

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 5

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

Tuesday, October 7

- 6:30 PM Nurture Commission
- 7:00 PM Peace Pod—FH

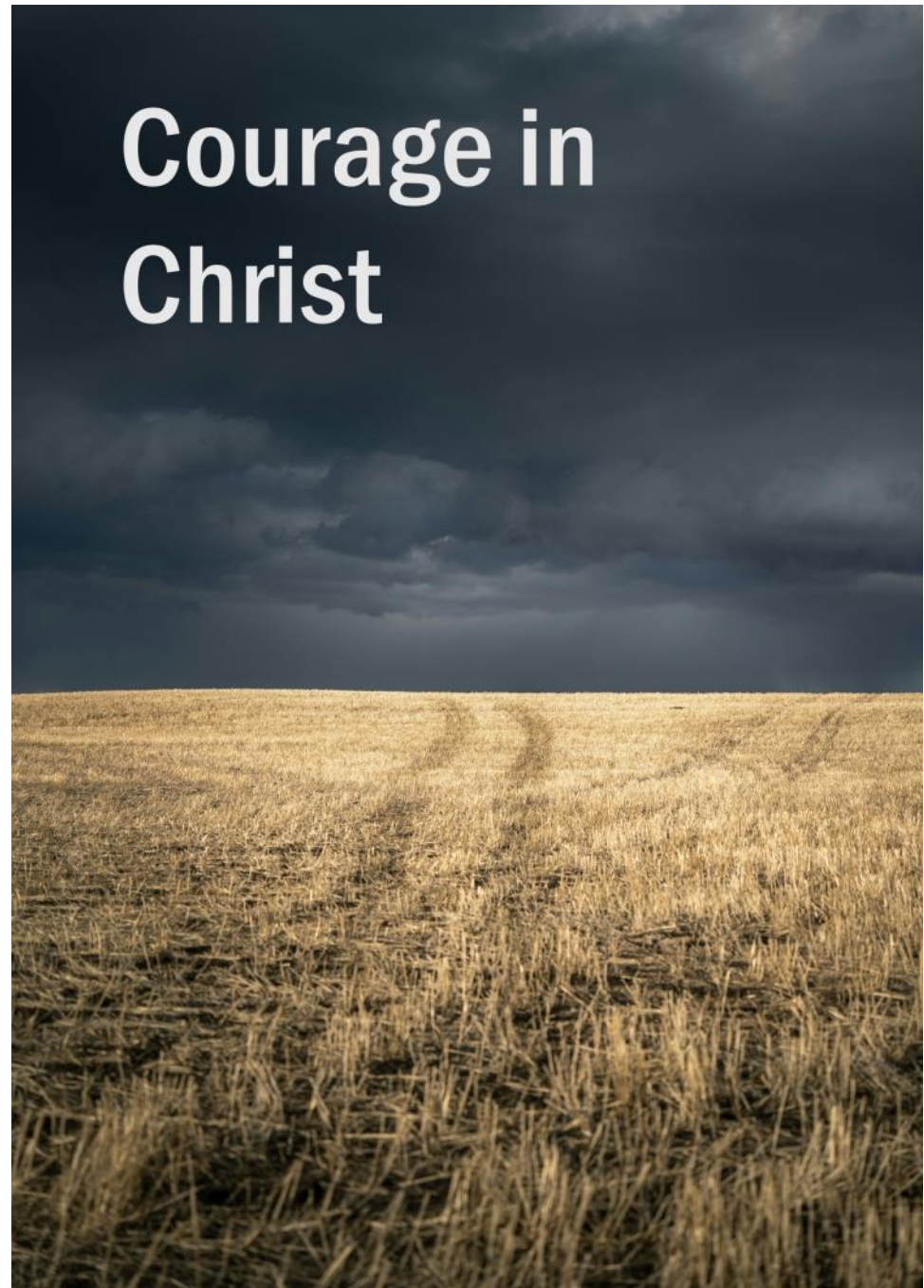
Wednesday, October 8

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 5:45 PM Community Night Picnic
- 7:00 PM Youth Group
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study—Warkentin Room

Sunday, October 12

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

Courage in Christ



*First Mennonite Church and Casa Betania
Newton, Kansas*

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Courage to Be One/El coraje de ser uno

October 5, 2025

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Gathering

Welcome/Bienvenidos

Dana Neff, worship leader

Old Testament Reading/Lectura del Antiguo Testamento

Isaiah 2:2-5

Ximena Sandoval

Listening

Songs for worship/Canciones para la adoración

Open the Eyes of My Heart (Abre mis ojos) VT 401

Do it all

Children's Time/El tiempo de los niños

Pastor Luke Unruh

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

Prayer of the Church/Oracion de la Iglesia

Linda Shelly

New Testament Reading/Lectura del Nuevo testamento

John 17:20-23

Yazmin Gonzalez Ibarra

Sermon/sermón

Courage to Be One

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Response Song/Canción de respuesta

Amados, amémonos unos a otros

Celebrating World Communion/ Celebrando la Comunión Mundial

Prayer of Confession/Oración de confesión—Pastor Luke Unruh

Words of Invitation/Palabras de invitación—Pastor Laura Goerzen

Sharing the Bread and Cup/Compartir el pan y la copa

Sending

Announcements and Benediction/Anuncios y Bendiciones

Dana Neff, worship leader

Postlude/Postludio

Goodness of God

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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, Kent Erb and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Ben's Band. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Phil Gaertner

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.

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 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.

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.

Announcements

The offering for October 12, 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 September 28—138; Sunday school—120.

Local Missions offering from September 21 and 28—\$12,450; online Local Missions—\$4,480.

Your Caregiving and Outreach Commissions are excited to host a neighborhood picnic as a kick-off to our Wednesday Community night activities, and we need your help! Caregiving Commission is providing the hotdogs, brats, and fixings. Outreach is providing the bounce house and neighborhood invites. We need YOU, the congregation to bring sides to share. We are suggesting (for those who are able) that each household **bring TWO side items**: One side of fruit, veggies, or beans and one side of chips, cookies, or other snack/dessert items. This is a picnic, so feel free to keep your items simple. We hope you can join us for this exciting time of sharing food, fellowship, and fall weather!

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!

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!

For Your Prayers

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.

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

Dam will be taken out today at 2:00 PM, at Camp Mennoscah. Meet at the shelter area (look for people and things happening). Spectators welcome, as are people to help take out the boards and clean them. Taking the dam out is not for the youngest ages due to the weight of the boards, but spectators of all ages are most welcome! Be prepared for whatever weather/temperatures there are. It's fun for both those helping and those watching!

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!

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.

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.