

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 19

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

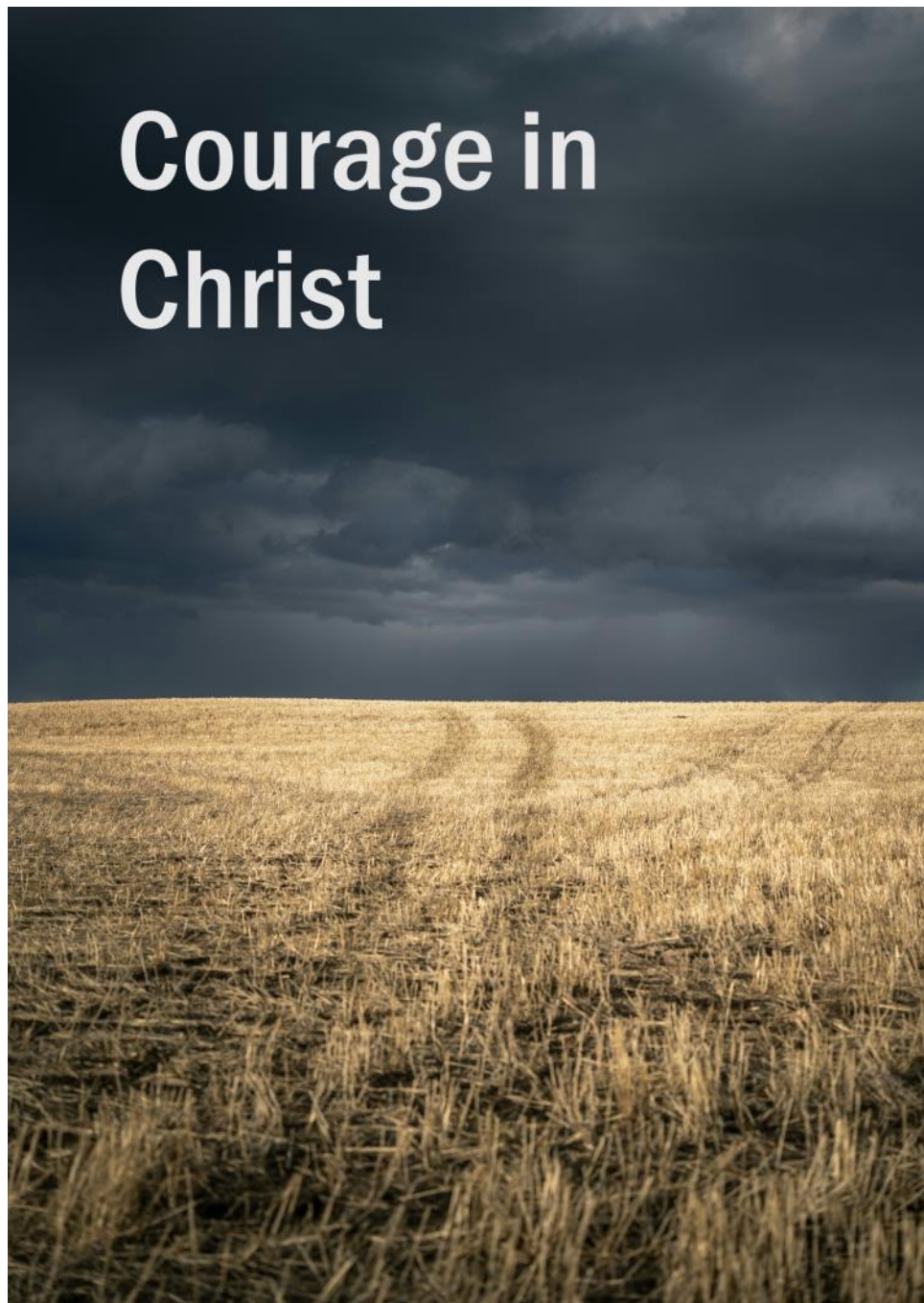
Wednesday, October 22

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 5:45 PM Community Night Meal—New Disciples Sunday school class
Sloppy joes (gluten free/dairy free will be available), applesauce, chips and bar cookies.
- 6:30 PM Activities for all
- 6:30 PM Youth Group
- 6:45 PM Choir
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study—Warkentin Room

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Courage in Christ



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Courage to Tell Hopeful Stories

October 19, 2025

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Gathering

Welcome

Dave Wiebe, worship leader

Meditation Music

Indigenous Drumming

Call to Worship

Dave Wiebe, worship leader

Listening

Songs for worship

God of Grace and God of Glory VT 716

God of the Bible VT 420

Children's Time

Camryn Entz

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

Prayer for Offering—Local Mission

Dave Wiebe

Sermon

Courage to Tell Hopeful Stories

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Response Song

I Love to Tell the Story VT 761

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Sending

Sending Song

How Can We Be Silent VT 790

Announcements and Benediction

Dave Wiebe, worship leader

Postlude

My Jesus, I Love Thee

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 Ryan Koehn, Eric Murphy, and Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Nora Miller Chorister: Daryl Unruh Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering Property Committee: Rod Wedel.

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.

Hoffnungsaue 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.

The 2025-26 Prairie Window Concert Series welcomes back Walnut Valley Festival favorites, Damn Tall Buildings, on Saturday, October 25, 7:00 PM, at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music in a prairie garden setting. [Purchase tickets online](https://dyckarboretum.org) at dyckarboretum.org or call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

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.

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 or 316-836-4821.

Verenike Casserole Meal Returns! Camp Mennoscah will be having a Verenike Casserole Fundraiser on November 8, at Faith Mennonite Church. Reserve your meals at <https://forms.gle/DMurJFkp5P7Fb3C86>. The meal consists of verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zwieback, and fruit crisp. Meals will be available at Faith Mennonite Church between 5:30-6:30 PM, on November 8th. You may either drive-thru and pick up your meals or dine in. Watch Camp Mennoscah's Facebook page and check your email for any changes. Suggested donation of \$20 per meal or \$40 per pan. Additional donations are welcome!

Announcements

The offering for October 26, 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 October 12—127; Sunday school—107.

Local Mission offering—October 5 and 12—\$9,364. Online Local Mission—\$4,230

Wednesday Community Night Activity Schedule

- **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

Wondering how to DO justice as required in Micah 6:8? You are invited to a scripture study for Central Kansas churches interested in answering this question! Be inspired by a broad network of inter-denominational, multiethnic lay leaders who are passionate about finding practical ways to bring just solutions to challenges in their communities. This “Rethinking Justice” scripture study and workshop will take place Saturday, November 8, 8:30-11:30 AM, at Bethel College Mennonite Church. Sign up here!



Scan me!

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



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!

Do you do your grocery shopping at Dillons? Do you have a Rewards card? Dillons has a Community Rewards Program that benefits Community organizations. Were you aware that by shopping at Dillons and linking your Dillons reward card that our church can benefit from your grocery shopping? By linking your rewards card to our church, a portion of what you spend is returned to us as a community reward. Currently there are **35 households** that are participating and from July 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025 Dillons donated \$129.69 to our church. If you are interested in joining this effort, please talk with someone on the Fellowship Commission or Tracy in the church office. Thank you.

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.

SR. HIGH YOUTH



Youth Group—We will be working at Et Cetera Shop next Wednesday evening, **departing at 6:45 PM**, from the youth room and returning about 8:30 PM. Wear your volunteering shoes and meet in the youth room at 6:30 PM!

An update from the Sharp Family and Eli Regier is posted on the Gathering Area bulletin board.

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.

Community Announcements

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.

Camp Mennosciah—Retreat Center Work Day on October 25! Please call or text Tom Gaeddert at 316-288-7766 to participate. The retreat center at Camp Mennosciah 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. Donations are also greatly appreciated and can be sent directly to camp designated for “Retreat Center”. Thanks for your help!

Welcome to Eric Litwiller! Eric is the new Development Director for Camp Mennosciah. He has jumped in head-first to activities and has already started making contacts. He can be reached at eric.litwiller@campmennosciah.org

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