

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, March 23

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Luke—*Conflict in Jerusalem* —Mark 11:27-12:44  
4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

### Tuesday, March 25

5:30 PM Worship Commission

### Wednesday, March 26

10:00 AM Staff Meeting  
5:30 PM Supper  
6:30 PM Children's Singing  
6:45 PM Building benches for MCC with Outreach Commission  
7:00 PM Warkentin Room Reserved, Men's Bible Study

### Sunday, March 30

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Luke—*The Beginning of the End*; Mark 13:1-37  
4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

### Upcoming worship service:

Sunday, April 6—Pastor Laura

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#### Pastoral Team

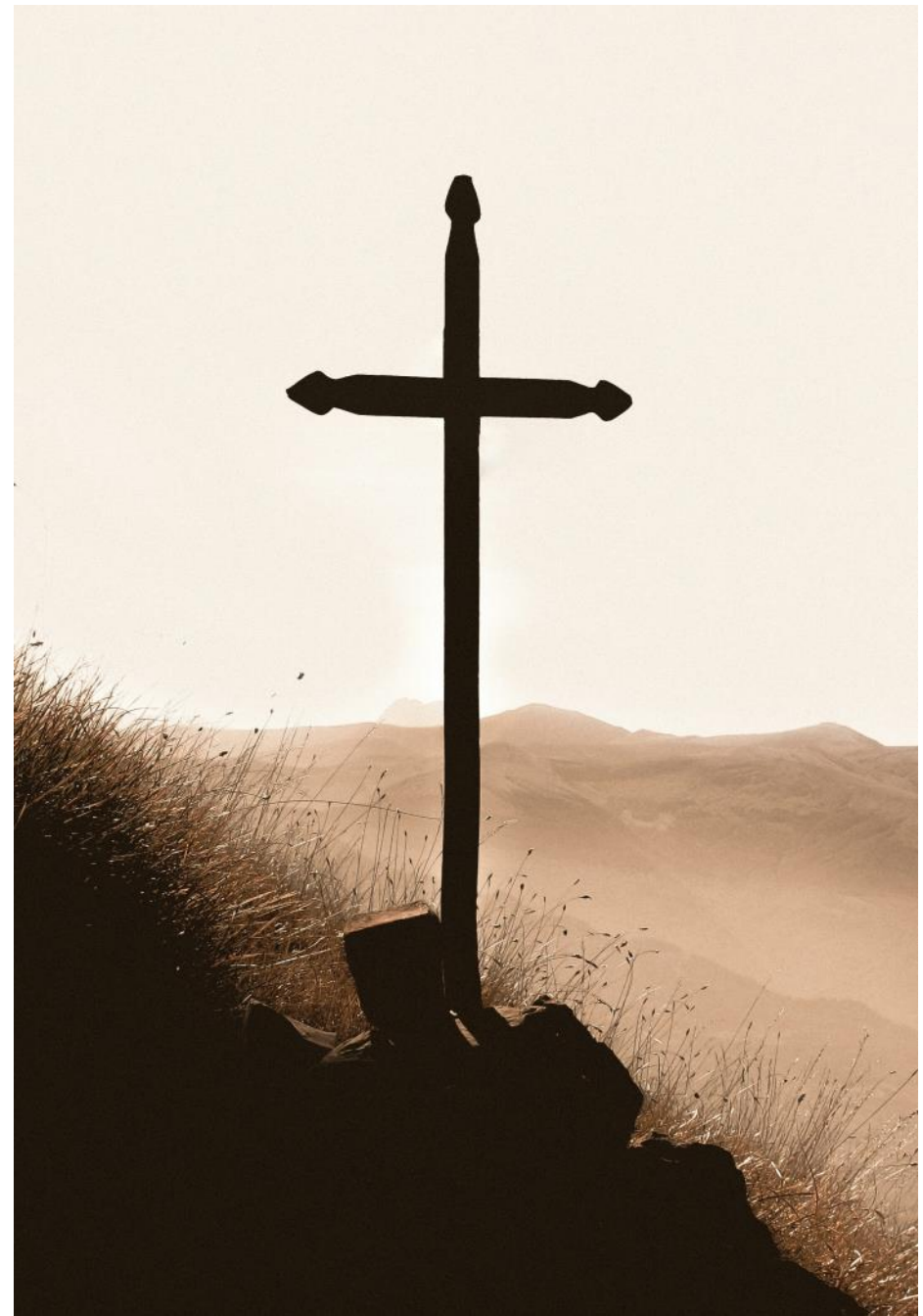
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## Mark Part 2: Journey to the Cross

# Conflict in Jerusalem

## March 23, 2025

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### Gathering

#### Welcome

Dave Wiebe, worship leader

#### Gathering Music

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Amanda Entz

#### Call to Worship

Dave Wiebe, worship leader

### Listening

#### Songs for worship

*Here in This Place* VT 10

*Praise Him, Praise Him* VT 100

#### Children's Time and Introduction to Pray Grounds

Chris Weaver and Jennie Wintermote

*\*Children ages 2-5 may leave for supervised play time in Room #234.*

#### Prayer for the Offering

Local Mission

Dave Wiebe

#### Scripture Reading

Mark 12:1-12,

Dave Wiebe

#### Sermon

*Conflict in Jerusalem*

Pastor Luke Unruh

#### Response Song

*Christ Is Our Cornerstone* VT 4

#### Prayer of the Church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

### Sending

#### Sending Song

*Go Now in Peace, Worship Continues* VT 829

#### Announcements and Benediction

Dave Wiebe

#### Postlude

*Italian Concerto, Mvt. 1, by J.S. Bach*

Amanda Entz

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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](http://firstmennonitenewton.org)), on our Facebook page, YouTube, or at our Vimeo site. Recordings of the service will be available afterwards as well. Today, Sarah Koehn, Isaac Koehn, and Melody Enns are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Amanda Entz. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Mason Unruh*

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**The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale** is right around the corner on April 11 and 12. There are lots of ways to volunteer during the weekend. Many of the sign-up sheets are now conveniently located on line. To check out the opportunities (and hopefully sign up) you can go to [KANSAS.MCCSALE.ORG/VOLUNTEER](https://KANSAS.MCCSALE.ORG/VOLUNTEER) or click on the QR Code. The sooner you sign up, the better chance you have in getting your preferred job and time slot. It takes many volunteers for a successful Sale!

**Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a Training and Resources Facilitator**—This full-time position can work from the Elkhart, IN or Newton, KS offices, remotely from anywhere in the country, or a hybrid of the two. They will support church planting efforts within Mennonite Church USA by developing leaders, providing training and coaching, managing projects, and fostering networks for new and missional congregations. For more information and to apply, visit [MennoniteMission.net/Employment](https://MennoniteMission.net/Employment).

**Save the Date for the Kids Meet Christ Launch Events!** Western District Conference invites you to celebrate and learn more about the new grant-funded worship initiative Kids Meet Christ on Saturday, May 3, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, at First Mennonite Church, Newton, KS both in-person or virtually or Saturday, May 17 in Dallas, TX (exact time/location TBD). Come join the conversation about reimagining worship to fully engage children. In-person participants will be the first to receive a kit of ready-to-use materials for children in worship! This is for anyone! (worship leaders, pastors, Sunday school teachers, anyone who is passionate about children). These events will both be bilingual in English and Spanish.

**Men & Boys Retreat** is April 4-6, 2025, at Camp Mennoscah! Claim a place to sleep in the cabins, bunkhouses, or sleep in your own tent under the stars. Meals can be purchased for Saturday night, Sunday morning, and Sunday lunch. Online registration is available. Contact Kevin at 316-322-5515 for more information.

**Camp Mennoscah** is looking for kitchen helpers and other volunteers to make great camp experiences. Parents can receive a camper discount up to full camp fees as a kitchen volunteer. Contact Olivia at [Olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:Olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or 316-293-7313.

**Lent-at-Home: Christ Collides**, a free downloadable Lenten devotional from Mennonite Education Agency—Download it for free in English or en español at [www.mennoniteeducation.org/resources/lent-at-home/](https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/resources/lent-at-home/)

**Western District Women in Mission (WDWM)** invites women and girls to their annual potluck salad supper on Monday, April 28 at 6 p.m. at the Tabor Mennonite Church. Our theme is "For the Beauty of the Earth." After the potluck and a meditation on God's creation, Rebecca Schrag will lead a floral design workshop with flowers provided by Firebranch Farm and other sources. Each participant will make a small bouquet to take home. **RSVP appreciated and required by April 15 at our website link:** <https://www.westerndistrictwomeninmission.org/events-1>. Follow us on Facebook & Instagram.

Please bring:

- \* a salad to share (table service will be provided)
- \* a small vessel to make a bouquet (a tea cup is ideal)
- \* several flowers from your garden if you have them to share
- \* a kitchen or garden shear if you have one

Questions: Email [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com)

## Announcements

**The offering for March 30**, will be for Camp Mennoscah. 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](https://firstmennonitenewton.org).

**Nursery care is available** for infants and toddlers every Sunday during Sunday school and worship.

**Childcare is available** for children ages 2-5 during the worship service. Children of this age will have the opportunity to leave after the "Words for the children" 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.

**FMC worship attendance** for March 16—128; Sunday school—107.

**Yearbook update:**

**Come and See**—take a look at the display on the Communion table. There is a gathering of symbols from the book of Mark. Come to the front of the church and see how many of the symbols and colors you can recognize from the stories in the gospel of Mark.

**The new updated Yearbooks are in your church mailbox.** If you no longer need the old one, please consider recycling it to the Church Office so that we may reuse the binding off the old books.

**The MCC Run for Relief** will be in Hutchinson on April 12. We will again be participating in this run & are raising money for MCC. This year, in addition to soliciting your financial & prayer support, we would also like to invite you to join us in the MCC Run/Walk for Relief. You can find information at this link—<https://kansas.mccsale.org/run-for-relief/>. If you would be interested in sponsoring us through a financial donation to Mennonite Central Committee (100% of your donation will go directly to MCC), we would be most grateful. Your donation of any amount will go toward the important work of MCC relief & development work around the world. (Visit [www.mcc.org](https://www.mcc.org) to learn more.) Both cash & check are accepted. Feel free to put your donation in our mailbox at church, or by April 11. Please make checks payable to *Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale*. Thank you for your support & for your prayers for those around the world who benefit from the work of MCC. ~Woody and Nora Miller

## SR. HIGH YOUTH



**Youth Group**—On March 26, meet in the Youth Room at 6:45 PM, for the "Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness Games". We'll drive together within the Newton city limits during the evening, return to church, and be done by 8:30 PM.

**Join us for Wednesday Community Nights!**

**Come for:**

**Supper at 5:30pm**

**Made by New Life Sunday school**

**Tater Tot Casserole, applesauce, Garlic Bread and Bar Cookies**

Children's singing at 6:30pm

Activities for all ages 6:45pm

**March 26: Building benches for MCC with Outreach Commission**

April 2: Pysanky eggs with Janet Regier

April 9: Sharing about Sharps' assignment in Columbia

**Nurture Commission's current offering project,** Infant Care Kits for MCC, will be ending March 31. There is still time for all ages to provide needed items for this ministry. Please see the Giving Tree on the east end of the Gathering Area for items still needed to complete kits. For the youth (& young at heart) who have already donated, a heartfelt thank you for your generosity!

**Youth Group Verenike Casserole Fundraiser**—As a fundraiser for our mission trip this year, the youth group will be hosting a verenike casserole supper on Wednesday, April 9, 5:30-7:00 PM. The menu will include verenike casserole, sausage, green beans, zweibach, cherry moos. Vegetarian/gluten free/dairy free/sugar free options are available. Please invite your friends and family for this spring fundraiser!

**College scholarship money is available** — If you (or a family member) will be attending (or are considering) a Mennonite college or university for either undergraduate study or graduate study during the 2025-2026 school year, you are invited to apply for scholarship funds from FMC. By no later than Sunday, April 20, 2025, 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 Gathering Area at FMC; or, by contacting Ron Dietzel or Jyl Ewy.

**You are invited to join us** for an upcoming concert of the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus. The 120-member chorus includes members from our church. The concert will include traditional hymns and contemporary selections performed in four-part harmony. The concert at Tabor will include students in the Chamber Voices student ensemble with students in the Open Road and Woven choirs joining us at Bethel College. The concerts are free with an offering benefiting the global mission support work of Mennonite Central Committee. **2025 Concert Schedule: Tabor College, Richert Auditorium, Hillsboro, KS. April 6, 2025, 4:00 PM. Bethel College, Memorial Hall, North Newton, KS. April 13, 2025, 4:00 PM.**

**It's time to donate to and apply for Camp Mennoscah Scholarships!** Children in grades 3-12 (fall 2025) who attend First Mennonite and Casa Betania are eligible for \$100 scholarships to attend Camp Mennoscah this summer. Parents can apply for the scholarships by filling out the form they receive via email or signing up in the gathering area. Talk to Sara Rickard if you have questions about the scholarships. Register for camp at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org). **Congregation members can donate to the scholarship fund by writing checks to FMC with 'Camp Mennoscah Scholarships' in the memo line. Thank you!**

### **For Your Prayers**

**Frances Schrag** is having hip replacement surgery on March 27. Please keep her in your prayers.

**WDC**—Pray for WDC's Executive Board meeting this week, as they discern priorities, resources and vision for WDC.

**MMN**—Lane Miller, one of Mennonite Mission Network's regional directors for Africa and Europe, is in Europe this month to improve his French language skills. Pray for him as he also visits partner institution LCC International University and Robin Gingerich, who has served with Mission Network at LCC in Lithuania since 2001.

**My Coins Count**—This year, coins will support food programs around the world. Bring coins (and bills!) to church Sunday mornings until the MCC sale. Starting today, we will have the coin tower in the Gathering Area for anyone who would like to drop your coins in the tower. Let's see how full we can get the tower filled!

### **Yearbook update—**

**Each year, the National Alliance on Mental Illness**, known locally as NAMI Kansas, brings together hundreds of people to raise mental health awareness and funds through NAMI-Walks Kansas. This year's event will be on Saturday, April 26 at 10 a.m. at the West Ridge Mall in Topeka. Funds raised support NAMI Kansas' free local mental health programs and services. Lee and Deb Penner are part of the Mid-Kansas support group which meets once a month at our church. Please consider a donation to this vital organization. If you would prefer to send a check, make it payable to NAMI Kansas, and give it to Deb by April 23. You may donate securely online at: <https://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=1746>. Half of all donations go to our local affiliate. If you have any questions, contact Deb, Team Captain, at 316-288-0354.

**Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Pies and Zwieback**—we have been assigned to make pies and Zwieback for the Relief Sale that will take place on April 11-12 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. Information is on the table in the Gathering Area along with the pie pans and bags for the bread. Both the pies and Zwieback need to be delivered to the sale on Saturday morning, April 12

### **Community Announcements**

**Putting the dam in!** The dam will go back in today at 2:00 PM. Spectators and helpers are welcome. Young ages cannot help with putting in the dam due to heavy boards and rushing water. They are welcome to watch and cheer! Dress for the weather. The river is expected to be cold.

**Bohne berrogie bake day** for the MCC Sale is April 5, at Moundridge High School. Volunteers are needed in the morning for two hour shift. There is a sign up on the MCC website or you can contact Marla Gillmore at 620-921-0428. Bohne Berrogie will be sold from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM that day.