

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, April 27

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship Service—*An Afternoon Stroll*—Pastor Luke  
4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

### Wednesday, April 30

7:00 PM Youth Group

### Saturday, May 3

11:00 AM-3:00 PM Kids Meet Christ event—FMC FH

### Sunday, May 4

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship Service—Tyler Johnson—*Doubting Faithfully*—John 20:24-29  
4:00 PM Casa Betania Service

### Upcoming worship service:

Sunday, May 11—Chris Weaver will be preaching



*First Mennonite Church  
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# An Afternoon Stroll

## April 27, 2025

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### Gathering

#### Welcome

Carol Entz, worship leader

#### Gathering Music

*He is Exalted/Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Jyl Ewy

#### Call to Worship

Carol Entz, worship leader

### Listening

#### Songs for worship

*Death Was Arrested*

*Happy Day*

#### Children's Time

Andrea Regier

#### Prayer for the Offering

Local Mission

Carol Entz

#### Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Carol Entz

#### Sermon

*An Afternoon Stroll*

#### Response Song

*How He Loves Us*

#### Prayer of the Church

Pastor Luke Unruh

### Sending

#### Sending Song

*The Blessing*

#### Announcements and Benediction

Carol Entz, worship leader

#### Postlude

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today* with Mozart's *Alleluia*

Jyl Ewy

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

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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: Jyl Ewy, Joey Menninga, Joan Entz, Luke Unruh. Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Kevin Hamm*

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will interact with residents in a variety of ways, including activities, games, exercise, conversation and more. It's a wonderful opportunity for intergenerational connections and to enrich the lives of all involved! Applications are required and must be submitted by May 9. For an application or questions, contact Bluestem Communities Volunteer Coordinator Sheri Esau at [SheriE@bluestemks.org](mailto:SheriE@bluestemks.org).

**Music and Quilt Auction at The Hub on May 2!** Support Camp Mennoscah on May 2, with purchases at The Hub. 10% of all sales on May 2 will be donated to Camp Mennoscah. Musical groups will play from approx. 6:00-8:30 PM & include K81, Queen Jack Jericho, Brett and Caleb Klingenberg, & The Schrag Siblings. A Camp Mennoscah tee shirt quilt will also be sold through a silent auction. A picture of the quilt can be seen at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org). Contact [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) for a bidding from a distance option. (The Hub, 100 S Christian, Moundridge, KS, <https://www.thehubbrickoven.com>)

**Woven and Open Road joint concert**—Sunday, May 11, 4:00 PM at Bethel College Mennonite Church.

**Music and office summer staffers are needed!** If you know of someone who you think might be great for these positions, please tap them on the shoulder. Olivia would love to talk to them, even if they are only available for part of the summer. Contact us at [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or 316-293-7313 (call or text) Summer staffers must be 18 or older and are usually college or near-college age folks.

**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. Summer youth camps cannot happen without you!

## Announcements

**The offering for May 4** 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](http://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 April 20—217; Sunday school—151.

**Pastor Laura will be on sabbatical from April 21 - July 21.** In her absence please direct any pastoral needs to Pastor Luke ([lukeu@firstmennonitenewton.org](mailto:lukeu@firstmennonitenewton.org)) or Chris Weaver ([weaverchris270@gmail.com](mailto:weaverchris270@gmail.com)). If you have questions related to weekly worship plans, please contact Judy Murphy ([juju7960@cox.net](mailto:juju7960@cox.net)) or Pastor Luke.

**Lost and Found**—please check the tub and the coat racks in the Gathering Area. We have accumulated several items (coats, books, cups, etc.) that need claimed.

**There is a Safe Sanctuaries refresher training** scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, at 7:00 PM, via zoom. If you are interested in helping with youth ministries this summer and haven't previously been trained, this is an opportunity to do so. Contact Sara Rickard to receive the zoom link.

**Gospel in Glass—Windows Reflect Salvation, Discipleship.** Worshipers at FMC are surrounded with art-glass windows which are rich in biblical symbolism. The Historical Committee's new exhibit explains what the symbols represent. View the display to learn how the west side focuses on what God does for his people; and how the east side shows what God asks in response. The presentation is located in the corner display cabinets at the west end of the Gathering Area. The source of the photos in this display is an article featured in the "Mission & Memory" magazine. Free copies of this publication are available by making a request to Ron Dietzel or Andrea Enns Regier.

## Community Announcements

**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!**

**Take a moment to enjoy** our new Creation Care photo wall near the Gathering Area based on Luke 12:22-24. Thanks to all our FMC contributors!

**Would you like to do something to show** your support of our brothers and sisters of Casa Betania? One simple way is by your presence as a visitor in a Casa Betania service. Visitors are always welcome, but there will also be a sign-up sheet in the gathering area to encourage more intentional attendance and support of our sister congregation Casa Betania. If you have questions, or are interested in other ways to be involved, you may talk with Linda Shelly or Chuck Regier. The service is usually in the sanctuary at 4:00, but can vary. To be sure, text or call Linda (316-734-5947). Thank you for giving this your prayerful consideration!

### For Your Prayers

**WDC**—Pray that WDC congregations may be renewed by the power of Jesus's resurrection, boldly proclaiming the Good News and embodying Christ's love, reconciliation, and justice mission in their communities and beyond.

**MMN**—Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Kikubya Mennonite Church in Uganda, whose building was severely damaged by floods, and for the 15 families who lost their homes and/or crops. Bishop Simon Okoth asks for prayer and resources, as the church tries to carry on its ministries to its members, many of whom fled from violence in Rwanda generations ago. Despite their limited resources, Mennonites are also hosting people fleeing from violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

**MMN has a new position open**—Regional Director for Latin America. Available for hybrid, in-office (Newton or Elkhart) or remote work. Anyone who may be qualified and interested, can find our job openings through our website at [www.mennonitemission.net/employment](http://www.mennonitemission.net/employment).

**Spring play at Bethel College**—today at 2:00 PM. *The Bookstore* by Adam Szymkiewicz will be performed in *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*. Ticket purchase required (buy on campus weekdays at Thresher Shop; online at <https://www.bethelks.edu/fine-arts/theater/theater-department-presents/>; or at the door).

**Kauffman Museum bird walk**— Saturday, May 3, 7:00 AM in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets (2801 N. Main St., North Newton 67117). Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail.

**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.

**The Schowalter Singers** will be presenting a spring concert at the Whitestone Mennonite Church, Sunday May 4, at 7:00 PM. You are invited! The choir, directed by Leland Flickinger, is made up of Schowalter residents and community members.

**Bethel College Masterworks Concert**—May 4 at 4:00 PM. *Three Nocturnes* by Dan Forrest; *Exsultate, Jubilate* by Mozart; *Considering Matthew Shepard: A Choral Suite* by Craig Hella Johnson – with mass choir, orchestra and soloists; *Memorial Hall*.

**Jazz on the Green at Bethel College**—Wednesday, May 7, 7:00 PM (rain venue: *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*).

**Youth ages 12 to 17 are invited** to become a Junior Volunteer at Schowalter Villa (Hesston) or Kidron Bethel Village (North Newton) for the summer. The Bluestem Communities Junior Volunteer program runs from June 2 to July 25. Participants