

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 4

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service—Tyler Johnson—*Doubting Faithfully*—John 20:24-29
4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

Tuesday, May 6

7:00 PM Peace Pod—FH

Wednesday, May 7

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

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

Upcoming worship service:

Sunday, May 18—Pastor Luke Unruh



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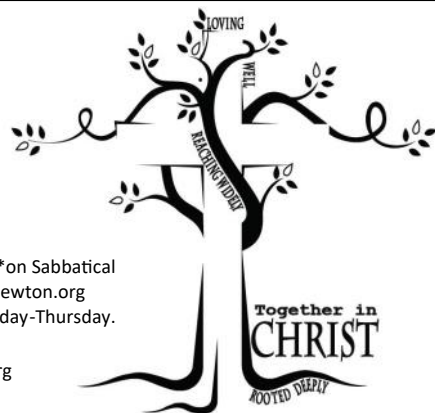
Laura Goerzen, Pastor—laurag@firstmennonitenewton.org *on Sabbatical

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Doubting Faithfully

May 4, 2025

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Gathering

Welcome

Dana Neff, worship leader

Gathering Music

God Our Protector

Ben's Band

Call to Worship

Dana Neff, worship leader

Listening

Song for worship

Angel Band VT 662

Children's Time

Sara Rickard

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

Prayer for the Offering

Local Mission

Dana Neff

Scripture Reading

John 20:24-29

Dana Neff

Sermon

Doubting Faithfully

Tyler Johnson

Response Song

Come Thou Fount VT 563

Prayer of the Church

Chris Weaver

Sending

Announcements and Benediction

Dana Neff, worship leader

Postlude

Peace, Be Still VT 202

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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, Kent Erb, Ryan Goertzen-Regier and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Ben's Band. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Brent Voran

exercise, conversation and more. It's a wonderful opportunity for intergenerational connections and to enrich the lives of all involved! Applications are required and must be submitted by May 9. For an application or questions, contact Bluestem Communities Volunteer Coordinator Sheri Esau at SheriE@bluestemks.org.

Music and Quilt Auction at The Hub on May 2! Support Camp Mennoscah on May 2, with purchases at The Hub. 10% of all sales on May 2 will be donated to Camp Mennoscah. Musical groups will play from approx. 6:00-8:30 PM & include K81, Queen Jack Jericho, Brett and Caleb Klingenberg, & The Schrag Siblings. A Camp Mennoscah tee shirt quilt will also be sold through a silent auction. A picture of the quilt can be seen at www.campmennoscah.org. Contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org for a bidding from a distance option. (The Hub, 100 S Christian, Moundridge, KS, <https://www.thehubbrickoven.com>)

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

Music and office summer staffers are needed! If you know of someone who you think might be great for these positions, please tap them on the shoulder. Olivia would love to talk to them, even if they are only available for part of the summer. Contact us at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 316-293-7313 (call or text) Summer staffers must be 18 or older and are usually college or near-college age folks.

Camp Mennoscah is looking for kitchen helpers and other volunteers to make great camp experiences. **Parents can receive a camper discount up to full camp fees as a kitchen volunteer.** Contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 316-293-7313. Summer youth camps cannot happen without you!

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.

Announcements

The offering for May 11, 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 April 27—142; Sunday school—130.

Local Mission offering from April 20 and 27—\$13,192; online—\$4,225.

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.

We want to thank our FMC family for supporting us both through donations and with your prayers as we participated in the Annual MCC Run for Relief on April 12. With your generous donations we were able to give MCC \$1,590. It was a beautiful sunny morning for a run in which 212 folks participated and, in total, raised over \$30,000 for MCC. Thank you for continuing to support us as we support MCC.
~Woody and Nora Miller

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. The focus for our May 7 session will be 'Jesus—Incarnation, Resurrection, Ministry to the body, singleness.' 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!

Peace Pod will meet this Tuesday, May 4, 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Crocheting, knitting, quilting, or any other handiwork is welcome. Enjoy the fellowship!

There is a Safe Sanctuaries refresher training scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, at 7:00 PM, via zoom. If you are interested in helping with youth ministries this summer and haven't previously been trained, this is an opportunity to do so. Contact Sara Rickard to receive the zoom link.

For Your Prayers

WDC—Pray for WDC representatives (Eric Buller, Moderator; Caleb Gingerich, Executive Board member; and Heidi Regier Kreider, Conference Minister) joining others from across the wider church to attend Mennonite Church USA Constituency Leaders Council meetings next weekend in Wichita, KS.

MMN—Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Laura and Nick Sharp, and their children, Jesse (8) and Brielle (5), as they prepare to begin a year-long assignment in La Mesa, Colombia, where they will serve alongside the Colombia Mennonite Church and its school, Colegio Americano Menno (American Menno School).

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.

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

MMN has a new position open—Regional Director for Latin America. Available for hybrid, in-office (Newton or Elkhart) or remote work. Anyone who may be qualified and interested, can find our job openings through our website at www.mennonitemission.net/employment.

The Schowalter Singers will be presenting a spring concert at the Whitestone Mennonite Church, today at 7:00 PM. You are invited! The choir, directed by Leland Flickinger, is made up of Schowalter residents and community members.

Bethel College Masterworks Concert—today at 4:00 PM. *Three Nocturnes* by Dan Forrest; *Exsultate, Jubilate* by Mozart; *Considering Matthew Shepard: A Choral Suite* by Craig Hella Johnson – with mass choir, orchestra and soloists; *Memorial Hall*.

Jazz on the Green at Bethel College—Wednesday, May 7, 7:00 PM (rain venue: *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*).

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.

Youth ages 12 to 17 are invited to become a Junior Volunteer at Schowalter Villa (Hesston) or Kidron Bethel Village (North Newton) for the summer. The Bluestem Communities Junior Volunteer program runs from June 2 to July 25. Participants will interact with residents in a variety of ways, including activities, games,