

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 11

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Chris Weaver will be preaching on Psalm 150
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

Tuesday, May 13

- 7:00 PM Church Board

Wednesday, May 14

- 7:00 PM Theology of the Body/Holy Sexuality—Room 224

Sunday, May 18

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Luke preaching—Ezekiel 1:1-14
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

Upcoming worship service:

- Sunday, May 25—Pastor Luke—Psalm 1:1-3

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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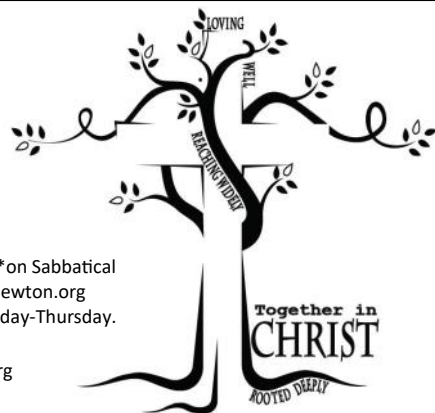
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Praise the Lord! (Psalm 150)

RANDY HORST

*First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS*

A Praise Doxology

May 11, 2025

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Gathering

Welcome

Judy Murphy, worship leader

Gathering Music

Morning has broken

Amanda Rempel

Call to Worship

Judy Murphy, worship leader

Listening

Songs for worship

Here in this Place VT 10

We Praise You O God Our Redeemer VT 34

Children's Time

Dana Neff

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

Prayer for the Offering

Local Mission

Judy Murphy

Scripture Reading

Psalm 150

Judy Murphy

Sermon

A Praise Doxology

Chris Weaver

Response Song

In the Bulb there is a Flower VT 670

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Luke Unruh

Sending

Sending Song

Praise God VT 70

Announcements and Benediction

Judy Murphy, worship leader

Postlude

Recessional on *Azmon*

Amanda Rempel

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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, Joey Menninga, Brian Kennell, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Amanda Rempel, organist. Chorister: Wendy Schrag. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Phil Gaertner

Announcements

You are invited to attend the MCC Sale Annual Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 6:00 PM, at Hesston Mennonite Church. The cost for the meal is \$20/person and you will pay at the door. Please RSVP to Barb BJ Reeves by May 19, at 620-543-6863 or bj.reeves@live.com. The meeting to celebrate our successful sale and present MCC with a check will be held after dinner at approximately 7:00 PM. A filled sandwich bag of California almonds will be available for \$20.

Calling all campers! We're taking "Another Way" and finding transformation in Jesus' way of living. Summer camps are open for those going into grades 3-12. Scholarships are available and parents volunteering as kitchen helpers can receive a discount up to full camp fees for a camper. Register here! (<https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com/>) Come build your house on the rock and play in the sand!

Kidron Bethel Village is hosting a vintage car show on Friday, June 6, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. If you have a vehicle you would like to bring to show, we would love to have you share it! Register your vehicle by contacting Kelli at 316-836-4865 or KelliM@bluestemks.org. No entry fee, judging or prizes; just a rewarding day of sharing your favorite cars, trucks and tractors.

Weekly music leaders are needed! If you know of someone who you think might be great as a weekly music leader, please tap them on the shoulder. Olivia would love to talk to them. Contact us at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 316-293-7313 (call or text). Summer staffers must be 18 or older.

Employment Opportunities—Whether you're actively job hunting or simply open to what's next, we invite you to explore open positions across the MC USA network. From leadership roles to support staff, including a **new staff accountant opening at MennoMedia**, there may be a place for you or someone you know. Check out the listings today. Find links and more opportunities on the employment page.

The offering for May 18, 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 May 4—141; Sunday school—106.

John and I want to thank everyone who has shared kind words, sent cards and emails, called, and shared food the past few weeks while Janice has been on the recovery journey. It has all been appreciated and felt. We are so blessed to be a part of this caring and supportive church family! Thank you!

~John and Janice Good

Pastor Laura will be on sabbatical from April 21 - July 21. In her absence please direct any pastoral needs to Pastor Luke (lukeu@firstmennonitenewton.org) or Chris Weaver (weaverchris270@gmail.com). If you have questions related to weekly worship plans, please contact Judy Murphy (juju7960@cox.net) or Pastor Luke.

Lost and Found—please check the tub and the coat racks in the Gathering Area. We have accumulated several items (coats, books, cups, etc.) that need claimed. There are also Bibles on the table that need to be claimed.

Theology of the Body/Holy Sexuality—In response to requests for a further in depth look at Scripture texts & themes regarding a traditional theology of the body & human sexuality, a 4 week study series is being planned for Wednesdays 7:00-8:15 PM, beginning April 23 in Room 224. While a detailed outline will give structure to our approach, time will also be allowed for conversation and community discernment of helpful and hopeful ways forward as we work to connect Scriptural guidance to 21st century realities. If this sounds like something that could be helpful for you, please put it on your calendar and make plans to attend. For more information, contact Sam or Barb Claassen.

It's time to donate to and apply for Camp Mennoscah Scholarships! Children in grades 3-12 (fall 2025) who attend First Mennonite and Casa Betania are eligible for \$100 scholarships to attend Camp Mennoscah this summer. Parents can apply for the scholarships by filling out the form they receive via email or signing up in the Gathering Area. Talk to Sara Rickard if you have questions about the scholarships. Register for camp at campmennoscah.org. **Congregation members can donate to the scholarship fund by writing checks to FMC with 'Camp Mennoscah Scholarships' in the memo line. Thank you!**

Would you like to do something to show your support of our brothers and sisters of Casa Betania? One simple way is by your presence as a visitor in a Casa Betania service. Visitors are always welcome, but there also is a sign-up sheet on the announcement board in the Gathering Area to encourage more intentional attendance and support of our sister congregation Casa Betania. If you have questions, or are interested in other ways to be involved, you may talk with Linda Shelly or Chuck Regier. The service is usually in the sanctuary at 4:00 PM, but can vary. To be sure, text or call Linda (316-734-5947). Thank you for giving this your prayerful consideration!

Gospel in Glass—Windows Reflect Salvation, Discipleship. Worshipers at FMC are surrounded with art-glass windows which are rich in biblical symbolism. The Historical Committee's new exhibit explains what the symbols represent. View the display to learn how the west side focuses on what God does for his people; and how the east side shows what God asks in response. The presentation is located in the corner display cabinets at the west end of the Gathering Area. The source of the photos in this display is an article featured in the "Mission & Memory" magazine. Free copies of this publication are available by making a request to Ron Dietzel or Andrea Enns Regier.

For Your Prayers

WDC—Pray for WDC's new Kids Meet Christ program, supporting congregations to reimagine worship in ways that fully welcome children and create space for them to meet Christ.

MMN—Mennonite Mission Network joins First Mennonite Church of San Francisco (California) this year in celebrating its 50th anniversary and its 50th year of hosting a Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) unit. Pray for current MVS participants — Conrad Liechty, Ana Esperanza Neufeld Weaver and Sav Roth Walter — as they help the congregation extend its outreach in the city.

Take a moment to enjoy our new Creation Care photo wall near the Gathering Area based on Luke 12:22-24. Thanks to all our FMC contributors!

Community Announcements

Woven and Open Road joint concert—Sunday, May 11, 4:00 PM at Bethel College Mennonite Church.

Hymn Festival—The Bethel College Hymnology class, taught by Dr. Henry Waters, will be presenting a hymn festival at Bethel College Mennonite Church, Monday, May 12, 7:00 PM. The evening will feature a variety of hymns that class members have chosen from Voices Together to reflect different streams of hymnody. Please join us to sing some familiar hymns and to learn some new ones. For more information contact David or Elena Wiebe.

Underground Railroad Racial Justice Pilgrimage—July 13-19. Register by June 15. Explore the role of faith and faith communities that helped enslaved people escape their bonds. This chapter of the Racial Justice pilgrimage series delves deeper into the struggle for freedom, exploring the ways — both literal and figurative — people took in search of their emancipation. For more information contact Stephanie Weaver at stephaniew@mennonitemission.net

South Africa Racial Justice Pilgrimage—September 16-28. Register by June 15. This pilgrimage will explore the long history & legacy of settler colonialism & apartheid, and will focus on the social constructs created around race, land dis-possession & how they so thoroughly defined, and continue to define, South African society. For information contact Stephanie Weaver at stephaniew@mennonitemission.net

Bethel College commencement weekend—Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18. Events: Nurse Pinning Ceremony at 2:00 PM on May 17, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center; Baccalaureate, 10:00 AM at Bethel College Mennonite Church; Commencement, 4:00 PM on May 18, Memorial Hall.

Two people needed to help get the pool ready for swimming! The pool needs to be prepared for a summer of fun swim times. We are looking for two college-age or older volunteers to help on May 12. The work is removing everything that has collected in the bottom of the pool, some cleaning--and tasks Olivia doesn't remember. The bottom of the pool will be slick and lifting will be re-quired. Please contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. The pool is needed for summer camps and guest groups!