

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 9—Daylight Saving Time Begins

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Laura—*The Cost and Reward of Discipleship*
Mark 10:17-52

4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

Tuesday, March 11

7:00 PM Church Board

Wednesday, March 12—Wednesday Community Night

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

5:30 PM Supper for all

5:30 PM Nurture Commission

6:30 PM Children's Singing

6:45 PM Board Games

7:00 PM Warkentin Room Reserved, Men's Bible Study

Sunday, March 16

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service—Chris Weaver—*House of Prayer or Den of Thieves?*
Mark 11:1-25

4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

Upcoming worship service:

Sunday, March 23—Pastor Luke—*Conflict in Jerusalem*—Mark 11:27-12:44

9:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

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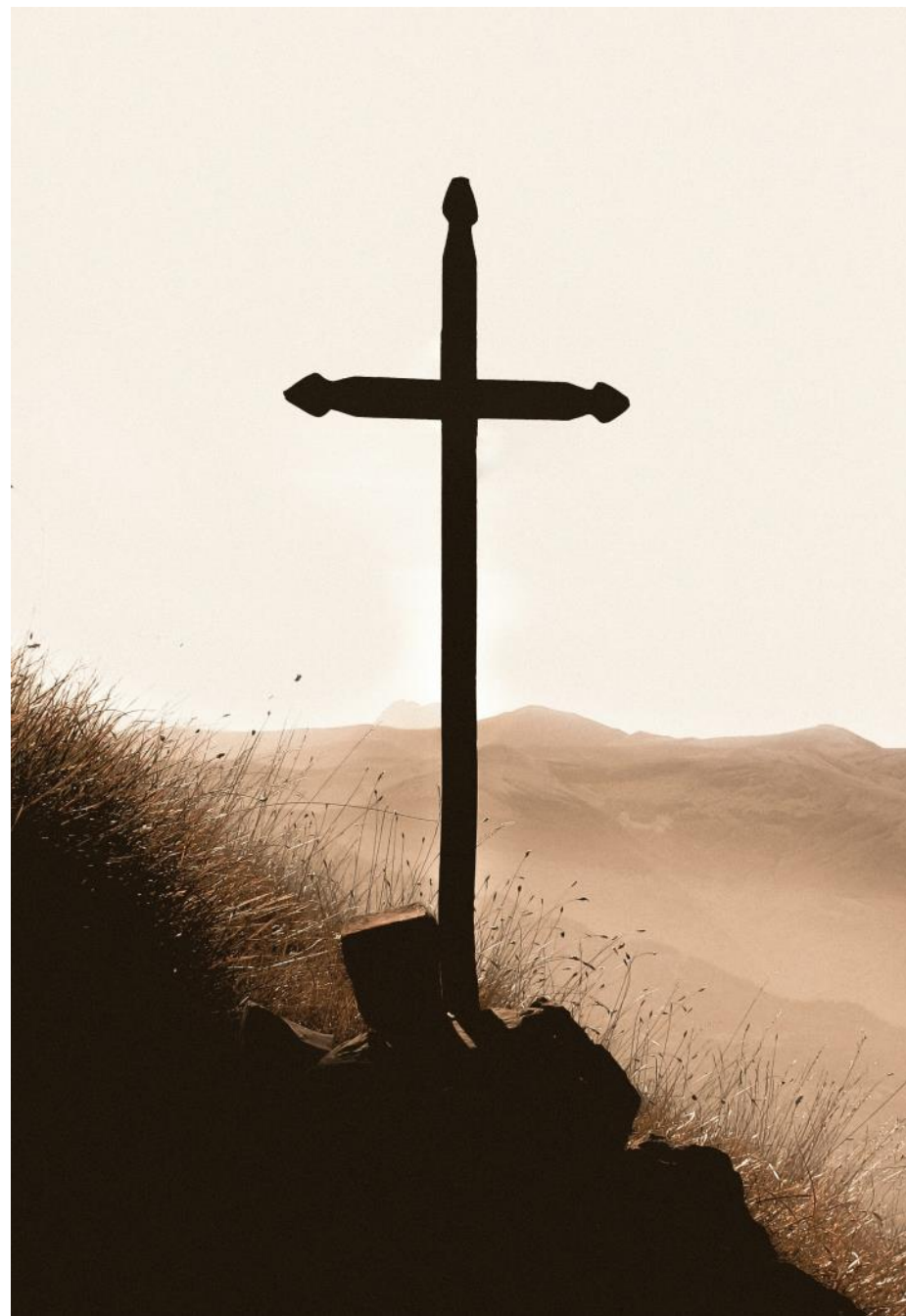
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Mark Part 2: Journey to the Cross

The Cost and Reward of Discipleship

March 9, 2025

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Gathering

Meditation Music

Hear My Prayer
Choir

Welcome

Peter Miller, worship leader

Meditation Music

Be Thou My Vision
Amanda Rempel

Call to Worship

Peter Miller, worship leader

Listening

Songs for worship

How Firm A Foundation VT 592
Somlandela (We Will Follow) VT 566

Children's Time

Sheralyn Goering

Prayer for the Offering

Local Mission
Peter Miller

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:17-31
Peter Miller

Choral Anthem

True Evangelical Faith

Sermon

The Cost and Reward of Discipleship
Pastor Laura Goerzen

Response Song

God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle VT 152

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Luke Unruh

Sending

Choral Sending Song

Peace I Leave With You

Announcements and Benediction

Peter Miller

Postlude

In the Cross of Christ I Glory
Amanda Rempel

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

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, Joey Menninga, Brian Kennell, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Amanda Rempel. Chorister/Choir Conductor: Greg Bontrager. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Alan Entz

Announcements

Art exhibit to feature Artist Brad Voth—Hesston College is pleased to announce its next exhibit featuring the work of local artist Brad Voth. The show is open and will run through March 14 at the Regier-Friesen Gallery in Laban Peachey Center (325 S College Dr, Hesston). Voth, of Moundridge, Kan., brings a fresh, energetic style to the gallery with his mixed media works in which he displays his passion of crafting narratives through dynamic visuals. His art is inspired by classic comic strips and the expressive energy of comic and caricature artists, as well as some fine artists. The gallery is open to the public Monday through Friday from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM. Admission is free.

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 will be available by March 15; registration can also be completed at camp. Contact Kevin at 316-322-5515 for more information.

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/

The offering for March 16 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.

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 2—137.

The MCC Run for Relief will be in Hutchinson on April 12, 2025. We will again be participating in this run and are raising money for MCC. This year, in addition to soliciting your financial and 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 and development work around the world. (Visit www.mcc.org to learn more.) Both cash and check are accepted. Feel free to put your donation in our mailbox at church, or mail it to us at 515 E. 3rd, Newton KS 67114, by April 11. Please make checks payable to *Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale*. Thank you for your support and for your prayers for those around the world who benefit from the work of MCC. — *Woody and Nora Miller*

Join us for Wednesday Community Nights!

Come for:

Supper at 5:30pm

provided by Koinonia and FIRST Sunday school classes

Tostadas and Ice Cream Bars

Children's singing at 6:30pm

Activities for all ages 6:45pm

March 12: Board game night

March 19: Spring Break (NO Wednesday evening activities)

March 26: Building benches for MCC with Outreach Commission

April 2: Pysanky eggs with Janet Regier

April 9: Assembling infant care kits

Ken Frey has temporary moved to Kansas Christian Home Skilled Nursing Care for continued therapy from his surgery. Visitors and cards are welcome.

Calling all (amateur) photographers! We are updating the Creation Care Photo Wall in the Gathering Area. This year, the theme will be BIRDS - as in "Consider the ravens, they neither sow nor reap..." from Luke 12:24. If you have a photo of a bird that you are proud of, send a high quality jpeg file to andrea.and.ben@gmail.com. Andrea will print them all in the same style & size. Deadline to submit photos is Thursday, March 20!

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!

Community Announcements

TODAY is the Bethel College Choir Tour Send-off Concert, directed by Dr. Henry S. Waters, at 4:00 PM, in Memorial Hall. The concert has the theme "Unity & Hope" and includes performances by the Chamber Singers, Woven and Open Road. (The choir leaves on tour March 14, and will sing in these Mennonite congregations: Rainbow, Kansas City, Kan.; Faith, Minneapolis, Minn.; Salem, Freeman, S.D.; and Bethesda, Henderson, Neb.; as well as Hennepin Ave. United Methodist in Minneapolis and a noon concert at the Mountain Lake, Minn., Golf Course.)

Register now for the 500 Years of Anabaptism & Swiss Alps Tour, May 21-31, 2025. Sites: The Swiss Alps, Swiss Mennonite sites, & the 500 Year Celebration in Zurich on May 29. Preview the tour at www.tourwithweldon.com. For information & registration details contact Weldon Martens at weldon.martens@gmail.com or 402-202-9276.

For Your Prayers

WDC—Pray for WDC Commissions meeting this month, as they provide ministries to support congregations and leaders in the conference.

MMN—Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Ecuador partnership meetings that are being held in Quito this week. Linda Shelly, regional director for Latin America, and Andrew Suderman, director of global partnerships, have joined representatives of the Colombia Mennonite Church and Central Plains Mennonite Conference in meeting with Ecuadorian partners to discern how to best carry out God's vision in their communities.

The 2024-25 Prairie Window Concert Series concludes with Darrell Scott on Sunday, March 16, 4:00 PM, at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and delicious food from Crust & Crumb in a prairie garden setting. [Purchase tickets online at dyckarboretum.org](http://dyckarboretum.org) or call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

Exciting Summer Internship Opportunities with MCC! Mennonite Central Committee is offering exciting **2025 summer internship opportunities** designed to provide hands-on experience while making a meaningful impact. Over the course of 10–12 weeks, interns will gain valuable skills, explore their interests, & contribute to meaningful projects in areas like human resources, historical exhibit development, immigration, climate communications, global service learning, & the sewing room. This is a unique opportunity to grow professionally while engaging in work that matters. Learn more and apply today!

CANNER JOB OPENING—Do you know a hands-on person looking for a unique opportunity? MCC is seeking two Canner Operators for its mobile meat canner beginning the Fall 2025 Canning season. The Canner operates from October through April by traveling to 30 different locations in the U.S. preserving hundreds of thousands of cans of beef, turkey, chicken and pork for communities in need across the globe. Canner responsibilities including operating steam and pressure vessels, coordinating volunteers, maintaining and communicating USDA regulations, and the maintenance of all machinery in the canning process. MCC is accepting applications until March 3rd by completing an online form by contacting marilyn timers@mcc.org, or by calling 1-888-563-4676.

Mennonite Mission Network has spaces still available for our transformative *Just Peace Pilgrimages* this summer and fall. **Racial Justice Pilgrimage | South Africa** — This pilgrimage will explore the long history and legacy of settler colonialism and apartheid, and will focus on the social constructs created around race, land dispossession and how they so thoroughly defined, and continue to define, South African society. **Racial Justice Pilgrimage | Underground Railroad** — Explore the role of faith and faith communities that helped enslaved people escape their bonds. This chapter of the Racial Justice pilgrimage series delves deeper into the struggle for freedom, exploring the ways — both literal and figurative — people took in search of their emancipation. **Schedule your own pilgrimage** — If you, your church, Sunday school class, or other group are interested in exploring what God is doing to bring about justice and peace in the world, contact us. We will work with your group to find a Just Peace Pilgrimage that works for you! For more information on the Just Peace Pilgrimages, to sign up, or to inquire about scheduling a trip for you and your group, visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace or contact Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net.

Important Training Opportunity! Youth Mental Health First Aid Training at Eden Mennonite Church (401 18th Ave, Moundridge, KS), March 22, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM. This event will provide information about and offer training to respond to youth experiencing a mental health crisis. Registration cost of \$25 includes the training, materials, snack, and lunch. Training provided by Prairie View.