

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 28

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Luke's ordination and potluck lunch

12:00 PM Potluck lunch—FH

Wednesday, July 1

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

6:30 PM Board game night—FH

Sunday, July 5

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service—Pentecost and Communion

4:00 PM Casa Betania service



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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*First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS*

Service of Ordination for Pastor Luke Unruh June 28, 2026

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Gathering

Welcome

Dana Neff, worship leader

Meditation Music

God Our Protector

Ben's Band

Call to Worship

Dana Neff, worship leader

Songs for worship

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth VT 426

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

Listening

Children's Time

Keith Knopp

**Children are welcome in our worship space. For those who wish to make use of it,
we have supervised playtime available in Room 234 for children ages 2-5.*

Prayer for Offering—Local Mission

Dana Neff

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Dana Neff

Sermon

God's Calling

Cleo Koop

Words of Affirmation for Pastor Luke

Church and Staff Relations Committee

Ordination of Pastor Luke

Heidi Regier Kreider

Response Song

Jesus Christ is Love Divine VT 749

Sending

Announcements and Benediction

Dana Neff, worship leader

Postlude

This Little Light of Mine

Ben's Band

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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, Isaac Koehn, and Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Ben's Band. Visuals: Amy Regier. Property Committee: Kevin Hamm

Announcements

Happy Birthday!



Want to learn more about First Mennonite?

Scan the QR code or fill out the purple or green card in your pew and a pastor will reach out to you!



Have you ever wished you could listen to your favorite worship songs performed by our outstanding FMC bands anytime you want. Now you can by downloading your favorite songs and performances from the new FMC Playlist. This QR code will take you to a site that has 46 songs that you can download and listen to anytime. You can download one or all of the songs. Check back periodically as new songs will be added from time to time.

OUR VISION—Together in Christ: rooted deeply, reaching widely, loving well

OUR MISSION—With Jesus as our center, we are called to be:

- Faith-Focused
- Mission-Minded
- Community-Connected

The offering for July 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 Mennonite Mission Network. For electronic giving, contact the church office or go to the church website: firstmennonitenewton.org.

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.

Worship Bags available for children! There are brightly colored worship bags at each entry table that are available for children to take with them to their seats during the worship service. Inside the bags are a variety of fidgets, worship tools, and quiet art options for children to use throughout the service. **Please put all items back in the bag and return the bag to its box at the end of each service.** Enjoy! And a big thank you to all our bag-sewers and anonymous donors who provided these wonderful bags and activities!

FMC worship attendance for June 21—141; Sunday school—130.

There will be a potluck meal today following the worship service of Pastor Luke’s ordination. Please bring several dishes to share with our church family and extra friends we will have joining us. Bring your fully cooked dishes to the kitchen. Please bring food that **does not contain peanuts or peanut butter**, we have a young person who is highly allergic to peanuts and they pose a serious threat to him. We thank you for taking this warning seriously. Please feel free to bring your own tableware.

Bakers needed for communion when we celebrate Pentecost! At First Mennonite we will celebrate Pentecost on July 5, which also means we will share communion. Please contact Pastor Laura or the church office if you would be willing to bake 3-4 dozen rolls to share during communion. We usually need about 4 volunteers baking 3-4 dozen rolls each. The roll recipe is up to you, but we ask that you please avoid anything with nuts, nut flours, or flavorings.

Western District Conference Annual Assembly—The Western District Conference Annual Assembly will be held at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio in Dallas, TX, from August 7–9, 2026. First Mennonite can designate up to six delegates. If you are planning to attend, please notify Ron Ratzlaff, Church Board Chair. The board will meet the week of July 5–11 to officially appoint the delegates.

For Your Prayers

Children of all ages are welcome and treasured in our worship service! AND we are blessed to have a nursery for our littlest and childcare for older children for families to use as they desire. Based on conversations with and affirmation from parents of children in our nursery, the Nurture Commission has decided to make a few changes to how we use these spaces. Beginning June 7, we will no longer be staffing the nursery with volunteers. The nursery will be open for families with small children to use as they desire throughout Sunday School and church. Volunteers will continue to provide childcare during the worship service for children ages 5 and under in room #234. This will be available after children's time, as it has been. As always, children of all ages are welcome in our worship service! We will try this for the summer and then, in conversation with parents, decide whether to continue in this way.

Community Announcements

Saturday, July 4—Kauffman Museum first-Saturday bird walk, 7:00 AM, start time in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets in North Newton. Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail (terrain is mostly wood-chip path and sometimes uneven/sloping).

MCC Grandparent Days, July 13 and 14, 9:30-11:30 AM, each day! Mark your calendars and gather your grandchild(ren) to pack MCC school kits at the Material Resources Center in North Newton. You'll be helping MCC reach our 2026 School Kit Challenge goal of 30,000 school kits this summer! There is more information at mcc.org/grandparent-days or you can contact brociamueller@mcc.org or call her at 316-836-5045.

Bethel College is hosting—Crossmen Drum & Bugle Corps, a top-tier competitive drum corps, on campus through July 7. About 170 musicians and 40-50 staff are spending 12 hours a day, 6 days a week, rehearsing & putting their program together. They will give a free performance on July 4 in Thresher Stadium, with details to be announced later.

Colorado peaches are coming! Palisade peaches from western Colorado will be available for pre-order starting June 15. Two sizes are available: 9 lb. for \$31 and 18 lb. for \$43. An additional \$1 per box has been added as fuel expenses will be higher this summer. All orders must be received and paid in full by July 15. No orders will be accepted after this date. Orders can be placed by emailing the MCC Central States Office at

patsydirksen@mcc.org or calling 316-283-2720. Cash and checks are accepted. Checks should be made payable to Beth-El Mennonite Church with “peaches” in the memo line. Please send payments to MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton KS 67117 or drop off at the MCC office located at 121 East 30th, North Newton. Estimated pick-up date is Monday, August 10 at the MCC warehouse. This date will be confirmed later in July.

Buhler Mennonite Church & Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church invite local farmers and ag professionals to a Gathering for Farmers, Ranchers and the Ag Community on Friday, July 31, Hilton Garden Inn, Hutchinson, KS. 8:30 AM, is coffee and donuts and 9:00am-1:00pm is the Program and Lunch. Soil & Soul brings together the people who support agriculture every day to strengthen relationships, share resources, and build support systems that help producers thrive. As the first in a two-part series, this gathering is designed for agriculture’s “front-line” professionals – bankers, lenders, implement dealers, agronomists, veterinarians, insurance & Co-op employees, healthcare providers, congregation members, and others who work closely with producers. Through shared conversation, learning, connection, & a meal, we hope to build understanding around stress & well-being while strengthening a more supportive ag community. A larger, producer-focused event will follow on November 14, 2026. We hope you join us in July! For more information contact bmcpastor@gmail.com or 620-899-8918

MCC Immigration Learning Tour, November 1-6 – Sign up today for this immigration focused learning tour in South Texas and Mexico. This tour will focus on education related to a range of matters surrounding immigration, detention and death at the U.S./ Mexico border by giving you the opportunity to engage directly with MCC partners who are leading immigration work in the region. Questions? Contact abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org and sign up online today at mcc.org/tx-immigration-learning-tour!

Art, Improv, and Lego are Worship, Too! Kids Meet Christ invites you to a fun community event for EVERYONE—parents, children, leaders, and anyone who wants to see what is possible when all ages are fully engaged in worship. Talashia Keim Yoder, pastor at College Mennonite Church in Goshen, IN and faith formation extraordinaire, will guide us in exploring worship that works for everyone. Saturday, September 12, 9:30 AM–2:30 PM, at First Mennonite Church in Hutchinson, KS. *Breakfast and lunch included. Morning program is for all ages. The afternoon session will be separate adult and children’s workshops.* **Register at this link:** <https://forms.gle/AhLK7yB2ZLqV1jwo6>

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN for the annual Mennonite Women in Mission Women’s & Girls (ages 8 - high school) Retreat at Camp Mennoscah on September 12-13. Forms are available on the website for printing mail in registration, although online is preferred & easy! Detailed schedule information and registration is at www.mennonitewomeninmission.org. Retreat starts at 10:00 AM, Saturday with SoulCollage with Elizabeth Eells, comforter tying for MCC, & the Faith & Life bookstore open. The retreat theme is *My Time is in Your Hands* with session speakers Melissa Atchison & Audrey Ratzlaff. Girls leaders are Schyler Entz and Emily Brandt with an additional girls tie dye bandana session with Marla Sawatzky Rowe. Join us for fun, fellowship, & inspiration! Email mennonitewomeninmission@gmail.com questions.