

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, June 8

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship Service—Trent Voth  
4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

### Sunday, June 15

10:00 AM Worship Service—*Stump of Jesse*—Chris Weaver  
4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

### Upcoming worship service:

Sunday, June 22—*John's Vision*—Pastor Luke Unruh



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### Pastoral Team

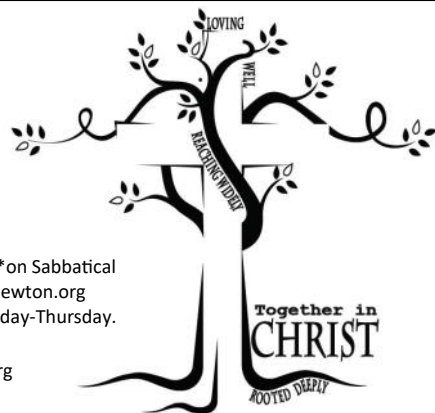
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*First Mennonite Church*  
*Newton, KS*

# Promises, Puzzles, and Pentecost

## June 8, 2025

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### Gathering

#### Welcome

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

#### Meditation Music

*From North and South, from East and West* VT460

Ben's Band

#### Call to Worship

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

### Listening

#### Song for worship

*My Latest Sun is Sinking Fast* VT 662

#### Children's Time

Keith Knopp

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

#### Prayer for the Offering

Local Mission

Casson Schmidt

#### Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-13

Casson Schmidt

#### Sermon

*Promises, Puzzles, and Pentecost*

Trent Voth

#### Response Song

*Do It All*

#### Prayer of the Church

Pastor Luke Unruh

### Sending

#### Sending Song

#### Announcements and Benediction

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

#### Postlude

*Peace, Be Still* VT 202

Ben's Band

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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, Joey Menninga, Brian Kennell, 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.*

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**Sewing Days of Summer**, June 20 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM and June 21 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. All sewers are welcome to come to MCC (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton)! Bring your own projects or sew kit bags/comforters/dignity kits for MCC, everyone from beginners to experts are welcome! Bring your kids or grandkids and pass along the joy of sewing. Please RSVP online at [mcc.org/events/sewing-days-summer](http://mcc.org/events/sewing-days-summer) or call Brocia at 316-836-5054.

**The MCC Lunch & Learn is back!** Join us on Tuesday, June 17 from 12:00-1:00 PM at MCC in North Newton. Becky Teiwes, MCC Central State's Borderlands Program Coordinator will share about courage, compassion, and faithfulness as MCC continues to work with partners and churches at the U.S./Mexico border. Lunch will be provided for a suggested donation of \$10-\$15. Please RSVP by June 9 at [mcc.org/events/lunch-learn-mcc-partners-usmexico-border](http://mcc.org/events/lunch-learn-mcc-partners-usmexico-border) or call the office at 316-283-2720.

**It's getting down to the wire, good folks.** Camp Mennoscah needs a head cook for June 22-26 and nurses for June 26-28 (3rd & 4th graders), July 13-18 (6th-8th graders), and July 27-Aug. 1 (Senior High camp). Nurses can receive a stipend or parent discount for a camper of up to full camp fees. Contact Olivia at 620-297-3290 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) with questions or to claim a week. Have other skills? Camp has other needs, too--maintenance, custodial, musician/guitarist.

**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.

**Peace Connections is looking** for quarters to help supplement costs for Laundry Love - a program that is open to the community to assist with laundry needs. Laundry Love occurs every first Thursday of each month from 6-8 pm at Sunshine Laundry on 1st street. Everyone is welcome! You can contact Jenna Ratzlaff or Kendra Davila, Executive Director, if they have any questions.

**WDC Staff position opening:** Western District Conference seeks a part-time, Texas-based **Event & Social Media Coordinator** for WDC's Kids Meet Christ program. The position will require approximately 10 hours/month beginning in June 2025. The Kids Meet Christ (KMC) program is made possible through Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Nurturing Children Through Worship and Prayer Initiative, designed to help congregations more fully and intentionally engage children in intergenerational corporate worship and prayer practices. The Event & Social Media Coordinator will serve as a member of the WDC staff, collaborating with other staff to coordinate KMC events in Texas and manage KMC social media publicity over the 5-year grant period. For position description and application form, see below. Interested applicants please submit application form and letter of interest to the Conference Minister at [heidirk@mennowdc.org](mailto:heidirk@mennowdc.org).

## Announcements

**The offering for June 15**, will be for Local Missions. 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.

**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.

**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!

**DELEGATE NEEDED:** If you have an interest in representing FMC at the delegate sessions at the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Greensboro, NC, July 8-12, please contact Ron Ratzlaff. This is an opportunity to represent FMC in the business of the wider church with registration and hotel expenses covered by FMC.

**A meeting for survivors** of sexual abuse led by a trained therapist will take place Tuesday, June 10, at 7:00 PM, If you are a survivor and have questions, contact Dana Neff at 316-284-2001.

**Pastor Luke will be out of the office June 15-20.** For pastoral concerns contact the church office.

**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!

**The next quarter Sunday School materials** are here. You can find the material on the table in the Gathering Area.

**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.

**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.)

### For Your Prayers

**WDC**--Pray for WDC congregations hosting Vacation Bible School this summer, as they invite children, families, neighbors & other church friends to grow in faith together.

**MMN**—Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for participants in the Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) units in Alamosa, Colorado; San Francisco, California; and Tucson, Arizona, as they are coming to the end of their terms. Pray that they would bring closure to the relationships they've built within their households, communities, service assignments and host congregations and that they would feel ready to follow God's leading into the next chapters of their lives. Praise God for the four participants who are continuing MVS for a second year.

### Community Announcements

**It's a Party!** Announcing Summer Story Days 2025. Join WDC Resource Library staff for stories and come and 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 June 7, July 12, and August 9. See attached image or flyer for more information or contact Jennie at [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org).

**New Creation Fellowship Church Trivia/Game Night** and Silent Auction Fundraiser to support Seth and Stephany Rudeen, who are raising funds to serve with Mennonite Mission Network in Guatemala. Saturday, June 14, 7:00-9:00 PM at New Creation Church, 221 Muse Street, Newton. **Pastor Luke is the emcee for this event.**

**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!

**MCC school kits for South Texas, June 18, 6:00-8:00 PM.** Bring your kids, grandkids, and friends to MCC (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton) for a fun evening of packing school kits for MCC partner The Sidewalk School. Hear about this partner from MCC Borderlands Program Coordinator, Becky Teiwes and for extra summer fun, enjoy hand-made ice cream from Salted Creamery at the end of the evening. Donations welcome to help cover the cost of school kit materials. For more info: [mcc.org/events/school-kits-south-texas](https://mcc.org/events/school-kits-south-texas) or call 316.283.2720.

**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.