

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 16

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

Wednesday, August 19

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Sunday, August 23

9:15 AM FMC Service Sunday Projects
12:00 Noon Picnic lunch
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: Pray

August 16, 2026

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Gathering

Welcome

Wendy Schrag

Meditation Music—Prayer Medley

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Call to Worship

Wendy Schrag

Songs for Worship

O Healing River VT 706

Longing for Light VT 715

Listening

Children's Time

Dana Neff

**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 5 and under.*

Prayer for Offering—Local Mission

Wendy Schrag

Scripture Reading

Luke 11:1-13

Wendy Schrag

Sermon

Six Practices That Grow Faith: Pray

Pastor Luke Unruh

Response Song

Lord, Listen to Your Children VT 682

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Sending

Sending Song

Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace VT 719

Announcements and Benediction

Wendy Schrag

Postlude

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Donna Stucky

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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, Alex Goering, Ryan Goertzen-Regier, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Dave Wiebe, Marsha Schmidt, Addie and Jeff Kauffman, and Donna Stucky. Visuals: Carol Goering. Property Committee: Rod Wedel.

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 August 23, 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.

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 August 9—136; Sunday school—78.

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 23—FMC Service Day!** we will worship God by serving our local and global neighbors. Whether you are young or old, prefer to serve inside or outside, or prefer to serve standing up or sitting down, we will have a service project for you! Please sign up for your preferred service assignment in the Gathering Area and plan to arrive on August 23 promptly at 9:15 AM, so that you can receive instructions and connect with your service group before dispersing to job sites. A picnic lunch will be served at 12:00 PM, at the church. What to bring:
 - Consider wearing your FMC t-shirt, or something yellow. Additional t-shirts will be available that morning.
 - A blanket or lawn chairs for the meal (tables and chairs reserved for those who need them.)
 - Table service
 - A desire to serve like Jesus!
- **August 30**—We will begin our fall Sunday school schedule

Batter up—FMC will go up against Shalom in a friendly softball game on August 22nd at Washington Park! Potluck begins at 5:00 PM, followed by a game for all ages! Bring food to share, blankets or lawn chairs, and any softball gear you may have. Please do not bring any food items containing peanuts or peanut butter.

SAVE THE DATE! Our church retreat at Camp Mennoscah will take place on November 7 and 8. More information coming soon!

For Your Prayers

Pray for Roy & Sheralyn Goering and family as they continue their health journey. Sheralyn and Roy appreciate prayers, visits, and notes of encouragement.

Please hold the Simmons family in prayer as Robin receives treatments for stage IV cancer. We pray for her strength and healing.

Gifts Discernment Committee asks for prayers as they begin their work to fill lay ministry positions on the committees and commissions for this fall's ballot. Prayers for open hearts to serve, open ears to listen well to God's leading as GDC contacts possible candidates for these positions. Thank you!

Serve by packing MCC school kits! One of the service projects we will have available at First Mennonite on August 23 will be packing school kits. This year MCC has a goal of packing 30,000 kits by the end of August. **Let's see if FMC can pack 100 kits!** If each household purchases supplies for 2 kits, we can do it! Supplies for one kit include:

Contents (NEW items only)

- 4 spiral or perforated-page notebooks—8.5 in x 10.5 in; 70 sheets each (US)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm (inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens

Hope Shelter week—Our next week to serve at the Homeless Shelter is August 19-25. If you are able to help by volunteering or with meals, contact Lee Penner at 316-284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

Community Announcements

Kidron Bethel Village in North Newton will celebrate a century of connection, care, laughter and life well-lived with its "Celebrating a Century" event on Thursday, August 27, from 3:30 to 6:00 PM, at Kidron Bethel Village, 3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton. The come-and-go event will include historical displays and light refreshments.

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>

The Newton Et Cetera Shop is in the midst of celebrating its 50th anniversary. Since 1976, the shop has been a Christian resource meeting human needs by providing quality, affordable, recycled merchandise for the community, while encouraging stewardship and recycling. Through this effort, we are able to financially contribute to local and global missions. We are currently seeking active, community-minded groups and individuals to help us in our effort. Volunteers are a vital part of our operation by processing merchandise and clerking. If you or your group are interested in helping those in your community and around the world, then sign up to volunteer. Volunteer applications can be picked up in the shop at 619 N Main in Newton. You can also sign up online at newtonetcetera-shop.com/volunteer.

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER for the annual Mennonite Women in Mission Womens & Girls (ages 8 - high school) Retreat at Camp Mennoscah on September 12-13. Detailed schedule information and registration is at www.mennonitewomeninmission.org. 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 Sowatzky Rowe. Questions? Email mennonitewomeninmission@gmail.com.

Beyond the Headlines: Haiti, Temporary Protected Status, and the Church webinar on Wednesday, August 19, 1:00 PM. Please join MCC in listening to Haitian voices and exploring faithful action. In this webinar, we will hear stories from a pastor whose congregation has welcomed Haitian families, an MCC staff member who has been at the forefront of the work in Haiti, and a leader from The Haitian Bridge Alliance, a nonprofit organization that provides humanitarian, legal, and social services to Haitian communities. [Register today at mcc.org/events/beyond-headlines-haiti-temporary-protected-status-and-church](http://mcc.org/events/beyond-headlines-haiti-temporary-protected-status-and-church).

Missing in Brooks County documentary screening at MCC in North Newton—Monday, August 24 from 12:00 to 3:00 PM, and Tuesday, August 25 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. We're excited to bring you two opportunities to view this Peabody Award winning documentary featuring MCC partner organization South Texas Human Rights Center. The film features two families searching for their loved ones many miles away from the U.S./Mexico border. Please RSVP for this event at mcc.org/brooks-county-movie-screening so we can plan accordingly!

Life Enrichment, the series at Bethel College for adults age 60 and older, resumes for the fall semester on Wednesday, August 26, with Wynn Goering, "Seeing Into the Life of Things," and Tommy Richardson, "What is GAF and Why is GAF in Newton?." Details at Bethels website.