

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 6

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

Monday, September 7—Labor Day

Church Office closed

Tuesday, September 8

5:30 PM Worship Commission
7:00 PM Church Board

Wednesday, September 9

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Youth Group

Sunday, September 13

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

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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PURSUING God's Justice IN A THIRSTY LAND



*"Let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream."*

— AMOS 5:24

LISTEN RESEARCH ACT

TOGETHER
FOR OUR
COMMUNITIES.
FOR GOD'S
KINGDOM



FAITH COMMUNITIES ORGANIZING FOR JUSTICE

- Buhler Mennonite
- Chapman UMC
- First Mennonite Hutchinson
- First Mennonite Newton
- First Presbyterian Manhattan
- First UMC Junction City
- Foundation of Life Ministries
- Grace Episcopal
- New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist
- New Resurrection
- Peace Lutheran
- Pretty Prairie UMC
- Sacred Heart Cathedral
- Salina Mennonite
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- St. Isidore's
- St. John's Lutheran
- St. Matthew's Episcopal
- St. Paul's Episcopal
- St. Thomas More
- Trinity UMC Hutchinson
- Trinity UMC Salina
- Trinity Heights UMC
- Wamego First UMC
- Woodbine UMC

Hear the Call

September 6, 2026

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Gathering

Welcome

John Good, worship leader

Meditation Music

When the Light is Gone
Ben's Band

Call to Worship

John Good

Songs for Worship

Come Thou Fount VT 563
You Are Salt For The Earth VT 297

Listening

Children's Time

Pastor Laura

**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—Mennonite Central Committee

John Good

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 19:15-16; Amos 5:21-24; Luke 4:14-21
John Good

Sermon

Hear the Call
Pastor Laura Goerzen

Response Song

What if God is Unhappy?

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Luke Unruh

Sending

Announcements and Benediction

John Good

Postlude

Alleluia, the Great Storm is Over

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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: Ben's Band. Visuals: Amy Regier. Property Committee: Phil Gaertner.

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 13 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 30—139; Sunday school—146.

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.

The Church Office will be closed on Mondy, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

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

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.

Thank you to all who sent pictures to the church office from our FMC service Sunday. Pictures from any church activity are always appreciated!

For Your Prayers

Community Announcements

Newton Et Cetera Shop current needs: men's, women's, & children's clothing. We will be closed Monday, September 7, for Labor Day & Monday, September 14th, for Fall/Halloween setup. The Newton Et Cetera Shop is celebrating 50 years of serving the local area and contributing to the missions of MCC and many local organizations throughout September. Beginning September 1, two \$5 gift cards will be given out daily to customers selected by staff and volunteers. Also, each Saturday in September, donors will be given a homemade monster cookie and a 20% off coupon for their next purchase. We thank you for your continued support and patronage of the shop!

Life Enrichment, the series at Bethel College for adults age 60 and older, meets most Wednesday mornings during the school year in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. This week's programs (September 9) at 9:30 AM, "The Future of Work: Demographic and Technical Disruptions," Mark Janzen Jr.; 10:50 AM, "Railroads: The Industry that Shaped Kansas," Leo E. Oliva. Details at: <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/life-enrichment/>.

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 for Mennonite Women & Girls Retreat ends Friday, September 5. Register at mennonitewomeninmission.org. If you missed the deadline, please email: mennonitewomeninmission@gmail.com. **Drop ins, on the day of registration, are not possible.**

Now in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College – "Alive with Wonder," fabric art by Hattie Lee Mendoza, through September 17. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM and Sunday, 2:00-4:00 PM.

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.

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.

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>

Thank you for your generous support! As WDC nears the conclusion of its fiscal year on September 30, we are grateful for congregations that have increased their giving this past year, new givers making monthly contributions, and the ongoing financial support of faithful donors and congregations throughout the year! This has made it possible for WDC to offer faith formation resources, connect congregations with the Kids Meet Christ program, support ministerial credentialing, equip congregations for pastoral transition, welcome two new church communities into WDC, coach church planters, promote immigration justice resources, host Leader Forums and ministers' retreats, and much more. We invite you to help WDC end the fiscal year on a strong note, by making a contribution online or you can send your check to WDC at PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Thank you!