

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 30

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

Tuesday, September 1

6:30 PM Nurture Commission

Wednesday, September 2

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
6:30 PM Game Night—FH
7:00 PM Youth Group

Sunday, September 6

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

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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Six Practices That Grow Faith



First Mennonite Church Newton, KS

Six Practices That Grow Faith: Worship

August 30, 2026

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Gathering

Welcome

Pastor Luke Unruh

Meditation Music

Majesty

Amanda Sauerwein

Call to Worship

Pastor Luke Unruh

Songs for Worship

Here in This Place VT 10

Here I Am to Worship VT 227

Listening

Children's Time

Sara Rickard

**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.*

On Mission with Christ

Blessing FMC's Justice Team

Prayer for Offering—Western District

Pastor Luke

Scripture Reading

Amos 5:21-24, John 4:19-23, and Romans 12:1

Pastor Luke

Sermon

Six Practices That Grow Faith: Worship

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Response Song

10,000 Reasons/Bless the Lord VT 111

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Luke

Sending

Sending Song

Sent Forth by God's Blessing VT 812

Announcements and Benediction

Pastor Luke

Postlude

Amanda Sauerwein

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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 Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Addie and Jeff Kauffman, and Amanda Sauerwein. Visuals: Carol Goering. Property Committee: Brent Voran.

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 September 6 will be for Mennonite Central Committee. 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 Central Committee. 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.**

Display in the Library Showcase—The presentation of artwork by Gene Eschleman, a resident of Presbyterian Manor, consists of hand carved wooden disks. There is a disk for each book of the Bible. The work was completed by hand carving each image with an Exacto knife. The artist, an ordained minister, desires that we give honor to God as we view the display.

Thank you to everyone who participated in last Sunday’s Service Day! It was a great morning together!

Introducing First Mennonite’s Justice Ministry Team Leaders! These individuals will be reaching out to members of our FMC family over the next month to gather groups of 10-12 people in their homes to listen to the personal concerns we carry for the well-being and shalom of our Newton community. We hope you will consider participating in this listening process. First Mennonite’s Justice Ministry Team Leaders are: Renee Hamm and Wendy Schrag, Pastor Laura Goerzen, Addie and Jeff Kauffman, Peter Miller, Lee and Deb Penner, and Stephanie Weaver.

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

For Your Prayers

Board Game Night—this Wednesday, September 2, 6:30 PM. Nurture Commission is hosting a board game night the first Wednesday of every month in the Fellowship Hall. There will be games provided, but participants are encouraged to bring other games they are excited to play or share! Games will range in difficulty from Uno to Wingspan and beyond!

Lost and Found—please check the tub of lost and found in the Gathering Area. If the items in the tub are yours, please take them home.

Community Announcements

Piece/Work: The Art of Mary Lou Goertzen, special exhibit of ceramics & textiles, opens at Kauffman Museum, today at 1:30 PM, with a presentation about Goertzen & her work by exhibit curator Dr. Rachel Epp Buller, 3:00 PM. Kauffman Museum auditorium

Kauffman Museum bird walk, Saturday, September 5, 7:00 AM start time in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets (2801 N. Main St., North Newton 67117). Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail

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 newtonetceterashop.com/volunteer.

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER for the annual Mennonite Women in Mission Women's & 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.

Bluestem Communities is launching a new semester of the Bluestem U lifelong learning program for individuals age 55+. Three courses will be offered, for \$50 each. Registration and more information is available at bluestemu.org. The semester courses are as follows: "Chemistry 101: Chemistry in and around us", taught by Jim Yoder; "Suing for Peace: A guide to resolving life's conflicts", taught by Robert Hull, Keren Kandel, Erin Omole, Bill Rich, Tim Voth and Aimee Voth Siebert; and "Buggies, Bonnets and Boundaries: A study of Amish faith, life and culture", taught by John Sharp.

WDC Resource Library—Need a resource but can't get to the WDC Resource Library during open hours? We now have after-hours lockers to pick up library materials on weekends and during evening hours. Contact Jennie at crlib@mennowdc.org to arrange pickup. **Resource Library & Office Open Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.**

The August edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King introduces us to Clair Good who will be the next Executive Director of MDS U.S., learn how Rocky Mountain MDS Unit is taking a unique approach to wildfire recovery, and read an inspiring article by guest writer Elaine Maust. Plus we have a safe the date reminder for the Annual Celebration coming in February. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/45vmaS5>