

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

## Sunday, February 22

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

## Wednesday, February 25— Community Night

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 5:45 PM Supper:
- 6:30 PM Children's Singing
- 6:45 PM Potting plants for MCC
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Youth Group

## Sunday, March 1

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

## Upcoming worship service:

Sunday, March 8—Pastor Laura



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# Come and See

## February 22, 2026

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### Gathering

#### Welcome

Pastor Luke Unruh

#### Meditation Music

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Bel Canto Choir

#### Call to Worship

Pastor Luke

#### Songs for worship

*Jesus Messiah*

*I Am the Bread of Life* VT 480

v. 1, 4, 5

### Listening

#### Children's Time

Camryn Entz

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

#### Prayer for Offering—Local Mission

Pastor Luke

#### Scripture Reading

John 11: 1-44

Ellie and Jennie Wintermote & Laura and Martha Goerzen

#### Meditation

*A Human View of Resurrection*

Pastor Laura Goerzen

#### Bel Canto Choir

*Hope Lingers On*

*Christ Has No Body but Ours* VT 568

*Yours Are the Hands*

*Ubi Caritas*

#### Prayer of the Church

Pastor Luke

### Sending

#### Sending Song

*Praise God From Whom*

#### Announcements

Pastor Luke

#### The First Candle is Extinguished

Luke Wiens

#### Benediction

Pastor Luke

#### Postlude

*This I Pray*

Bel Canto Choir

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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 Ryan Koehn, Isaac Koehn, and Melody Enns are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Bel Canto Choir, Greg Bontrager, Jyl Ewy, Joan Entz. Visuals: Carol Goering. Property Committee: Kevin Hamm*

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good time. The members and pastor are very welcoming. It would also be a great way to see the remodeled church. There is no need to RSVP. Of course, poppyseed rolls will be served after the meeting. We hope to see you there!

**Thank you, friends and volunteers, for your support of Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS).** You are invited to the Kansas MDS Board Annual Meeting on zoom: Monday, March 9, 2026 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. Please contact Wayne Stucky, Unit Secretary, to register and get the zoom link. [wstucky@cox.net](mailto:wstucky@cox.net) or 785-554-8756. Learn more about the Mennonite Disaster Service (local and National). The agenda will include a short message from the Executive Director, Kevin King, financial reports, past year project activities including the MDS Cabinet Shop, and church congregation relationship efforts. **Don't delay – register now.**

**Become a Service Adventure leader!** Are you sensing God's call to mentor young adults as they grow in faith, service and community? Imagine living in beautiful places like Anchorage, Alaska, or Colorado Springs, Colorado? Answer the call and become a Service Adventure unit leader! Unit leaders mentor the young adults in the unit and provide some oversight and guidance for the household. **Ages 24+ should contact Michael Oyer at [MichaelO@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:MichaelO@MennoniteMission.net)**

**Now accepting submissions for Hesston College's playwriting festival**—The Hesston College Theatre department is once again inviting south central Kansas playwrights to turn their stories into live performance through the return of the Pen to Paper to Performance playwriting festival. Open to first-time and experienced writers, the festival celebrates original voices and the creative process from script to stage. The theatre department will accept submissions for the 10-minute play festival through March 8 and notify eight selected playwrights March 15, with their works produced as part of the final showcase event on May 1 and 2. Playwrights whose scripts are selected will receive a percentage of box office earnings. Visit [hesston.edu/news](http://hesston.edu/news) for details.

**MCC Central States annual meeting**—You are invited to the MCC Central States annual meeting on Saturday, March 7, 11:00 AM, at MCC Central States, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117.

**Online Registration for the Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat** on March 13-15 is open. Register online at <https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com/> Activities and lodging will be at Main Camp. (The Retreat Center is moving along quickly, but is not quite finished.)

**Online Registration for the 2026 Summer Youth Camps is open.** The theme for the summer is "In the Wilderness." Through the new, strange and unknown of "wilderness," we will discover the sacred within each person and all creation and meet God there. Summer Youth Camps are for youth in grades 3-12 (Fall 2026). Register at <https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com/>

## Announcements

**The offering for March 1** will be for Western District. 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 "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 February 15—143; Sunday school—126.

**Come, See, Taste**—This morning, we have as our guests, the Bel Canto singers from Hesston College. They are a group of 22 college students. We will host them for a carry-in meal following the service today. Please bring food enough for your family and some extra for our guests. Food can be brought to the kitchen prior to Sunday school to be kept warm or cold. Please bring your dishes cooked. Thank you.

**Team up for Scripture Reading!** Grab a friend or family member and share your voices in worship! A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Gathering area. Pastor Laura will contact you with the assigned scripture text.

**The Pictorial Directories are completed.** A link was sent by email from the church office this last week on how to access the directory online. There was also links for downloading the app for your phone. If you didn't get a link, let the church office know. If you would like a copy of the pictorial directory, please call or email the church office this week. **To help offset the cost of the directories we are asking for a suggested donation of \$10 per copy. Thank you!**

**Calling all Hobby Photographers!** Earth Day is around the corner and we need some new pictures on our Earth Stewardship Wall in the Gathering Area. Last year the theme was birds. This year, the theme for photos is **rocks, sand, clay/pottery, and/or rock formations** Please email your highest definition photo **by March 15** to Andrea Enns Regier - [Andrea.and.ben@gmail.com](mailto:Andrea.and.ben@gmail.com)

## For Your Prayers

### Join us for Wednesday Community Nights starting February 18! See below for our in-progress schedule and check back for further updates:

- **February 25**
  - Meal 5:45-6:30pm—Quiche, Fruit Salad, Muffins
  - Children's Singing, 6:30-6:45pm
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- March 4 - Game Night
- March 11 - TBD
- March 18 - Spring Break, NO Wednesday evening meal or activities
- March 25 - Zoom with Eli Regier and Sharps

**Needed: Cookie Bakers....**We are again creating a list of bakers who are willing to bake cookies/bars for funeral meals at FMC. Please sign up on the sheets in the Gathering Area on the table. We ask you to list your emails so we can contact you. These meals are often short notice and we appreciate you letting us know if you can bring cookies when asked or if you cannot in a timely manner so we can gather the required amount of cookies. We ask for a 3 dozen batch of cookies. This is a deeply appreciated gesture of kindness and empathy for grieving families. ~Funeral Meal Committee

**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.) **Anything that is still here at the end of February will be donated.**

**The MCC Run for Relief will be in Hutchinson on April 11, 2026.** We will again be participating in this run and are raising money for MCC. 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](http://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 10. 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*

## Community Announcements

**The unseasonable weather has been a blessing at Camp Mennoscah**, as those who participated in a work day on Monday the 16th were able to build forms and lay out rebar in preparation for two exterior concrete pads that were poured the following day. The pads meet code on the 600 amp electrical service installed at the retreat center, and also provide a home for the exterior HVAC units that control the basement and main floor common areas. This, along with window trim, baseboards, bathroom shelving, carpet repairs, and more was also done on the 16th, and we thank those who joined us for that work, and those who support these efforts financially through their \$20 monthly recurring gift using the "Donate here" button-[www.CampMennoscah.org](http://www.CampMennoscah.org).

**KIPCOR JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM**—Bethel and KIPCOR will present the biennial Justice Symposium, on immigration, Wednesday, February 25-Friday, February 27, on and near campus. Keynote speaker is Karen González, a writer, storyteller and immigration advocate who herself migrated from Guatemala as a child. González will give the Peace Lecture February 25 at 7:00 PM, in Kidron Hall at Kidron Bethel Village. Find the schedule at [2026 Justice Symposium & Peace Lecture - KIPCOR](#)

**Do you have opinions and one hour per month to share them?** Camp Mennoscah is interested in talking to those with thoughts on camp operations about serving on the Board of Directors. And don't let your lack of experience or knowledge stop you! Diversity of thought is crucial as we work to strengthen camp governance, which means including those with concerns as well as praise, and outside opinions as well as insider knowledge. If you care about Camp Mennoscah at all - or want to - nothing will change if your ideas aren't in the Board room where decisions are made. Text "BOARD" to 620-755-2583 for additional information.

**The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association's annual meeting** will be held on March 8, 2:30 PM, at Hopefield Mennonite Church, 1823 Aztec Lane, Moundridge Glen Ediger, a Bethel College graduate, will be our guest speaker. He will be speaking about "Mennonites, Farming, Wheat and Threshing Stones" The entertainment will be provided by Sam Shiels. If you did not get a chance to visit Hopefield Mennonite Church at our Schweitzer and Friends celebration in 2024, now would be a