

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### 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 with MCC Salt program
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

### Tuesday, August 12

- 5:30 PM Worship Commission—Office Conference Room
- 7:00 PM Church Board Meeting

### Wednesday, August 13

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting

### Sunday, August 17

- 9:15 AM Sunday School—Bagging Back to School Kits, Coffee bar available
- 10:30 AM Worship Service— Youth Sunday
- 11:30 AM Sign up for Pictorial Directory photos
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

### Upcoming worship service:

- Sunday, August 24—Pastor Laura preaching



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#### Pastoral Team

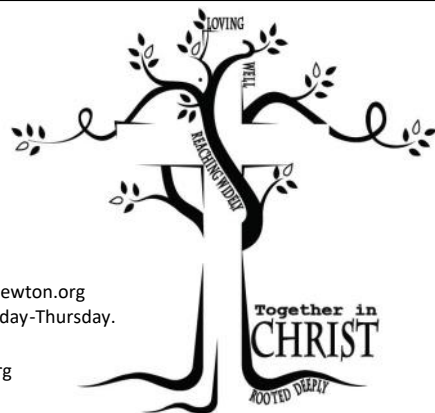
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*First Mennonite Church*  
*Newton, KS*

# *Managing Pigs for God*

## *August 10, 2025*

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### *Gathering*

#### **Welcome**

Pastor Luke Unruh

#### **Gathering Music**

John Goerzen

#### **Call to Worship**

Pastor Luke Unruh

### *Listening*

#### **Songs for worship**

*What Is This Place* VT 22

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* VT 88, v. 1-4

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

Dana Neff

#### **Kingdom Update from Everence**

Lyle Miller

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

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

Local Mission

Pastor Luke

#### **Scripture Reading**

II Corinthians 9:6-15

Pastor Luke

#### **Sermon**

*Managing Pigs for God*

Lyle Miller

#### **Response Song**

*Take My Life, and Let It Be* VT 759, v. 1, 4, 5

**Sending for Eli Regier serving with MCC's SALT program**

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

Pastor Laura Goerzen

### *Sending*

#### **Sending Song**

*My Soul Cries Out* VT 412

#### **Announcements and Benediction**

Pastor Luke

#### **Postlude**

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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 Koehn, Brian Kennell and Eric Murphy, operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: John and Laura Goerzen. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Rod Wedel*

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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.

**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 Congo, 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.

**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 17**, 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 August 3—138; Sunday school—91.

**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 10—Fabric, Weaving, Civilization and the Bible with Carol and Rannie Goering—there will be a children's weaving activity during the Sunday School presentation of Fabric Weaving Archeology and the Bible.**
- August 17—Bagging Back to School Kits, Coffee Bar available
- August 24—Board Games
- August 31—Back to Sunday School Breakfast Potluck

**Tracy Kerr will be out of the office** most of this week. (August 11-14). Church office hours will be sporadic in the morning with Amanda Entz filling in during the afternoons.

**Pictorial Directory Pictures signup**—Come to the Gathering Area on Sunday, August 17, to sign up for a time to have your picture taken. The dates to choose from will be Sunday, August 24; Monday, August 25; Tuesday, August 26; Wednesday, August 27; and Saturday, August 30. We are encouraging everyone to find a time that works for you to come and have your picture taken. If you are unable to come and schedule a time, please call the church office **the week of August 18**, to pick a time.

### For Your Prayers

**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

**Local Mission Update:** In July we received \$2,623 more than our expenses. This means that we only need \$17,753 to be in the black for the year. Thank you all for your additional contributions last month. Keep up the good work.

~Financial Stewardship Committee

**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 Minis-

ter. 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!

### 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!

**Mennonite Disaster Service** - MDS is in need of up to 12 volunteers for a project in Conroe, TX for next week, Aug 10-16. Conroe is just outside of the Houston area. If you or someone you know is available to serve or have questions, contact Kaelan Swartley at (717) 929-4172 or [kswartley@mds.org](mailto:kswartley@mds.org)

**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.