

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 19

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Laura
3:00 PM Casa Betania service

Saturday, July 25

8:00 AM Casa Betania garage sale —south parking lot

Sunday, July 26

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service—Youth Sunday
3:00 PM Casa Betania service

Six Practices That Grow Faith



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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First Mennonite Church Newton, KS

Six Practices That Grow Faith: Talk

July 19, 2026

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Gathering

Welcome

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Meditation Music

**March*

Amanda Sauerwein, organist

Call to Worship

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Songs for worship

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues VT 764

Come Walk with Us VT 23, v. 1-3 in English

Listening

Children's Time

Lee Penner

**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

Casson Schmidt

**This suite of pieces was written in 1792 by Haydn for a famous clock in Vienna. They were played automatically on a small flute organ, operated by the clock mechanism.*

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Casson Schmidt

Sermon

Six Practices That Grow Faith: Talk

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Hymn of Response

How Can We Be Silent VT 790

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Sending

Sending Song

I Love to Tell the Story VT 761

Announcements and Benediction

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Postlude

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Amanda Sauerwein, organist

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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 and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Chorister: Daryl Unruh. Musician: Amanda Sauerwein. Visuals: Cindy Unruh. Property Committee: Brent Voran

Happy Birthday!
Nancy Entz—July 21



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**

Announcements

The offering for July 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: first-mennonitenewton.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.**

FMC worship attendance for July 12—142; Sunday school—126.

The Youth Group is in Denver, CO for our summer service trip this week. In our time there, we will work with a number of organizations that work with those who are unhoused in the Denver area. We will spend time learning and serving with these organizations, as we also learn what it means to serve Christ in another context. We will also do some hiking and grow in our fellowship with each other. We pray for safe travels, a meaningful experience, and that our work serves as a means of worship for our Lord. Thank you for your support!

Local Mission: As of June 30 we are \$32,142 behind in Local Mission giving. We have been spending an average of \$32,000 per month but receiving an average of \$27,000, \$5,000 short each month. This means that in order to end the year in the black we will need to receive \$37,000 each month for the rest of the year. Please prayerfully consider what you might be able to do to help. Thank you again for all you give to the work of the church in various ways. The Financial Stewardship Committee

It’s time to renew Anabaptist World magazine. If you would like to renew your subscription or would like to start a new subscription, please fill out the order form that was placed in your church mailbox. Our group subscription cost is \$54. Order forms are due to the church office by **Monday, July 20. Please make checks payable to First Mennonite Church with Anabaptist World in the memo line.**

CASA BETANIA is planning a garage sale on Saturday, July 25, beginning at 8:00 AM, on the south parking lot. Donations and shoppers are both welcome. It would also be helpful to loan clothing racks and hangers. Items can be left in the Casa Betania room #123 in the basement or contact Linda Shelly. Thanks!

For Your Prayers

August Sunday school: For the month of August we will be offering intergenerational Sunday school options for all ages. Below is our schedule for August:

- August 2 - Cookies, Coffee, and Conversation - We will help seat people in mixed age groups and provide a set of intentional conversation prompts and activities suitable for all ages.
- August 9 - Hymn sing! Come ready to request your favorites!
- August 16 - Church Safety Sunday led by Kevin Hamm and Nurture Commission, special start time of 9:30am.
- August 23 - Church service day! No regular Sunday school or worship. Service projects available for all ages and skill levels (indoor and outdoor) followed by a fellowship meal.
- August 30 - TBD

Community Announcements

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 mennonitewomen-inmission.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 mennonitewomen-inmission@gmail.com questions.

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>

It's an exciting time for Mennonite Men, because we're entering into a new era. While we are sad to watch Steve Thomas, one of our US coordinators, begin his retirement, we celebrate his work and wish him nothing but the best with a well-earned retirement. With this change, our organization decided to do something a little bit different. For the last couple of years we have had two US coordinators, who were job-sharing, and a volunteer coordinator in Canada. Moving forward, we are hiring a director in Canada, who will work alongside a director in the United States. Each of these positions is 0.3 FTE. We are excited to commit more financial resources to growing our presence in Canada. Anyone interested in applying for either job should send a résumé and letter of interest to Jeffrey Graber, board chair of Mennonite Men: jeffreyngraber@gmail.com

Hey Quilters! As the hot temperatures keep you inside and you decide to sort through your quilting supplies and fabric stash, don't forget that Quilters corner is seeking your donations year round to help us have another successful KMRS sale in 2027! Donations can be dropped off at MCC Center in North Newton labeled for QC or if you need pick up or help sorting call Ann Yoder Smith 919-604-3282. Thank you!