

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, June 22

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—*John's Vision*—Pastor Luke Unruh
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

### Saturday, June 28

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast—FH

### Sunday, June 29

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Worship Service—Keith Knopp, preaching
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

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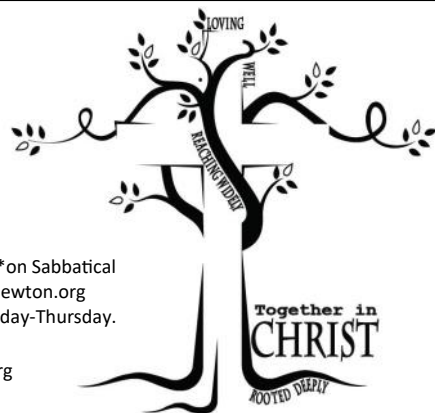
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*John's Vision: A Woman, Her Child, and the Dragon (Revelation 12:1-6)*

RANDY HORST

*First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS*

# John's Vision

## June 22, 2025

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### Gathering

#### Welcome

Dana Neff, worship leader

#### Meditation Music

*Be Thou My Vision*

Amanda Entz

#### Call to Worship

Dana Neff, worship leader

### Listening

#### Songs for worship

*Holy Spirit, Come with Power* VT 57

*Come, Christians Join to Sing* VT 28

#### Children's Time

Keith Knopp

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

#### Prayer for the Offering

Local Mission

Dana Neff

#### Scripture Reading

Revelation 12:1-6

Dana Neff

#### Sermon

*John's Vision*

Pastor Luke Unruh

#### Response Song

*Lift Every Voice and Sing* VT 611

#### Prayer of the Church

Pastor Luke Unruh

### Sending

#### Sending Song

*We are Strangers No More* VT 409

#### Announcements and Benediction

Dana Neff, worship leader

#### Postlude

*Epilogue on 'Ebenezer'*

Amanda Entz

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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](http://firstmennonitenewton.org)), on our Facebook page, YouTube, or at our Vimeo site. Recordings of the service will be available afterwards as well. Today, Sarah Koehn, Isaac Koehn, and Melody Enns are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musician: Amanda Entz. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Alan Entz*

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**Peace Connections is looking for people** to cook meals for the Tuesday night Circle of Hope gatherings. Churches, small groups, Sunday school classes, anyone can help. Contact Jenna Ratzlaff or Kendra Davila for more information!

**Kidron Bethel Village** will host its annual Fourth of July Fireworks Extravaganza on Friday, July 4, at 3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton. The evening includes fun for the whole family with games, giveaways, food & fireworks. Arrival may begin at 8:00 PM. Hot dogs, chips, drinks and ice cream bars will be available for purchase, with proceeds benefitting the Health Care Benevolent Fund. Fireworks will begin at sundown, approximately 9:45 PM.

**The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution**, affiliated with Bethel College, is offering a 2-day training on “Managing Differences Within Faith Communities” on Friday and Saturday, July 25-26, 2025, at KIPCOR’s training facility in North Newton. This course is designed for congregational leaders, pastors, and anyone who would like to explore ways to navigate differences as a faith community in a healthier way. This training is led by Robert Yutzy, KIPCOR Senior Associate for Congregational Ministries, and Keren Kandel, KIPCOR Executive Director. This course will help to better understand the dynamics when there is disagreement and gives opportunities to engage in practical tools that can transform conflict and difference into spiritual and community renewal. Please see the flier in the Gathering Area for more information and the cost of registration.

**Special Young Adult Pilgrimage with Glen Guyton**—Join Mennonite Church USA executive director Glen Guyton for a unique multiracial pilgrimage through the southern United States with opportunities for shared learning and deep understanding of the racial divides that our society perpetuates. Together, you’ll walk in the footsteps of heroes, confront hard truths, & envision a future of reconciliation and hope. This is for young adults ages 18-30. Dates—October 28-November 2. Cost—\$800. Apply by September 15. Don’t miss this chance to grow, reflect, & make a difference—sign up now.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Western District Women in Mission’s annual Women’s & Girls Retreat will be Saturday, September 6—Sunday, September 7 at Camp Mennoscah. Registration will open on our website on June 7 (register & pay online or print out form and mail with your payment). Visit [westerndistrictwomeninmission.org](http://westerndistrictwomeninmission.org) for more information. This year’s featured speakers are Pastor Katherine Goerzen & Pastor Laura Goerzen. Comforter tying will start Saturday at 10:00 AM. Afternoon seminars will include dried flower bookmarks, yoga, guided nature walk, book reviews with Bethany Martin from Faith & Life Bookstore & free time.

## Announcements

**The offering for June 29**, will be for Western District. 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](http://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 “Children’s Time” 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 June 15—124; Sunday school—107.

**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](mailto:lukeu@firstmennonitenewton.org)) or Chris Weaver ([weaverchris270@gmail.com](mailto:weaverchris270@gmail.com)). If you have questions related to weekly worship plans, please contact Judy Murphy ([juju7960@cox.net](mailto:juju7960@cox.net)) or Pastor Luke.

**The next Men's Breakfast** is Saturday June 28 at 8:00 AM, in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee will be ready at 8:00 AM and full breakfasts will be ready by 8:30 AM. The main menu as always is bacon, eggs, bacon, pancakes/french toast, and bacon. Come join us for great conversation and food. You are welcome to join in on the cooking or contribute some eggs, bacon or other food. You are also welcome to come and just eat. Dads are encouraged to bring their kids. Contact Ken Regier, Keith Knopp or Brian Kennell if you have any questions.

**Our new plastic recycling year has begun!** We already turned in 58 pounds. Every pound of plastic we recycle is a pound that stays out of the landfill, and gets us closer to earning a second bench for our church!

**Children's Offering Summer Edition** is happening now! Everyone is invited to help gather materials for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) School Kits which will be assembled during Sunday School on August 17. See the table in the Gathering Area or visit MCC's website for a packing list, and bring the new school supplies to church to the designated boxes in the Gathering Area. How many can FMC make? Let's find out together!

### For Your Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with Brent and Cora Voran at the death of Brent's father, Myron (96 years) on June 12, 2025, at Presbyterian Manor. We ask for comfort for Brent's mother, Mildred, and Barb and Jeanette and their families. Myron was a dad, husband, grandfather and great-grandfather and we give thanks for his life of faith.

Pray for the campers, counselors and staff of Camp MennoScah as camping season has begun. We ask for safety for the campers. Meet the campers in nature and the days activities. May they find meaningful "God sightings" in the weeks ahead.

Our prayers are with Roy and Sheralyn Goering at the death of Roy's dad, Homer Goering (92 years), on June 7, 2025, in Moundridge. We ask for your comfort and peace for Roy and his brothers and their families. We give thanks for his life as a father, grandfather and great-grandfather. We give thanks for his faithful life of 92 years.

Dave and Elena Wiebe are biking to MennoCon in Greensboro, N.C. We remember them as they are riding their bike. We ask for safety on the road and stamina and energy. Go with them and make their path straight. Be their guide and protector.

Laura and Nick Sharp, Jesse and Brielle have arrived safely in La Mesa, Columbia. We ask for Your presence with them as they adjust to a new culture and home. Help them to absorb a new language quickly and bring some good friends into their life.

**SEAK and Water Wednesdays.** Peace Connections is continuing the SEAK program, offering free lunch and enrichment to all, ages 1-18. The goals for SEAK are to provide nutritious food; provide interactive presentations from local resources; increase familiarity and use of those resources; provide engagement and interactions and physical activity; provide free books and materials to lessen summer learning loss; and to have fun! FMC has helped on Wednesdays each year, leading water play activities. Please sign up in the Gathering Area to help Bev with Water Wednesdays this summer. We will set up our buckets and hoses beginning at 11:00 AM each week, June 6-July 30.

**Borderline Natives—Live in Concert!** Lead guitarist **Seth Bontrager, Greg & Melody's son**, returns home for this special **Free Concert at Military Park, by the library, on June 27, 7:00-9:00 PM**. Midwest-born and Nashville-based, **Borderline Natives** deliver a powerful blend of emo-tinged alternative rock with heartfelt lyrics that speak to anyone who's ever felt lost or out of place. Formed in 2018, the band has built a loyal following through raw, emotional songs like "Best Intentions" and "Blood Sweat Sugar." Don't miss the chance to see this rising band live!

**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!

**Western District Conference Annual Assembly** is quickly approaching on August 8-9, at Hesston Mennonite Church. FMC is allowed six delegates to attend the assembly and represent FMC at the business sessions. FMC will reimburse registration expenses. This is a great way to represent FMC within Western District Conference. If you are interested, please contact Ron Ratzlaff, Church Board Chair.



**Planning a small group retreat or church leadership getaway?** Consider the North Newton Family Retreat as your next destination! This spacious home in North Newton, Kansas features 5 bedrooms with 9 beds and 3 full bathrooms—comfortably sleeping up to 12 guests. It's an ideal setting for meaningful connection with close friends or focused planning time. Generous common areas provide the perfect space to gather, relax, and recharge. For questions or to make a reservation, please contact Amy Funk at 316-284-7208 or [newtonksvacationrentals@gmail.com](mailto:newtonksvacationrentals@gmail.com). Scan the QR code for full details and availability! North Newton Family Retreat is the personal residence of Laura and Nick Sharp. During their year of service in La Mesa, Colombia, they're offering their home as a short-term vacation rental to help offset living expenses back in the U.S. Your stay helps support the meaningful work taking place in Colombia. Please note: Booking a stay does not contribute directly to fundraising efforts managed by Mennonite Mission Network. Rental proceeds help cover personal expenses not included in their MMN-supported budget (mortgage, taxes, insurance, etc.)

### Community Announcements

**It's a Party! Announcing Summer Story Days 2025.** Join WDC Resource Library staff for stories and come & go activities for ages 3-8 and their caregivers. **New this year: Virtual participation with mailed craft kits available**--sign up for virtual participation at [forms.gle/8DnWnLs64VkZJoeB6](https://forms.gle/8DnWnLs64VkZJoeB6). No sign up for in-person activities in North Newton. Join us **July 12 at 11:00 AM for a special virtual author visit from Aimee Reid** and August 9 as a part of WDC Annual Assembly. See attached image or flyer for more information or contact Jennie at [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org).