

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, August 3

- 9:15 AM Sunday School—Coffee, Coloring, and Kool-Aid
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Laura preaches. Madelynn Hamm shares about her service trip to Tanzania.
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

### Tuesday, August 5

- 7:00 PM Peace Pod—FH

### Wednesday, August 6

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 6:30 PM Board Game Night—FH

### Sunday, August 10

- 9:15 AM Sunday School—Fabric, Weaving, Civilization and the Bible with Carol and Rannie Goering
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Lyle Miller from Everence preaches; sending for Eli Regier
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

### Upcoming worship service:

- Sunday, August 17—Possible Youth Sunday



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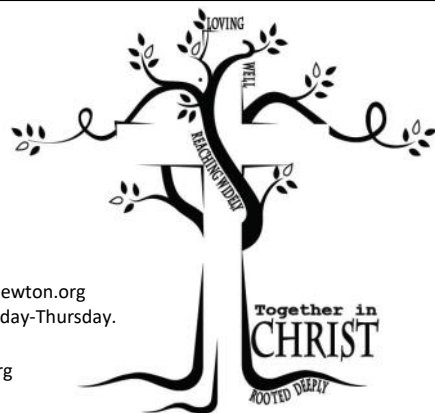
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*First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS*

# *R&R: Rest and Resistance*

## *August 3, 2025*

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### *Gathering*

#### **Welcome**

Dana Neff, worship leader

#### **Gathering Music**

*Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down*

Ben's Band

#### **Call to Worship**

Dana Neff, worship leader

### *Listening*

#### **Songs for worship**

*Jesus, Be The Center*

*Come Thou Fount*

#### **Children's Time**

Chris Weaver

#### **Kingdom Update**

Madelynn Hamm shares about her time of service in Tanzania

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

#### **Prayer for the Offering**

Scholarship Fund

Dana Neff

#### **Scripture Reading**

Exodus 20:2-11

Dana Neff

#### **Sermon**

*R&R: Rest and Resistance*

Pastor Laura Goerzen

#### **Prayer of the Church**

Pastor Luke Unruh

### *Sending*

#### **Sending Song**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

#### **Announcements and Benediction**

Dana Neff, worship leader

#### **Postlude**

*This Little Light of Mine*

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

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go, the resulting material needs that have arisen, and some responses of Congolese Mennonites. There will also be updates on efforts of North American, French, and African Mennonites to collaborate on initiatives to strengthen Anabaptist communities in Africa. Come and hear about what God is doing among our African brothers and sisters! John is traveling to visit AIMM friends and supporters this summer. For more information about AIMM and John's schedule—[www.mennonitemission.net/partners/africa-inter-mennonite-mission/](http://www.mennonitemission.net/partners/africa-inter-mennonite-mission/) and <https://www.aimmint.org/aimm-gatherings.html>.

**MCC Peace Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp**, Sept. 21-27, Divide, CO. How can we live out God's call for justice and reconciliation through nonviolence in a world that is built on the myth of redemptive violence? If you are a young adult (age 18-30) concerned about the state of our world and energized to reimagine society built on God's vision of love and justice for all, come join us for a week of experiential learning rooted in theological reflection, peacebuilding practices, and real-world application. Register by August 31 at [mcc.org/events/rocky-mountain-peace-camp](http://mcc.org/events/rocky-mountain-peace-camp). Pass this opportunity on to young adults in your life!

**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.

**Mennonite Mission Network** - Seth and Stephany Rudeen, members of New Creation Fellowship Church, Newton, KS, hope to leave for Guatemala in August 2025, and they need your financial support to begin their ministry. They are designated to serve at the Q'eqchi' Bezaleel Mennonite Educational Center, operated by the Q'eqchi' Mennonite Church near San Pedro Carchá, Guatemala. Mission Network is partnering with Central America Study and Service (CASAS) in Guatemala City, where they will begin with two months of language and cultural study before starting their service. Their diverse roles at Bezaleel will include educational support, practical contributions, and building meaningful relationships with students, staff, and the church community. Go to Mennonite Mission Network's website to learn more or to make a donation.

**Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples**—You and your community are invited to engage with contemporary Indigenous realities, explore the histories of Indigenous Peoples, and examine the complexities of Indigenous-settler relations. What might it mean for your community to stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples and actively contribute to the work of truth telling and repair? Date: October 7 - 11, 2025. To register for this pilgrimage or to inquire about scheduling a group trip, email Stephanie Weaver at [StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net).

## Announcements

**The offering for August 10**, will be for the 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](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 July 27—122; Sunday school—91.

**Local Mission offering for July 20 and 27**—\$12,465; online Local Mission—\$5,674.

**August Intergenerational Sunday School!** There will be no children's Sunday school during the month of August. Instead, there will be intergenerational activities for all ages during the Sunday School hour:

- **August 3—Coffee, Coloring, and Kool-Aid**
- August 10—Fabric, Weaving, Civilization and the Bible with Carol and Rannie Goering
- August 17—Bagging Back to School Kits, Coffee Bar available
- August 24—Board Games
- August 31—Back to Sunday School Breakfast Potluck

**Peace Pod will meet this Tuesday, August 5**, 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Crocheting, knitting, quilting, or any other handiwork is welcome. Enjoy the fellowship!

**Board Game Night—this Wednesday, August 6, 6:30 PM.** Nurture Commission is hosting a board game night the first Wednesday of every month in the Fellowship Hall. There will be games provided, but participants are encouraged to bring other games they are excited to play or share! Games will range in difficulty from Uno to Wingspan and beyond!

**God has granted all of us** gifts to be used in service to others. Might you consider using your gifts to serve God through a two-year commitment to a committee or commission, beginning in January, 2026? There will be openings on the Nurture Commission, Outreach, Missions and Peace Commission, and the gifts Discernment

### For Your Prayers

Committee. There will be information on the tables in the Gathering Area which describe the work of these groups, or contact a member of the Gifts Discernment Committee: Addie Kauffman, June Thomsen or Keith Knopp

**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!

**Save the date for Safe Sanctuaries Training!** Our church-wide Safe Sanctuaries training is scheduled for Sundays, September 7 and September 14, from 9:15 to 10:15 AM. This training is required for anyone who works directly with children and youth, and we encourage everyone from the congregation, ages high school and up, to attend. The training will be facilitated by Kathy Neufeld Dunn, WDC's Associate Conference Minister. Both sessions will be recorded, so for anyone who cannot attend, there will be opportunities to view and discuss them via zoom on a later date. Please contact Sara Rickard or Pastor Luke with any questions or concerns.

**It is Christmas in July!** Peace Connections is hosting a donation drive for hygiene items. Much like you would pull a gift request off an angel tree, please stop by the Gathering Area and take a coconut off the palm tree to provide items to families in our community. The tree will be left up until the middle of August. Let's fill the box!

**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 sup-

port 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!

### Community Announcements

**Our renovations are nearing completion**, and the shop looks amazing! Now is the time to jump on board with the Newton Et Cetera Shop! We are seeking volunteers in every area of the shop: sorting, pricing, tagging, merchandising, and clerking. Why volunteer with the Newton Et Cetera Shop? 1. It keeps you active and engaged in the community. 2. It helps you enlarge your social circle as you meet new staff, volunteers, and customers. 3. It provides a service to the community. We supply low-cost goods for those in need or on fixed income. Additionally, we offer a Free Room for those without financial means. 4. You help support a global mission of relief, development, and peace. There are many ways you can sign up to volunteer! You can find the online application at our website: [newtonetceterashop.com](http://newtonetceterashop.com). You can also pick up the paper volunteer application in the shop as you shop!

**Online registration is open for the Women's & Girls Retreat** September 6-7 at Camp Mennoscah sponsored by Western District Women in Mission. Our speakers this year are Pastor Katherine Goerzen (Tabor Mennonite Church) and Pastor Laura Goerzen (First Mennonite, Newton). Go to [westerndistrictwomeninmission.org](http://westerndistrictwomeninmission.org) for a detailed schedule, register and pay online, or print out forms to register and pay by mail. Registration is due August 29. See you there - share the news and bring a friend! Any questions? Email us at [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com).

**Transport of MCC school kits and hygiene kits** from Kansas to South Texas needed! MCC is looking for anyone traveling between North Newton and Dallas or (even better) all the way to South Texas between now and mid-August. We have kits in Kansas that need to get to Texas, and we'd love to utilize vehicles that are already going that direction to save resources. If you might be able to help MCC out, please contact Brocia Mueller at [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org) or call Brocia at 316-836-5054.

**Know Your Rights virtual training, August 14 & 15** led by MCC Central States Immigration Program Coordinator Abraham Diaz Alonso. This virtual training will help facilitate information to vulnerable immigration populations. [Sign up today!](http://signuptoday!) Reach out to [abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org](mailto:abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org), 956.904.7092 with questions.

**Come hear a presentation** by John Fumana, AIMM Executive Coordinator from Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, at a public gathering on August 26, at the Kaye Penner Education Center, Classroom A, Kidron Bethel Village in North Newton at 7:00 PM, 3001 Ivy Drive, North Newton, KS. (Enter by the front door at Kidron Bethel Village.). John will report about Anabaptist churches in the war zone of Eastern Con-