

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 8

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

Monday February 9

7:00 PM Peace Pod, FH

Tuesday, February 10

5:30 PM Worship Commission
7:00 PM Church Board

Wednesday, February 11

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study
7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, February 12

7:00 PM Safe Sanctuaries @ Zoom

Sunday, February 15

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

Upcoming worship service:

Sunday, February 22—Pastor Laura



*First Mennonite Church
Newton, KS*

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

PO Box 291, 429 E. First Street, Newton, KS 67114-0291

Phone: 316-283-0273

E-mail: office@firstmennonitenewton.org

Website: www.firstmennonitenewton.org

Pastoral Team

Laura Goerzen, Pastor—620-386-0518; laurag@firstmennonitenewton.org

Luke Unruh, Pastor—620-386-4596; lukeu@firstmennonitenewton.org

*Pastor Laura and Pastor Luke are in the church office Monday-Thursday.

Administrative Assistant

Tracy Kerr—316-283-0273; office@firstmennonitenewton.org



Come and See

February 8, 2026

.....

Gathering

Welcome

John Good, worship leader

Meditation Music

Lamb of God Most Holy
Choir

Call to Worship

John Good, worship leader

Songs for worship

Over My Head VT 594
My Life Flows On VT 605

Listening

Children's Time

John Goerzen

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

On Mission

Denise and Larry Meyer from Narcotics Anonymous

Prayer for Offering—Local Mission

John Good

Scripture Reading

John 4:46-5:18

John Good

Sermon

Radical Healing

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Choir

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Sending

Sending Song

We Walk by Faith VT 588

Announcements and Benediction

John Good, worship leader

Postlude

Peace I Leave with You
Choir

.....

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, Kent Erb and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Choir Conductor: Greg Bontrager; Jyl Ewy. Visuals: Carol Goering. Property Committee: Phil Gaertner

Announcements

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 Rahman 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.

MCC Fellowship Meals: Help cover Relief Sale expenses by participating in a Fellowship Meal this year! You may choose to **Host** or **Be a Guest** in the traditional “*Fellowship in Dining*” way. As a **Guest**, you will be invited to attend the Host’s Church Worship Service followed by a meal in their home. Another option is to **Host a Fellowship Meal** for your own congregation. **Dates:** March 8 or March 15 (dates for congregational meals are flexible) **Guest Donation:** \$25 per meal (proceeds go toward MCC Sale expenses) **Deadline:** Sign up to be Host or Guest by February 25. **Contact** Your Church’s MCC Liaison or Barb at bj.reeves@live.com for form to complete. Thank you for supporting the MCC Sale through fellowship and hospitality! We hope to cover Sale expenses before the Sale so all proceeds can be donated to MCC!

Hesston College Community Day February 14—Hesston College invites you to Winter Community Day at Yost Center, February 14. Come enjoy free admission for basketball games, free popcorn, free haircuts provided by Hesston College alumna Christy Pickerill of CC’s Family Hair and free rally towels to the first 100 fans. Lincoln Perk and Sage & Juliet Coffee Co. are teaming up with a coffee truck to serve coffee drinks and baked goods, and the HC Grill Club and flag football team will serve burgers to purchase for lunch. The fun starts at 11 a.m. and continues all afternoon. For a full schedule check out hesston.edu/communityday.

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 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. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117.

The offering for February 15 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 February 1—121; Sunday school—110

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 big THANK YOU to our Property Committee and the volunteers that helped shovel snow a couple of weeks ago. We appreciate all your hard work!

The Safe Sanctuaries Committee is offering a training via zoom for new and renewing volunteers. The training is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, at 7 PM. This is for anyone who will be volunteering with youth or is interested in knowing more about the policies our church has in place to protect children and vulnerable adults. To receive the zoom link, please email

Pictorial Directories—we are close to having them completed but before we finish we want to make sure that everyone who had their picture taken or sent one in, knows that these will include email address, home address, phone number, and etc. (just like the directories in the past) The directory will be available through a web browser or by downloading the app and is password protected. All data is protected by SSL encryption—only you and FMC members can access the church directory. More information will be available soon.

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

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

For Your Prayers

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.**

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.

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

- February 18
 - Meal 5:45-6:30pm
 - Children's Singing, 6:30-6:45pm
 - Intergenerational Ash Wednesday worship in FH, 6:45-7:30pm
- February 25 - TBD
- 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

Community Announcements

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!

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.

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.

The 2025-26 Prairie Window Concert Series welcomes The Slocan Ramblers for the first time, on Saturday, February 14, 7:00 PM, at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music in a prairie garden setting. Purchase tickets online at dyckarboretum.org or call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.