

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 28

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Luke preaching
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

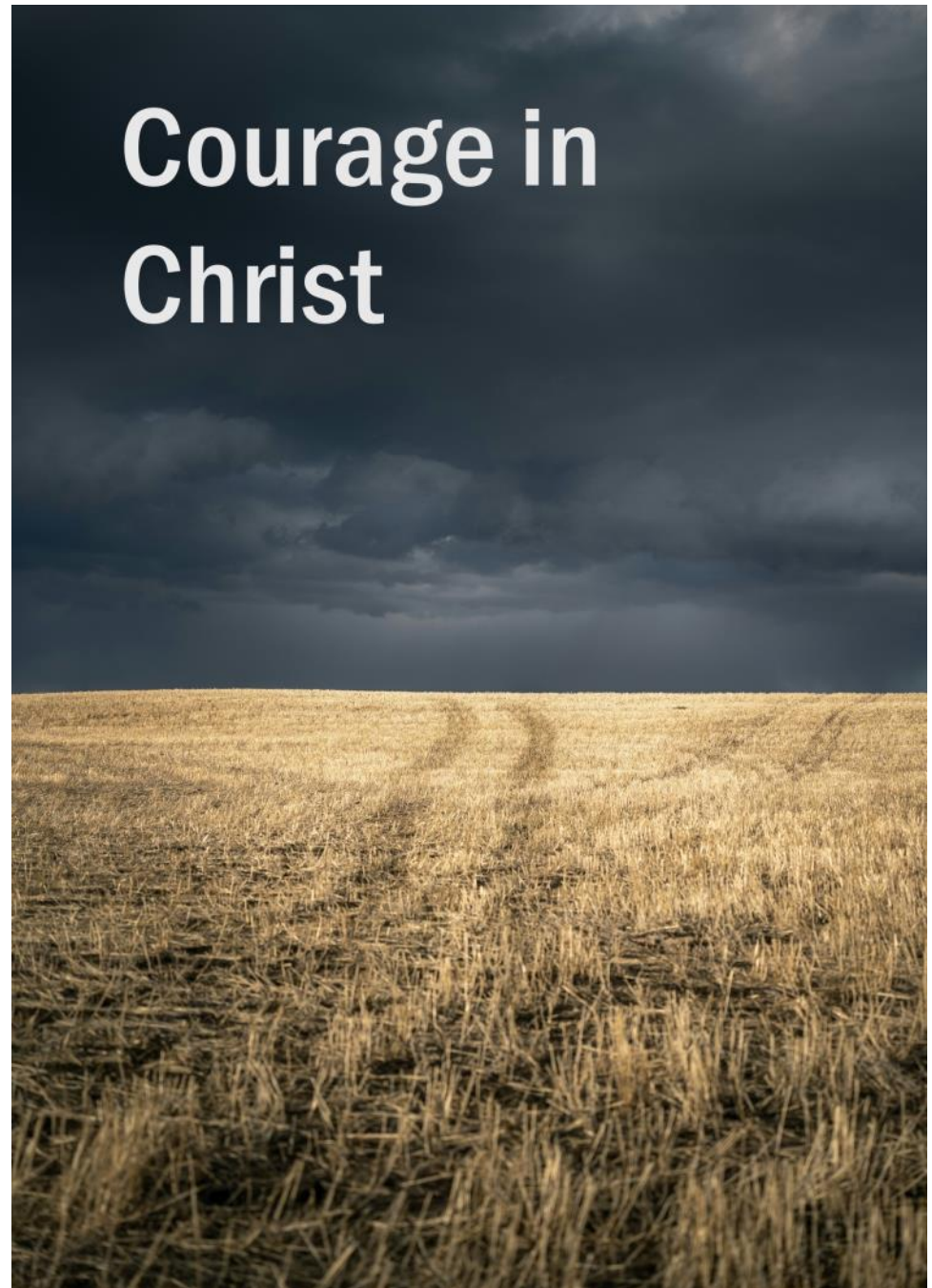
Wednesday, October 1

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 6:30 PM Board Game Night—FH
- 7:00 PM Youth Group
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study—Warkentin Room

Sunday, October 5

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Combined Worship Service with Casa Betania- Pastor Laura;
World Communion Sunday

Courage in Christ



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*First Mennonite Church
Newton, Kansas*

Zacchaeus' Courage to Admit Mistakes

September 28, 2025

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Gathering

Welcome

Dave Wiebe, worship leader

Gathering Music

Speak, Oh Lord
Jyl Ewy

Call to Worship

Dave Wiebe, worship leader

Listening

Songs for worship

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)
The Lord Almighty Reigns

Children's Time

Pastor Laura Goerzen

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

On Mission With Christ

Bev Regier

Prayer for the Offering

Local Missions
Dave Wiebe

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:1-10
Dave Wiebe

Sermon

Zacchaeus' Courage to Admit Mistakes
Pastor Luke Unruh

Response Song

I Have Decided To Follow Jesus VT 443

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Sending

Sending Song

Christ Be All Around Me VT 848

Announcements and Benediction

Dave Wiebe, worship leader

Postlude

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), 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 Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Jyl Ewy, Joan Entz. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering
Property Committee: Brent Voran*

QUILTERS CORNER IS HAVING A FALL SALE-Friday, October 3, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM and Saturday, October 4, from 8:00 AM to noon at the MCC Central States Warehouse, 121 E. 30th Street, North Newton, Kansas. Come and shop ALL things quilting! SPECIAL ITEM FOR SALE: Husqvarna-Viking Designer Epic 1 sewing and embroidery machine with many, many accessories - \$4,500. Contact person for this item is Charlotte Wenger: wengercd@gmail.com All proceeds support MCC work around the world for relief, development, and peace.

Volunteers are needed for grounds work at Camp Mennoscah. This could be mowing, trail maintenance, string trimming, poison ivy & sticker plant control, or likely any number of other things. Contact us at 620-297-3290 to discuss opportunities!

The Goessel Arts Fund Committee is hosting an Arts Soirée on Sunday, October 19, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM, at Tabor Mennonite Church north of Newton. There will be an art show in the hospitality hall that will feature local and regional artists. A concert at 3:00 PM, in the sanctuary, will include performances by the Salina Symphony Brass Quintet, Holly Swartzendruber (soprano), and a piano duo extravaganza that will feature Goessel area pianists Russell Adrian, Marcia Brubaker, Jason and Renae Peters, and Karen Unruh performing works for 4-10 hands! Following the concert at 4:00 PM, refreshments will be served in the hospitality hall. Plan now to attend this free event! (The Goessel Arts Fund Committee is a subsidiary of the Goessel Community Foundation) There is a poster in the Gathering Area with more information.

BETHEL COLLEGE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION is looking forward to Fall Festival, our biggest money-raising event. We will have our usual New Year's cookies, borscht and zwiebach and pie by the slice all outside Luyken Fine Arts Center and Market-in-the-Round inside. We again welcome your donations of homemade peppernuts, whole fruit pies, poppyseed rolls, zwiebach, cinnamon rolls, cookies, jams and jellies and other goodies. We'd love to have you donate your craft items as well! Please bring baked goods and craft donations to the Luyken Fine Arts Center Music Library between 1:00-5:00 PM, Friday, October 3, or 7:00-9:00 AM, Saturday, October 4. If you have questions, contact us at bcwa@bethelks.edu. Volunteers are needed as well to staff the booths. To sign up, click on the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4CA8A72FA3F58-50920044-fall>

Registration for the Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat, October 10-12, is open. Activities and lodging will be in the dining hall and bunkhouses. Register at <https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com>

Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting will be held at Hope Mennonite Church on October 19 at 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend.

Announcements

The offering for October 5, will be for Mennonite Mission Network. 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 September 21—110; Sunday school—101.

We will be celebrating World Communion Sunday next Sunday and Casa Betania will be joining us for worship! If you would like to bake some fresh rolls for this special communion service, contact Pastor Laura!

Courage in Christ. Whatever our politics or worldview might be, we can all agree that fear is a commodity that sells well in our culture right now. As followers of Jesus, we can also agree that Jesus calls us out of fear into love and trust. As 1 John 4:18 says, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear." What are the scripture texts, people, and stories that direct us away from fear towards courage and love? Join us at FMC this fall, as we explore the biblical, spiritual, and historical resources we have for living with "Courage in Christ."

On Mission with Christ! Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission would like to celebrate the many ways the people of First Mennonite are On Mission With Christ throughout the week. Do you volunteer? Quilt? Build relationships in your neighborhood? Write for publications? Serve those in need? We want to hear about it! Contact Pastor Laura (laurag@firstmennonitenewton.org), or Bev Regier (chuckandbev.7@gmail.com) to share your story or nominate another FMC'er who is doing great work!

Check out the new Historical Committee display in the Gathering Area. You can learn about the Koinonia Indian Mennonite Church and our past and present connection to it.

For Your Prayers

Board Game Night—this Wednesday, October 1, 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!

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

Church retreat is just around the corner on November 1-2! Registration forms are located on the table in the Gathering Area. Please return completed forms to the church office ASAP (no later than October 26). We are looking forward to a weekend filled with faith, fun, fishing, and fellowship!

Music Scholarship Fund—We are now receiving requests for music scholarships to help cover the cost of music lessons (piano, instrumental, voice, dance) for fall semester 2025. If you are interested, please contact Barb Claassen by phone (620-242-4325) or email (s.claassen@sbcglobal.net).

Share your musical gifts! Worship Commission is looking for song leaders, guitarists, pianists, and anyone who would like to contribute to worship music at First Mennonite. Whether you prefer to make music solo, as an accompanist, or in a group, reach out and we'll get you connected! Contact Pastor Laura or a member of Worship Commission: Jyl Ewy, Alesha Miller, Judy Murphy, and Dana Neff.

Community Announcements

Grace Hill Mennonite Church warmly invites you to attend the 9th Annual Community Hog Roast, taking place **today, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM**, at the church, located at 10218 SE 12th, Whitewater, KS 67154. Event Highlights: -Outdoor Fellowship: Enjoy an evening outdoors with friends and neighbors. -Meal: A delicious pulled pork barbecue meal with sides will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. -Games and Entertainment: Yard games and live music will be available throughout the evening. Music Schedule: The Flannelbacks and Brett and Caleb Klingenberg will perform from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Support the Community. A free-will donation will be accepted, with all proceeds supporting the Newton, Whitewater, and Potwin food banks.

Today, September 28, 3:00-5:00 PM, at First Church of the Brethren, 1103 North Jefferson Street, Wichita, KS—Active by-stander training and resources for rapid response if ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) comes to your church or community. Presented in English. (Hosted by First Church of the Brethren)

Monday, September 29, 6:00-9:00 PM, at MCC-Central States, 121 E. 30th Street, North Newton, KS—Know Your Rights training, and resources for rapid response if ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) comes to your church or community. Presented in English with Spanish interpretation provided. Refreshments will be served. (Co-Hosted by MCC-Central States and Western District Conference.)

WDC Affinity Group Forums: The WDC Listening Process has highlighted common themes and concerns shared by congregations, inspiring ideas for helpful resources from WDC! As one way to follow up, WDC will periodically provide Affinity Group forums for interested congregational members and leaders to engage a particular topic together. For the first forum, the WDC Resource Commission will host a ***Voices Together* mini webinar via zoom on September 30, 7:00-8:30 PM**, featuring Joanna Harader and Cynthia Neufeld Smith. Joanna is a pastor at Bethel College Mennonite Church and writes worship and devotional resources. Cynthia is a musician and retired pastor, and served on the Voices Together hymnal committee. The focus of this webinar will be worship resources and music that nurture all ages, including kids! Bring your questions about music and/or worship resources in Voices Together. There will also be time to share some great ideas about how your congregation has used Voices Together to create life-giving worship! We hope to see you on Zoom, but the webinar will also be recorded and posted on the WDC website. Spanish interpretation available upon request. [Register Here!](#)

Kidron Bethel Village, 3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton, will host its annual Country Breakfast on Saturday, October 4, from 7:00 to 10:00 AM, in Kidron Hall. Enjoy pancakes, sausage and eggs by donation. Proceeds benefit the Health Care Benevolent Fund, a ministry of Kidron Bethel Village, that assists residents who are unable to cover the full cost of their care.