

Announcements

The offering for October 4 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.**

FMC worship attendance for September 20—133; Sunday school—120.

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.

Bethel College Concert Choir is with us today! They are providing additional music for our worship service today. We are celebrating their presence with us with a potluck after the worship service in Fellowship Hall.

A meeting for survivors of sexual abuse led by a trained therapist will take place Tuesday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m. If you are a survivor and have questions, contact

Coming soon! Wednesday Community Nights will start again on October 7. A meal will be served from 5:45-6:30 PM. Children's singing will be from 6:30-6:45 PM. Activities and open fellowship time will be available afterwards. Stay tuned for more info!

Church Retreat November 7-8: Registration forms are officially HERE!! Pick them up, along with an info sheet, on the table in the gathering area. Registration forms are due October 18. See you at Camp Mennoscah!

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND--Anyone wishing to receive a scholarship for the fall semester for music lessons (piano, instrumental, voice, dance) may contact

For Your Prayers

Community Announcements

Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat on October 2-4! Depending on the number of attendees, lodging and cropping will be in the Retreat Center, and, with larger numbers, cropping/crafting will move to the Main Camp dining hall. Single rooms are available for a limited number of people and will be assigned 2 weeks before the retreat date. Space heaters (or fans) will be available for the dining hall, if used, since the dining hall HVAC will not be repaired by the beginning of the retreat. Register at: campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com

Sign up to participate in the Conscientious Objection: understanding the legacy and what it means today webinar, Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 PM. This webinar will provide space to reflect on what it means to be a Conscientious Objector (CO), remember its history, learn about how to declare CO status, and how to connect with MCC Central States and other churches around the topic of CO. Register at mcc.org/co-today and contact beckyteiwes@mcc.org for information.

Thank you for taking part in this year's MCC School Kit Challenge! Thanks to the work of people like you throughout the U.S. and Canada, we went well above our goal of 30,000 school kits for the 2026 challenge. Working together, you, your community and other devoted supporters packed **46,481 school kits!** Each of the 46,481 school kits you shared will be a gift and treasure for a student dreaming of a bright future — and for the loved ones, teachers and community members dreaming alongside them. Thank you for being part of this year's School Kit Challenge. We hope you'll join us again next year!

The Central Kansas Master Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Joel Garber, will present a Choral Festival concert at 3:00 PM, on Sunday, October 4. Please join us for this special event held at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S Main St, Hesston. Admission is free, donations accepted. For more information, visit the chorale website at www.centralkansasmasterchorale.org.

Fall Fest is coming and BCWA welcomes donations of homemade peppernuts, whole fruit pies, poppyseed rolls, zwieback, cinnamon rolls and other home-made goodies. We are happy to have donated craft items to sell as well. We would also welcome help staffing the Market in the Round, located in the Luyken Fine Arts Center. If you would like to volunteer or have questions about donations, please contact Valerie Klaassen at jvklaassen@gmail.com. Donated baked and craft items can be brought to Luyken Fine Arts Center music library on Friday, October 16, between 1:00 and 5:00 PM or on Saturday, October 17, between 7:00 and 9:00 AM.

The Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra opens its 70th Season with the Fall Classics Concert Sunday, October 11, 4:00 PM, in Bethel College Memorial Hall. The NHS Orchestra joins NMKSO on selections from Ravel's *Mother Goose Suite* and Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite*. Also featured is Carlos Simon's *Tales: A Folk Symphony*. Tickets: Adults \$15-20, Students \$7, available at Faith and Life Bookstore and online at www.nmkso.org

Kidron Bethel Village will host its annual Country Breakfast on Saturday, October 17, from 7:00 to 10:00 AM, at Kidron Hall, 3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton. Come enjoy eggs, pancakes, and sausage by donation. Proceeds benefit the Good Samaritan Caring Fund to assist residents who are unable to cover the full cost of their care.

Camp Mennoscah will have a booth at Bethel College's Fall Fest, October 17, through mid-afternoon. There will be a silent auction for a Camp Mennoscah tee shirt (tied) comforter. Timothy Schrag, the new Development Director, will also be there to meet you.

Dam removal on October 18 at 2:30 PM. Spectators & helpers are welcome. This task involves heavy boards and rushing water, so younger ages should plan on watching the process, not helping. Wear appropriate clothing for the task and weather. Watch Facebook for any changes or text/call 316-293-7313.

Kidron Bethel Village is now accepting vendors for its Holiday Market, which will be Saturday, December 5, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at Kidron Hall, 3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton. The Holiday Market is a chance for Kidron Bethel Village residents and the wider community to shop with local artists and vendors. To reserve a spot as a vendor, please contact Sheri Esau at SheriE@bluestem.org or 316-836-4821.

Apply now for Mennonite Voluntary Service & Service Adventure-Secure your place early for the 2027-28 service term. Whether you are finishing high school, leaving college, or anywhere in between, these two programs offer young adults a meaningful way to serve, learn new skills, & grow.

Happy Birthday!

Andrew Graber—October 2

Dwight Regier—October 3



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- **Mission-Minded**
- **Community-Connected**