

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 1

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Luke
4: 00 PM Casa Betania service

Tuesday, February 3

6:30 PM Nurture Commission

Wednesday, February 4

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
6:30 PM Board Game Night—FH
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study
7:00 PM Youth Group

Saturday, February 7

11:00 AM Gathering Area and kitchen reserved

Sunday, February 8

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Laura
4: 00 PM Casa Betania service

Upcoming worship service:

Sunday, February 15—Pastor Luke

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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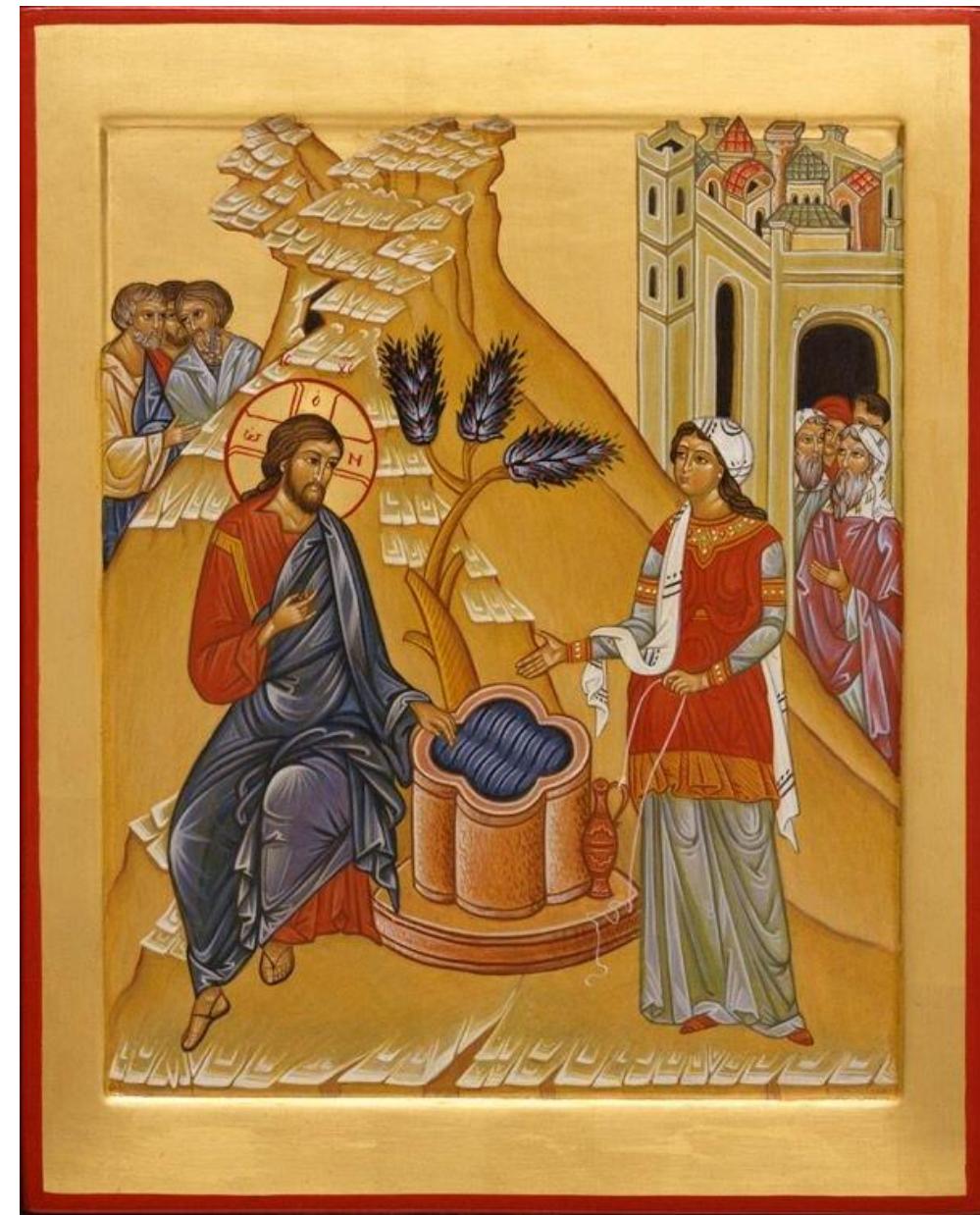
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Newton, KS*

Come and See

February 1, 2026

Gathering

Welcome

Dave Wiebe, worship leader

Meditation Music

I Lift My Eyes Up – Psalm 121
Ben's Band

Call to Worship

Dave Wiebe, worship leader

Songs for worship

Farther Along
All Who Are Thirsty VT 49

Listening

Children's Time

Dana Neff

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

Prayer for Offering—Mennonite Central Committee

Dave Wiebe

Scripture Reading

John 4:1-42
Dave Wiebe

Sermon

An Unlikely Conversation
Pastor Luke Unruh

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Sending

Sending Song

When the Light is Gone

Announcements and Benediction

Dave Wiebe, worship leader

Postlude

Felix Culpa

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 Goertzen Regier, Brian Kennell, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Ben's Band Visuals: Cindy Unruh and Carol Goering. Property Committee: Brent Voran

Happy Birthday!

Tim Regier—February 1
Jeff Kauffman—February 6
Peter Wintermote—February 6
Kara Schmidt—February 7



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

Announcements

The offering for February 8 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 "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.

FMC worship attendance for January 25—no services because of weather.

Carol Entz, Steve and Wynette Voth will be serving in Lahaina, Hawaii with MDS. They volunteered to serve for two weeks from February 8 to the 21. They will be involved in new house construction after the fires in 2023. Prayers for their safety and well-being are appreciated.

~Morris Ewert, MDS contact person for FMC

A meeting for survivors of sexual abuse led by a trained therapist will take place Tuesday, February 3, at 7:00 PM. If you are a survivor and have questions, contact

Board Game Night—this Wednesday, February 4, 6:30 PM. Nurture Commission is hosting a board game night the first Wednesday of every month in the Fellowship Hall. There will be games provided, but participants are encouraged to bring other games they are excited to play or share! Games will range in difficulty from Uno to Wingspan and beyond!

Volunteers Needed for Nursery and Childcare During Worship! Join our wonderful team of caregivers who support the youngest members of our congregation on Sunday mornings. Most volunteers serve just once a month, and scheduling is flexible. Safe Sanctuaries training is required. For more information, contact

Our new Trex bench has arrived! Congratulations and thanks to all of you for faithfully putting your recyclable soft plastics into the collection bins. We turned in 1000 lb. to Trex for recycling, which earned us this second bench. We'll let you know when we get it assembled, and you can try it out! Please keep dropping off your plastic as we start working toward a third bench. **Also, thank you to Janet Regier, Cindy Unruh, and others that have helped with this project!**

For Your Prayers

Peace Pod is changing to the second Monday of the month. The next time we will meet is February 9. Come for fellowship while tying MCC comforters, or to work on crochet and knitting projects.

Please check the lost & found tub in the Gathering Area and all the coat racks for items that may be yours. There have been several things left here at the church recently. (coats, bags, walking cane, etc.)

Save the date—the next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, February 21.

Thank you from Casa Betania: Thank you for your support of Casa Betania in 2025. The congregation deeply appreciates the \$540 received from First Mennonite through offerings, as well as the gifts shared directly from First Mennonite brothers and sisters. Thank you for your prayers for pastoral leadership. We are delighted to be starting the new year with a pastoral family, Mario Rocha Iglesias and Alva Peréz González, and their two-year-old son Santiago. We are praying now for adequate finances for their support. We were able to increase our savings during the time without pastors, so this helps a lot.

Updates from the Sharp family and Eli Regier are posted on the Gathering Area bulletin board.

Community Announcements

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus starts TODAY! All men are welcome at Hesston Mennonite Church at 2:30pm today, January 25, for the first of six rehearsals. The rehearsals last for 2 hours. KMMC has been singing since 1969 in Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nebraska & even Europe! If interested in singing or more information please reach out to Membership Chair Aaron Stucky—stucky2003@yahoo.com. You can also find us on Facebook at Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus.

The reason that Camp Mennoscah was able to immediately begin repairs on the retreat center was because we maintained a healthy reserve fund. But what would happen if a similar repair was needed today? If each of our donor households gave just \$20/month over the next 12 months, our reserve accounts would be replenished and ready to respond to the next emergency building repair. And our website allows you to easily set-up a monthly recurring investment to do just that. Visit CampMennoscah.org, or text "RECURRING" to our Development office at 620-755-2583 to begin the process.

Please join us for the Newton Mid Kansas Symphony Orchestra Winter Classics Concert on Sunday, February 15, 4:00 PM, at Bethel College Memorial Hall. This concert will feature the Dwight Beckham Young Soloist winners, Seth Balzer (Tuba, Bethel College) and Ryan Antle (Horn, Newton High School). Advance tickets for sale online, and at Faith and Life Bookstore. Tickets will also be available the day of the concert at the door. <https://nmkso.org/tickets/>

Love singing? Students in 2nd-5th grade are invited to join Newton Community Children's Choir's new **Prelude Choir**! For ten weeks starting February 9, we will meet on Mondays from 5:45-6:15 PM, at Bethel College's Fine Arts Center (choir room) to learn, sing, and have fun--no audition required! For further details and to sign up, visit nccchoir.org. Register by January 26 to guarantee your spot!

Share the love this Valentine's with OVM & MCC, February 12, 6:00-8:00 PM. In the spirit of Saint Valentine, share love with men on the indigent list at Hutchinson Correctional Facility. Help us pack 350 MCC prisoner care kits, hear impact stories at 7:30 PM, design a note to go into each kit, enjoy snacks and give a monetary donation to help cover the cost of the kit items. All ages are welcome to join us at MCC, 121 E. 30th St., in North Newton. Find out more at mcc.org/prisoner-care. Or reach out to broci-amueller@mcc.org.

Lunch & Learn at MCC! Tuesday, February 17, 12:00-1:00 PM, join the Global Voices Speaking Tour to hear firsthand stories of the intersection of climate and peace. Speakers Dr. Arefur Rahaman with MCC Bangladesh and David Waiswa with MCC East Africa and Sahel Region will share how they are working toward peace and climate resiliency, especially around food security. **RSVP by February 10** at mcc.org/global-lunch or contact patsydirksen@mcc.org, 316.283.2720. Suggested \$10 donation per lunch.