

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, March 27—Easter Sunday

- 8:45 AM Rolls and drinks in Fellowship Hall
- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service

### Monday, March 28

Jail Ministry: Gary Moore

### Tuesday, March 29

7:00 PM PHP Task Force Meeting—Room 225

### Wednesday, March 30

7:00 PM Youth Group

### Friday, April 1

6:30 PM Life Stories Class-FH

### Saturday, April 2

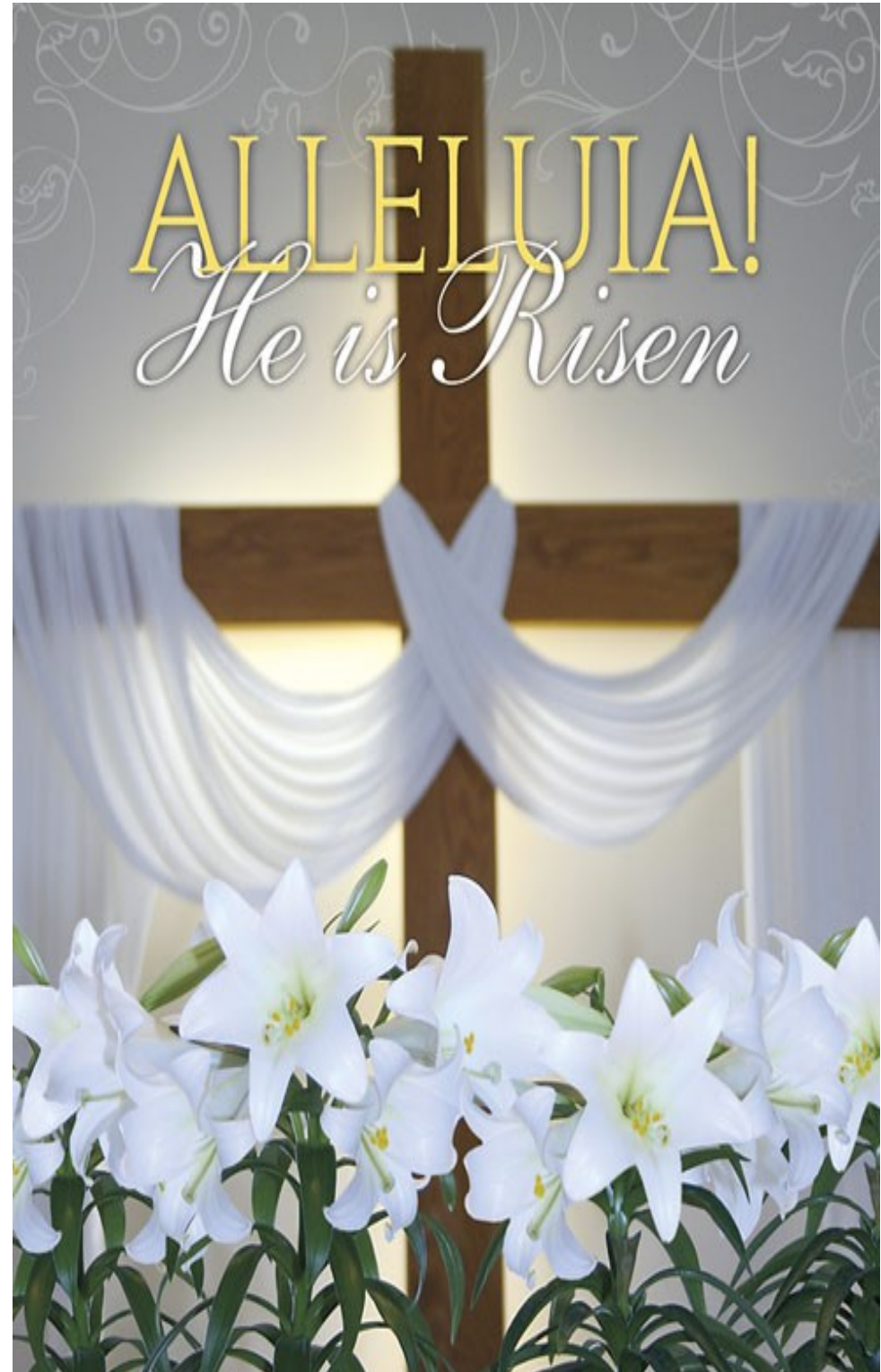
8:30 AM Life Stories Class—FH

### Sunday, April 3—Good News: Believe!—Acts 1:1-11; John 18:1-11

- 7:45 AM Outreach, Missions, and Peace Commission
- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM FIRST Potluck

### Upcoming Worship Services

- April 10—Good News: Go!—John 19:18-31; Matthew 28:16-20
- April 17—James Krabill—Mennonite Mission Network





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# Easter Sunday

## Sunday, March 27, 2016

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### Gathering

**Prelude** ..... Amanda Entz, organist; Melody Bontrager, pianist  
*In the Cross of Christ I Glory* arr. Lani Smith  
*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. Ron Boud  
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Tedd Smith and Don Hustad  
*All Glory, Laud, and Honor* arr. Lani Smith  
*Christ the Lord is Risen Today* arr. Lani Smith

**Choral introit:** *Christ the Lord is risen today* ..... H 280  
(stanza 1 choir, stanzas 2-5 congregation)

**The work of the people (announcements)**

**Call to worship** ..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

**Opening prayer**

**Scripture:** Luke 23:50-24:12

**Songs of faith:** *Lift your glad voices*..... H 275  
*This joyful Eastertide* ..... H 276

**Greet one another; children come forward**

### Hearing God's Word

**Children's focus** .....Stefanie Knopp

**Song of faith:** *Easter Song*  
*In Christ Alone*

**Offering:** Local Mission

**Offertory:** *This Joyful Eastertide* arr. Paul Bouman  
(Please pass the welcome pads)

**Choral anthem:** *Lift Your Voice and Sing, He Is Risen!* By Larson

**Scripture:** I Corinthians 15:19-26, 50-58

**Meditation on the Resurrection** .....Pastor Anita Kehr

### Responding to God's Word

**Affirmation of faith** ..... H 712

**Song of faith:** *Low in the grave he lay* ..... H 273

**Pastoral prayer**

### Sending

**Sending song:** *Crown him with many crowns*..... H 116  
(stanzas 1, 2, 5, choral ending)

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

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\*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book                      \*\*CS denotes Companion Songbook  
Musicians: Joan Entz, Rachel Unruh, vocals; Ted Krehbiel, drums; Graham Unruh, bass;  
Seth Bontrager, electric guitar; Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder  
Childcare: Chris or Stephanie Weaver, Callie Knopp  
Ushers: Alan Entz, Ryan Nye, Jan Groves, Allen Schmidt  
Audio Tech: Roy Goering   Video/Lighting Tech: Eric Murphy  
Visuals: Cindy Unruh

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**Anyone who has made quilts or smaller craft items** for the MCC Sale are welcome to bring those items to the church by Wednesday, March 30, so that they may be displayed here at the church in the Court Area. Thank you!

**FIRST Potluck—Next Sunday, April 3**—Everyone is welcome to bring food items to share with each other, visitors, and college students! This is a great time of fellowship and a time to connect with each other. Additional hands for set-up and especially clean-up would be greatly appreciate.

**50% to MCC**—Everyone is welcome to come to a jewelry party. Unique jewelry made by Eugene Stucky (Pat Litsey's brother) with beads, pearls, and etc. which he has collected from his travels to Thailand, Mexico, Italy... Please come Saturday, April 2, 2:00-4:00 PM, to Clint and Pat Litsey's house 9729 S. Spencer, Newton. Eugene will give 50% of sales to MCC.

**Balcony window sashes**—If you are interested in one of the old balcony window sashes that was removed, please contact Rod Schmidt at 283-5889 for more information.

**Cards are available in the pews** for you to share your thoughts, prayer requests, ask for a visit, or whatever you would like to communicate. Remember to sign them and put them in the offering plate.

**Prayer is one of God's gifts to us.** If you would like to pray in a set-aside room for that purpose, the prayer room is available whenever the church is open in Room #113. The weekly prayer and praise notes can remind you of some of the situations needing intercession.

### Community Announcements

**The Bethel College Concert Choir** will present its home concert today at 7:00 PM in Memorial Hall.

**Peace Connections and Hesston College** will be presenting a Poverty Simulation on Monday, March 28, 6:30-9:00 PM. This event is sponsored by the Hesston Community Foundation and is free to the public! In just a few hours you will fast forward through a month in the life of a family living in poverty. This guided role play enables the participant to experience the everyday struggles faced by families living in poverty, including those in Harvey County. The event will be held at Hesston Mennonite Church, located at 309 S. Main Street, Hesston, Kansas. Reservations are encouraged and can be made by contacting Peace Connections at 284-0000 or [info@peaceconnections.org](mailto:info@peaceconnections.org).

**French organist Pierre Queval** will give a recital on the Andover Organ at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 29, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. The concert is free and open to the public with a reception to follow. The concert is made possible by The John Ernest Foundation.

**Hesston College Theatre will present** the musical drama, *Working*, at 7:30 PM on April 1, 2, 8, and 9, and at 2:30 PM on April 3 and 10. All performances are in the Helmuth Studio Theatre in the Northlawn Center for Performing Arts Education. *Working* is rated PG for mild language. Tickets are \$10 for adults and seniors and \$5 for students. Tickets can be purchased through the Hesston College Bookstore in person, by phone at 620-327-8104 or online at [books.hesston.edu](http://books.hesston.edu). Tickets will also be available at the door 30 minutes prior to show time and are subject to availability. Purchasing tickets in advance is recommended due to limited seating.

**On Saturday, April 2, the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston** will host its annual spring educational symposium on the theme of *Plains Indians & the Prairie: Recognizing Connections & Brokenness*. Participants will learn about the richness of these bonds, and the events that led to their undoing. Admission is \$40 for arboretum members or \$50 for non-members (includes a full day of presentations, breakfast, and lunch). RSVP by March 30 to be included in the meal count. This event is sponsored in part by Mennonite Central Committee.

## COLLEGE-AGE YOUNG ADULTS

HEY! College-age Young Adults! Join us Sunday @ 9:15 a.m. in Room 110 for conversation, coffee, cinnamon rolls, and a chance to connect/re-connect!

FIRST POTLUCK: April 3 (NEXT SUNDAY! Invite your friends to join.)

**SR. HIGH YOUTH**  
"Get ←.....→ CONNECTED"

Expressing love of God in worship  
Experiencing love in community  
Extending God's love to the world

- ▶▶ Wednesday, March 30
  - ⇒ 7:01 pm Youth Group (Watch out! Joel is leading!)
- ▶▶ Saturday, April 2
  - ⇒ Serve supper at Harvey County Homeless Shelter
- ▶▶ Sunday, April 3
  - ⇒ 9:15 am Sunday School
  - ⇒ 4:04 pm Catechism (Warkentin Room)



**Newton Et Cetera Shop** seeks a full-time general manager available on May 16. Responsibilities include office administration, store promotion, and supervision of a large volunteer and staff team. Retail experience is helpful. Please contact [katherineclaassen@hotmail.com](mailto:katherineclaassen@hotmail.com) for more information. Application deadline is April 15.

**Kitchen/Dining Hall Renovation fund-raising meal**—The Camp Mennoscah Board of Directors invites you to enjoy music by Book of JEBB, a meal of favorite camp foods served by the Board, a preview of the renovation plans and meeting the new Executive Director, Jerry Kroeker. This all happens on April 23, 5:30 PM at Camp Mennoscah dining hall. Space is limited so register by April 15. Call 620-297-3014 or [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org). Suggested minimum donation is \$25 for adults/\$10 for children.

**MCC Central States has an opening** for the position of Executive Director. The Executive Director promotes and encourages support of MCC. The Director works hand-in-hand with a management team which includes the Program Director and the Director of Donor Relations to provide vision and leadership to the MCC program in the region and to develop and maintain strong relationships between MCC and its constituents in the region. This full-time position, based in North Newton, KS requires considerable cooperation and coordination with MCC US and the other regional MCCs and considerable travel in the region and beyond. The full job description is available at [mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/executive-director-cs](http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/executive-director-cs).

**Camp Mennoscah wants as many kids and youth** as possible to have a summer youth camp experience. It's a great way to help faith grow and to find God in creation and in friends. The summer youth camp theme is Fearless Faith: Courage in Community. For more information call 620-297-3290 or email [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org). Scholarships are available. You can register online at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org).

**Kitchen helpers for Camp Mennoscah's** summer youth camps are needed for the weeks of June 19-25, June 26-30, July 17-23, and July 24-29. No great skill is needed, only willing hands and a giving heart. Parents can receive a camper discount of up to full camp fees. Call 620-297-3290 for more information. Free camp tee for all volunteers!

**WELCOME TO EVERYONE** who has come to worship and especially to those who are here for the first time. May you experience the loving embrace of God today. Nursery Care, infants to age 2, is provided during the worship service in the nursery located at the back of the Sanctuary. Childcare is available for children ages 2-4 during the worship service in Room 223. If you need help finding your way, ask an usher at the door. We would be glad to help you!

**“Meet the Congregation”** displays now feature Tim and Kathy Wiens, Jim and Judy Schrag, Florene Wiens, and Albert Wiens. Take a look at the display cases by the Library and Court Area and learn about each family.

#### **First Mennonite Church by the numbers**

##### **Attendance:**

- Worship—260; Visitors—4
- Sunday School—201

**Receiving or has received care**—Paul Koehn, NMC Rehab

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$7,654. The offering for April 3 is for Mennonite Mission Network.

**Today the buckets will be passed during the offering time** to collect loose change for the relief work of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). The buckets will be passed each week until the MCC Sale on April 8-9.

**Schedule change (no joke!):** Beginning on April 1, the office will close at noon on Fridays.

**Please check out the bulletin board in the Court Area.** There is a list of service opportunities for the 2016 **Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale**.

**College scholarship money is available**—If you will be attending (or are considering) a Mennonite college, university or seminary in 2016-2017, you are invited to apply for scholarship funds from FMC. **By no later than Sunday, April 17**, submit the completed application to either Jyl Ewy or Ron Dietzel. For each school year, an FMC application must be completed. Some Mennonite colleges provide matching funds so your monies would be doubled when enrolled in one of those schools. Eligibility criteria for the FMC funds are provided on the application. The form is available in the Court Area by the Church Office.