

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 13

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service—Chris Weaver, preaching
4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

Wednesday, July 16

Youth Group returns from service trip

Sunday, July 20

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



The Travails of Job (Book of Job)

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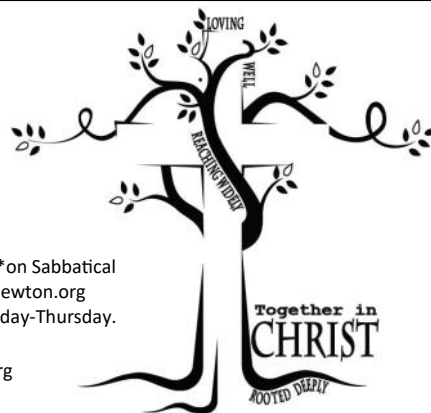
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Good Grief

July 13, 2025

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Gathering

Welcome

Woody Miller, worship leader

Meditation Music

It is Well

Nora Miller

Call to Worship

Woody Miller, worship leader

Listening

Songs for worship

Mountain of God VT 11

God of The Bible VT 420

Children's Time

Dana Neff

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

Prayer for the Offering

Local Mission

Woody Miller

Scripture Reading

Job 3:1-10, 42:1-6

Woody Miller

Sermon

Good Grief

Chris Weaver

Response Song

There's a Wild Hope in the Wind VT 828

Prayer of the Church

Chris Weaver

Sending

Sending Song

Go, My Friends in Peace VT 839

Announcements and Benediction

Woody Miller, worship leader

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Nora Miller

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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 Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musician: Nora Miller. Chorister: Wendy Schrag Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Alan Entz.

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 or call Brocia at 316-836-5054.

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. Pass this opportunity on to young adults in your life!

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 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 July 20, 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 "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 6—133; Sunday school—103

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.

LOCAL MISSION UPDATE: The summer months are usually more difficult for us to keep up with our contributions to Local Missions. This year again we have a \$12,640 deficit in Local Missions at the end of June. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help take care of this short fall. ~The Financial Stewardship Committee

Nick and Laura Sharp emailed their newsletter to the church office last week. There is a copy on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. Please do not remove the copy from the church. If you would like to read their newsletter and want it emailed to you, let the Church Office know. We can also print a copy for you.

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!

It's time to renew Anabaptist World magazine. If you would like to renew your subscription or would like to start a new subscription, please fill out the order form that was placed in your church mailbox. Our group subscription cost is \$44. Order forms are due to the church office by **Monday, July 14**. Please make checks payable to First Mennonite Church with *Anabaptist World* in the memo line.

For Your Prayers

Pray for the campers, counselors and staff of Camp Mennoscah this camping season. 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.

Laura and Nick Sharp, Jesse and Brielle are getting settled in La Mesa, Colombia. 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.

Pray for our Youth Group and their sponsors, as they do service projects at Camp Mennoscah and at Koinonia Indian Mennonite Church in Clinton, Oklahoma this week.

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.

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!

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. 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.

Join us for free daily Handbell Musician Showcases July 9-12 at the Mary Jane Teall Theater in the Century II Performing Arts & Convention Center, 225 West Douglas Ave., Wichita, featuring some of the top handbell musicians. These are part of Handbell Musicians of America's Pinnacle 2025 event and are free and open to the public. Doors open 15 minutes prior to each showcase. Our featured musicians include:

The Columbia Handbell Ensemble - Jul 9, 6:00 PM CDT

Forté Handbell Quartet - Jul 10, 10:15 AM CDT

Pikes Peak Ringers - Jul 10, 2:00 PM CDT

Embellish Handbells - Jul 10, 6:00 PM CDT

Emily Li - Jul 11, 10:15 AM CDT

Twin Cities Bronze - Jul 11, 3:00 PM CDT

Arsis Handbell Ensemble - Jul 11, 6:00 PM CDT

Rebound! Handbell Ensemble - Jul 12, 10:15 AM CDT

Distinctly Teen - Jul 12, 2:45 PM CDT

Concordia University Irvine Handbells - Jul 12, 6:00 PM CDT

*These showcases will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

The first-ever group to win the national talent competition "The Voice" is three Mennonite siblings from Pettisville, Ohio. Bekah, Joshua and Caleb Liechty, **Girl Named Tom, will give a free concert at Bethel College on Saturday, July 19.** The Green "opens" at 4:30 PM, and food and beverage trucks/vendors start serving at 5:00 PM. Local favorites and Bethel alumni The Flannelbacks open the show at 7:00 PM, with Girl Named Tom taking the stage at 8:00 PM. Plan now to attend!

Save the Date for the Kids Meet Christ Fall 2025 Workshops--November 15 in Wichita, KS. The Theme will be "Preparing the way for children in worship". Stay tuned for more details!

Camp Mennoscah needs a nurse for 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 olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290 with questions or to claim a week. Have other skills? Camp has other needs, too--maintenance, custodial, musician/guitarist.

Colorado peaches are coming to MCC! Palisade peaches from western Colorado are available for order and purchase until July 30. Two sizes are available: **9 lb. for \$30 and 18 lb. for \$42.** Orders can be placed by emailing patsydirksen@mcc.org or by calling MCC, 316-283-2720. Payment in the form of cash or check is due by **July 30.** Make checks payable to **Beth-El Mennonite Church** with "peaches" in the memo line. Payment can be mailed to: MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117 or dropped off at the MCC at 121 East 30th, North Newton. Peaches will be ready for pick-up on **Monday, August 18** at the MCC warehouse. Beth-El Mennonite Church sells peaches as a fundraiser for bierocks ingredients that are sold at the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale in October. Thank you for supporting MCC!