

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, October 12

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

### Tuesday, October 14

7:00 PM Church Board

### Wednesday, October 15

10:00 AM Staff Meeting  
5:45 PM Community Night Meal—Life Sharing Sunday school class  
Homemade soups, variety of bread and cookies  
6:30 PM Activities for all  
6:30 PM Choir  
7:00 PM Youth Group  
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study—Warkentin Room

### Thursday, October 16

6:30 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission

### Friday, October 17

5:00 PM Sanctuary reserved for the evening

### Saturday, October 18

Youth Group Fall Retreat—Sunday  
12:00 PM Sanctuary reserved for the afternoon

### Sunday, October 19

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Laura  
4:00 PM Casa Betania service

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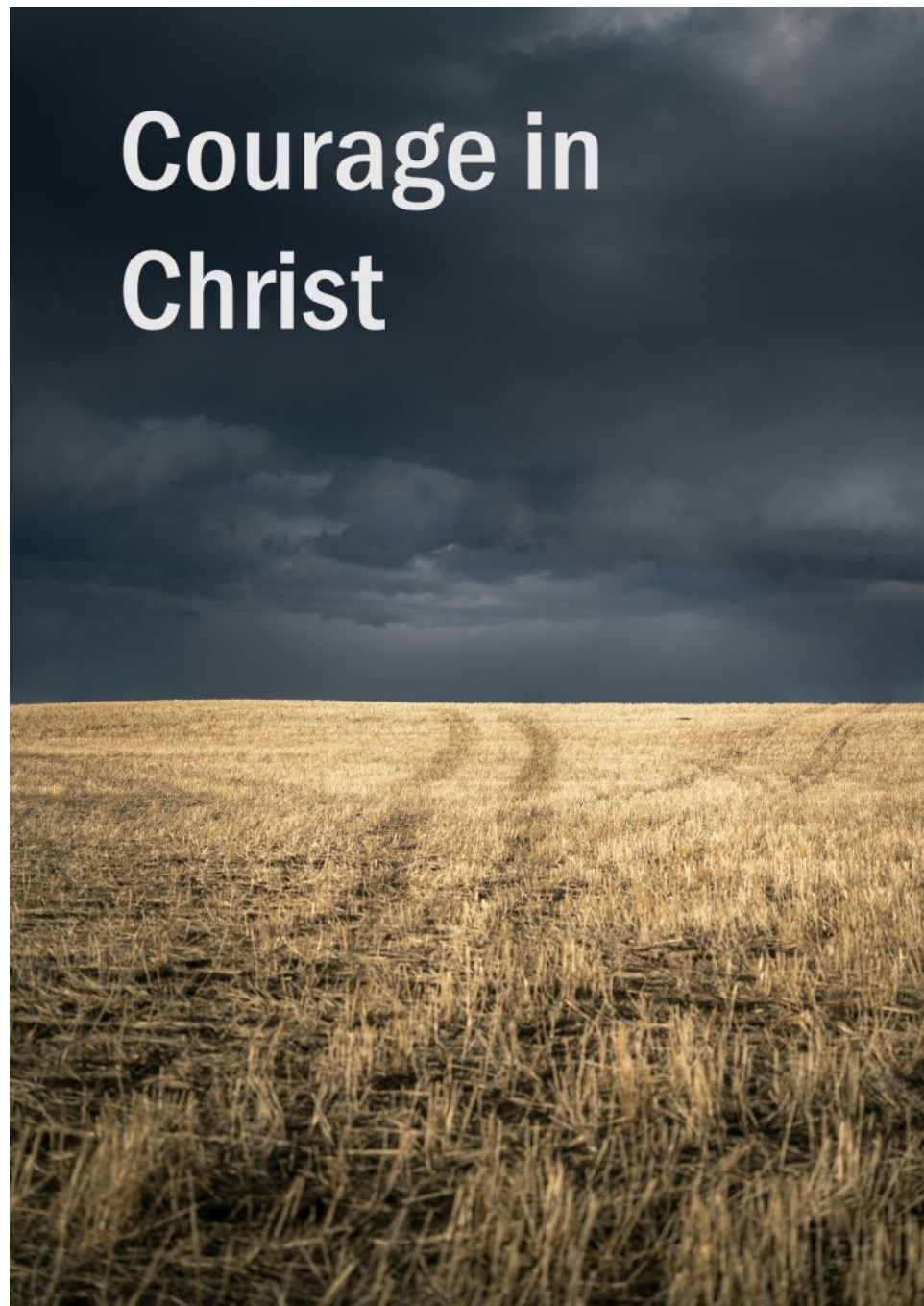
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# Courage in Christ



*First Mennonite Church  
Newton, Kansas*

# Courage to Change One's Mind

## October 12, 2025

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### Gathering

#### Welcome

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

#### Prelude

*Morning Has Broken*  
Amanda Entz

#### Call to Worship

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

### Listening

#### Songs for worship

*I Know God Loves Me* VT 158  
v. 1-4 in English

*I Sought the Lord* VT 161

#### Children's Time

Andrea Regier with special recognition for Sheralyn Goering

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

#### Prayer for Offering—Local Mission

Casson Schmidt

#### Scripture Reading

Acts 9:1-19

#### Sermon

*Courage to Change One's Mind*  
Pastor Luke Unruh

#### Response Song

*How Many Times We Start Again* VT 553

#### Prayer of the Church

Pastor Luke Unruh

### Sending

#### Sending Song

*Open My Eyes That I May See* VT 738

#### Announcements and Benediction

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

#### Postlude

*Morning Has Broken*  
Amanda Entz

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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 Joey Menninga, Brian Kennell, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Chorister-Wendy Schrag. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Dorian Funk*

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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.

**Hoffnungssau Church**, 43 13th Ave, Inman, invites you to our annual Mission Supper on Saturday, October 25, 5:00-6:30 PM. It will be curbside pick up with tables also available if you want to stay and eat. Please text or call 620-585-6733 to order a meal of German sausage, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, zwiebach and pie. Payment is by donation with all proceeds going towards McPherson Housing Coalition.

**Registration is now open for Bethel College's** Worship and the Arts Symposium, "Preaching Good News in a Troubled World," November 2-4 on the Bethel campus. There is no fee, but registration is needed to get accurate numbers. Go to <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/worship-and-the-arts-symposium/> and click the "Registration" button. The focus of the 2025 symposium is homiletics, with Dr. Luke Powery from Duke Divinity School in Durham, N.C. Of particular interest to pastors but open to everyone. It is a preaching masterclass from 9:00 AM to noon on Tuesday, November 4. The featured visual artist is Merrill Krabill, Goshen, Ind., a former professor at Bethel and now retired from teaching at Goshen College. Use the link above to see a complete schedule.

**The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association** annual banquet will be held on October 18, 5:00 PM, at the Burrton City Auditorium (203 N. Burrton Ave., Burrton, KS). Peter Buller, recent Bethel College graduate, will speak about his experience this summer at Reba Place in Chicago, connecting with bigger themes about our role as Mennonites in the world. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Schwisters. RSVP by October 11 to Dave Stucky at [bigdstucky@gmail.com](mailto:bigdstucky@gmail.com) or text or call 620-532-4408. The cost of the banquet is \$25 and can be paid at the door or online at [www.swissmennonite.org](http://www.swissmennonite.org).

**Kidron Bethel Village will host** its annual Holiday Market artisan fair on Saturday, December 6, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Registration for vendors is now open. 10' x 10' booth space is available for \$25. For more information and a registration form, contact Sheri Esau at [SheriE@bluestem.org](mailto:SheriE@bluestem.org) or 316-836-4821.

## Announcements

**The offering for October 19**, 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](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 October 5—139; Sunday school—110.

### Wednesday Community Night Activity Schedule

- Oct. 15: Faith Formation Inspiration conversations for adults and separate activities for children
- Oct. 22: Pumpkin Decorating
- Oct. 29: Sharing from Sharp Family and Eli Regier
- Nov. 5: Game Night
- Nov. 12: Assembling Care Packages for Sharps, Eli Regier, & College Students
- Nov. 19: Youth Group Turkey Dinner

**Save the date**—MCC Meat Canning is November 5, 6, and 7. Put this on your calendars to come help with this.

**Join a Small Group at FMC!** Small groups are a wonderful way to grow in faith and build deeper relationships with fellow disciples. Sign up sheets are in the Gathering Area for those interested in:

- Women's Small Group
- Men's Small Group
- Men's Bible Study
- Couples' Small Group
- Running Group

## For Your Prayers

**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](mailto:laurag@firstmennonitenewton.org)), or Bev Regier ([chuckandbev.7@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Come be part of a group of FMCers attending this November 15 Kids Meet Christ event, "Preparing the Way for Children in Worship,"** at Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita. At the event we will enjoy music from Hopeful Blues, worship together, eat good food, and hear from our keynote presenters on congregational change and engaging children in worship. See bulletin insert for more info. Sign up using the QR code provided on the insert or contact the church office if you would like to attend.

**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 week-end filled with faith, fun, fishing, and fellowship!

## Community Announcements

**As part of the annual KIPCOR Film Series**, the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution at Bethel College and Peace Connections are co-sponsoring a screening of the documentary *Join or Die*, today at 2:00 PM, at Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Based on the book *Bowling Alone* by Robert Putnam (Simon & Schuster, 2000); followed by a short discussion and a mini-fair of local nonprofits and community organizations

**Calling All Helpers!** The retreat center at Camp Mennoscah has provided many folks with the opportunity to participate in a multitude of camp activities and we are looking to jump start the renovation project with new management, fresh volunteers, and renewed financial assistance. To complete the project, we need your help whether you have construction skills or not! We'd like to create a list of people who we can email for specific work day projects as they come up. Please call or text Tom Gaeddert at 316-288-7766 with your name and email address if you are willing to help and we will send out info for projects a week or two in advance of work to be done. Donations are also greatly appreciated and can be sent directly to camp designated for "Retreat Center". Thanks for your help!

**FREE Authors Speaking Series** will be October 13 starting at 10:00 AM, in Kidron Hall at Kidron Bethel Village, 3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton. We have two speakers discussing their published books they have written. Both are amazing stories based on their lives. They will share those stories and then have a question-and-answer session following. Learn more at [BluestemU.org](http://BluestemU.org).

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

**A Fair Trade "pop up shop"** is coming to the area just in time to start your holiday shopping! Paula Brunk Kuhns, owner of ***Just Cause, a fair trade store*** based in Portland, OR, will be setting up her store at Hesston Mennonite Church (309 S Main St. Hesston, KS) for a 2-day event, October 24-25. The store will be open from 10am-7pm each day. Find beautifully crafted baskets, jewelry, home decor, kitchenware, metal art, cards, Christmas nativities and ornaments, and so much more from over 30 countries around the world.

**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,