AM Staff meeting

7:00 PM Warkentin Rm. Reserved, Men's Bible Study

Sunday, January 26

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service—*Anabaptism at 500: Renewal Through Repentance*—
Pastor Luke

4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

Upcoming worship service:

Sunday, February 2—*Anabaptism at 500: Renewal Through Trust and Yieldedness*—
Pastor Laura

Sunday, February 9—*Anabaptism at 500: Renewal Through Peacemaking and
The Sermon on the Mount*. Sharing from Schyler Entz and
Josh Kennell



at **FIVE**
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Remembering our Foundation

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Gathering

Welcome

Judy Murphy, worship leader

Meditation Music

Agnus Dei

Nora Miller

Call to Worship

Judy Murphy, worship leader

Listening

Songs for worship

What Is This Place VT 22

Christ Is Our Cornerstone VT 4

Children's Time

Lee Penner

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

Prayer for the Offering

Local Mission

Judy Murphy

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-15 and 3:10-15,

Judy Murphy

An Introduction to *Right Remembering*

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Reflections on Anabaptism Then and Now

Chris Weaver as Felix Manz

Keith Knopp as himself

Biblical Reflections

Remembering our Foundation

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Hymn of Response

Together VT 389

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Luke Unruh

Sending

Sending Song

Blessed Assurance VT 435

Announcements and Benediction

Judy Murphy, worship leader

Postlude

Let All Things Now Living

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), 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, and Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musician: Nora Miller; Chorister: Daryl Unruh. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Alan Entz.

Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day event—“At Home on the Range,” Saturday, January 25 at 12noon—4:00 PM, in museum parking lot and grounds. Featuring food trucks, exhibits and activities indoors and out, and much more. For more information, see the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or kauffmanmuseum.org

Bethel College will offer a new course, *Introduction to Hymnology*, in Spring 2025, taught by Dr. Henry S. Waters, Director of Choral Music and Associate Professor of Music. The course will survey the history of hymns, mostly from the hymnal *Voices Together*, and analyze hymns through many lenses including music theory, poetry and theology. The class will meet weekly on Mondays at 6:00-7:00 PM, beginning Monday, January 27, in the Chapel of the Administration Building on the Bethel campus. Community members may Audit the course for \$100 (or \$50 for persons age 65+), or enroll for credit at a higher fee. To request the enrollment form, email registrar@bethelks.edu or visit the Registrar's Office in the Administration Building between 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, or 1:00-5:00 PM. Bethel College is located at 300 E. 27th Street, North Newton, KS.

Bridges out of Poverty—Circle of Hope free training. This is a two part workshop on January 31 and February 7, 1:00-4:00 PM. For more information call 316-284-0000.

Save the Date! The 2025 WDC Annual Assembly will be August 8-9, 2025 at Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS. This means the Assembly Resolutions due date is April 10, 2025. Along with others around the globe, next year at Assembly we plan to celebrate 500 years of Anabaptism. Please add this to your calendar and plan to join us!

Register now for the 500 Years of Anabaptism & Swiss Alps Tour, May 21-31, 2025. Sites: The Swiss Alps, Swiss Mennonite sites, & the 500 Year Celebration in Zurich on May 29. Preview the tour at www.tourwithweldon.com. For information & registration details contact Weldon Martens at weldon.martens@gmail.com or 402-202-9276.

Camp Mennoscah Hoodies available for ordering! Click here to order online (<https://forms.gle/QmPwMxrxD8ii9tRH6>) or contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org. The camp sign logo will be on the chest. Youth sizes are \$40. Adult sizes S - XL are \$40 and sizes 2XL - 4XL are \$45. Colors can be found in the ordering form. Youth colors do not match adult colors exactly due to color availability. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 with questions. Ordering closes January 20. We need a minimum of 15 hoodies ordered to proceed. Available ONLY through this online order.

The application for 2025 Summer Staff is open. Staff positions are needed for nature, office, music, lifeguards, crafts and grounds/maintenance. Further information available on the Camp Mennoscah webpage under Programs/Summer Youth Camps or contact 620-297-3290.

The January edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, an update on the MDS response to the LA Wildfires, a new job opportunity with MDS, plus all the details for the upcoming MDS 75th Anniversary Celebration. To read more: <https://conta.cc/40gJGz2>

Announcements

The offering for January 26 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.

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 January 12—141, Sunday School—108.

Centering Opportunity in Preparation for Inauguration Day: If you are craving connection with centered, faith-minded folks as we anticipate Inauguration Day, Pastor Laura recommends the following online opportunity offered through Braver Angels: **Join Braver Faith for a pre-inauguration gathering.** The Braver Faith Engagement Team, a relatively new “department” of Braver Angels, will be bringing hope to a Zoom event on **Inauguration Eve, January 19, 7:00 PM Eastern time.** Faith and spirituality play a significant role in the lives of many Americans, so engaging people of faith provides an opportunity to help spread the civic renewal movement of Braver Angels throughout the country. Our various faith communities not only provide support & strength to their members, but each has time-honored practices, narratives, & symbols that have the capacity to bring people together. The hourlong event will feature three speakers: the Rev. Daryl Crouch, a Southern Baptist Pastor from Mt. Juliet, Tennessee; Rabbi Michelle Dardashti, a rabbi from Brooklyn, New York; and John Wood Jr., Braver Angels National Ambassador, from Los Angeles. The three represent a diversity of religious & political perspectives. Each speaker has demonstrated a commitment to building bridges across political & religious differences. Prayers from various faith traditions will also be offered during the gathering, & the Braver Angels Music Team will provide musical interludes, including an invitation for attendees to join in singing “My Country Tis of Thee.”

Thanks for supporting me this past year, as I recovered from cancer and the cancer treatments. Thanks for the cards, meals, phone calls, and wonderful visits. ~Carolyn Miller

Mennonite Disaster Service Project: This week Carol Entz, Larry Entz, Linda Ewert, Morris Ewert, Cora Voran and Brent Voran are on a Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) project in Amory, Mississippi! They are with a work group from this area, and are repairing homes for those effected by a string of tornadoes in 2023. Please prayerfully remember them!

For Your Prayers

Madelynn Hamm is spending this semester in Tanzania for her cross-cultural learning experience through EMU. She arrived on January 9 and the group of nine students are currently enrolled in six weeks of language and cultural classes in the city of Dar es Salaam. Later, they will move to a different region of Tanzania for service assignments. Please pray for safety, health, adjustment to new culture, relationships, and an overall positive experience.

Vince Romero (44), Michael Garcia's brother, passed away unexpectedly on January 6. We offer our condolences to Michael, Pamela, Janessa, and Xavier. Please keep Michael's family in your thoughts and prayers.

WDC—Give thanks for WDC congregations observing *Anabaptism at 500* (the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Anabaptist movement in 1525) through special events and celebrations during the coming year, and pray for faithfulness in our commitments to follow Jesus as Anabaptist / Mennonite Christians now and in the future.

MMN—Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the South American celebration of Anabaptism at 500, taking place in Cusco, Peru. Pray that during these five days of worship, learning and fellowship, Anabaptists will experience renewed inspiration to carry their rich spiritual legacy into current contexts.

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Cooperative games are now available for check out in the library! We just added 100+ new resources, including games (ages 2 - adult), board books, picture books, junior books, fiction, and non-fiction. Browse the library catalog under the Resources tab on the church website or here: www.librarycat.org/lib/FirstMennonite

Offering envelopes for 2025 have been placed in your church mailbox. If you did not receive offering envelopes and would like them or have any questions, contact the Church Office. Also, if you use online giving and do not need the envelopes, please let Tracy know and she will make sure that you don't receive the envelopes. If you have already told the Church Office that you don't need them, there is no need to call again this year.

Community Announcements

Today is the Anabaptism at Five Hundred: Hymn Festival at 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.

Bethel College's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, Monday, January 20 at 7:00 PM at Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, with local pastor (retired) and community leader Larry Lee.

You are invited to the 2025 Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Annual Celebration on February 14 – 15, 2025, at the Ridgepoint Church, 8000 W 21st St, in Wichita, KS. MDS is celebrating 75 years of Responding, Rebuilding, Restoring after disasters. You will hear stories from clients and volunteers, a keynote: MDS in an Upside-Down World – God's Faithfulness. You can attend workshops on today's key issues facing the MDS organization. You can enjoy good food and good fellowship. Childcare will be provided on Friday evening and Saturday morning (limited numbers so register early). The event is FREE, including meals. Tours have a fee. For more information about the activities and registration, go to the website MDS.ORG. Registration deadline is Monday, January 27, 2025.

Those planning to make quilts for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale note that quilts need to be turned in for the auction by February 14, 2025. This is three weeks earlier than previous years. Quilts can be brought to the North Newton MCC Resource Center. The KMRS Quilt Committee appreciates all the work that goes into your contributions!

Save the date—Roots of Justice, on behalf of Newton Community for Racial Justice, will take place on Thursday, February 13 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM, Friday, February 14 from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM, and Saturday, February 15 from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Early bird registration is until January 3—\$300 per participant. Regular registration (after January 3) will be \$350. Stay tuned for the registration link and more details.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is hosting a [75th Anniversary Annual Celebration](#) in Wichita, Kansas this February. Part of the celebration, we will be hosting a volleyball tournament and cornhole tournament! The tournaments will be held Saturday, February 15, at Ridgepoint church in Wichita, KS. The cornhole tournament will start at 1:00 PM, and the volleyball tournament will go from 5:00-8:00 PM. We are looking for local teams or individuals to join the fun! There will be prizes for both tournaments. For the volleyball tournament there will also be free t-shirts and a light dinner. We are inviting anyone to register to play. If you are interested in registering a team or as an individual, please let Kaelan Swartley know by January 27, by calling 717-929-4172.

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 *Apeiogon* 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.