

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, July 27

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Ken Regier, preaching
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

### Wednesday, July 30

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting

### 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

### Upcoming worship service:

- Sunday, August 10—Lyle Miller of Everence preaches; sending for Eli Regier



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*First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS*

# *My Two Cents*

## *July 27, 2025*

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### **Gathering**

#### **Welcome**

Pastor Laura Goerzen, worship leader

#### **Gathering Music**

*Gentle Shepherd*

Jyl Ewy

#### **Call to Worship**

Pastor Laura Goerzen, worship leader

### **Listening**

#### **Songs for worship**

*Revelation Song*

*Nothing But The Blood*

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

Hope Ewy

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

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

Local Mission

Pastor Laura

#### **Scripture Reading**

Luke 21:1-4

Pastor Laura

#### **Sermon**

*My Two Cents*

Ken Regier

#### **Response Song**

*Build My Life*

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

Pastor Laura

### **Sending**

#### **Sending Song**

*Restless* VT 741

#### **Announcements and Benediction**

Pastor Laura, worship leader

#### **Postlude**

*Precious Lord Take My Hand*

Jyl Ewy

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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: Joey Menninga, Jyl Ewy, Joan Entz Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Brent Voran.*

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**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!](#) Reach out to [abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org](mailto:abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org), 956.904.7092 with questions.

**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](https://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.

## Announcements

**The offering for August 3**, will be for the Scholarship Fund. 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](https://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 20—104; Sunday school—76.

**Local Mission offering for July 3 and 10**—\$14,022; online Local Mission—\$4,390.

**The Lebid family is getting settled in Jacksonville, Florida.** They are making new friendships and connections, and have even found a church that has many Ukrainian and Russian immigrants. Their new mailing address is available at the church office.

**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 Potluck

**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 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

### For Your Prayers

**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 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

**Standing With Immigrants:** What people of faith can do to help the strangers living amongst us. Shalom Mennonite Church will be hosting Sandrine Lisk, Esq., managing attorney of Immigration Law & Advocacy in Wichita, on July 30, 7:00 PM. Come learn how we can support and advocate for immigrants in our community. Bring your questions and share your stories with others who are concerned about the state of immigration in our country in light of Jesus' call to love our neighbors. As a tangible way of supporting immigrants among us, donations will be collected for a scholarship fund supporting immigrant high school graduates and international students. Checks can be made payable to "Wichita African Business & Professional Network".

**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).

**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](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**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.

**Peace Connections is hosting** a Bridges Out of Poverty Training on August 1, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Lunch will be provided. This FREE and ENGAGING training will explore the root causes of poverty, increase personal understanding and identify ways to reduce barriers for all members of our community. For more information or to sign up for this training experience, please visit [www.peaceconnections.org/events](http://www.peaceconnections.org/events)