

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 1

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

Tuesday, March 3

- 6:30 PM Nurture Commission

Wednesday, March 4— Community Night

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 5:45 PM Supper—Tostadas, apples/carrots, ice cream bars
- 6:30 PM Children's Singing
- 6:45 PM Game Night—FH
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Youth Group

Sunday, March 8—Daylight Savings Begin

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

Upcoming worship service:

- Sunday, March 15—Pastor Luke



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Come and See

March 1, 2026

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Gathering

Welcome

Ken Regier, worship leader

Meditation Music

Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us
Choir

Call to Worship

Ken Regier, worship leader

Songs for worship

When the Light is Gone
Come and See

Listening

Children's Time

Shannon Bartel

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

Prayer for Offering—Western District Conference

Ken Regier

Scripture Reading

John 13:1-17
Michael and Roxanne Tomlinson

Meditation

Why do we do this?
Pastor Laura Goerzen

Choir

This is My Father's World

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Sending

Sending Song

Psalm 16: I Will Not Be Shaken

Announcements

Ken Regier

The Second Candle is Extinguished

Brooklyn Erb

Benediction

Ken Regier

Postlude

Order my Steps (In Your Word)
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), on our Facebook page, YouTube, or at our Vimeo site. Recordings of the service will be available afterwards as well. Today Ryan Goertzen Regier, Kent Erb, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: FMC Choir; Greg Bontrager, Conductor; Ben's Band. Visuals: Amy Regier. Property Committee: Rod Wedel

activities including the MDS Cabinet Shop, and church congregation relationship efforts.
Don't delay – register now.

Please join guest conductor Anya Pogorelova for the Newton Mid Kansas Symphony Orchestra spring concert on Saturday March 21 at 3:00PM in the Newton High School Auditorium. This concert is designed for the whole family with a special family ticket price of \$20 to families of all sizes! 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/>

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!**

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.

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/>

Scholarships are available—Due to a generous donor, first-time campers and returning campers bringing a first-time camper will automatically receive a \$100 scholarship until funds are depleted. Please factor this into your payment before paying full camp fees. If Camp Mennoscah has a record of a camper attending previously, staff will contact parents/guardians. Only one scholarship per camper.

Announcements

The offering for March 8 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.

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 22—185; Sunday school—119.

Offering for Local Mission—February 15 & 22—\$10,400; Local Mission online--\$4,622.

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.

Board Game Night—this Wednesday, March 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!

The Pictorial Directories are completed. Today, after the worship service, there will be a table set up in the Gathering Area for you to pick up one up. **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 -

For Your Prayers

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

- **March 4**
 - Meal 5:45-6:30pm—Tostadas, apples/carrots, ice cream bars
 - Children's Singing, 6:30-6:45pm
 - Game Night—FH
- 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. **This will be the last Sunday to collect your lost items.**

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 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

Recital: Solomia Soroka & Scott Hochstetler Goshen (Ind.) College faculty artists violinist Solomia Soroka and baritone Scott Hochstetler present an evening of music for voice and violin, exploring a rich and diverse repertoire. The program features both beloved works and rarely heard gems, including unknown and rediscovered compositions by Ukrainian composers, highlighting music of deep lyricism, cultural heritage and expressive beauty. This recital invites listeners to discover meaningful music that bridges traditions, histories, and artistic voices. Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 PM, at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S. Main St., Hesston. Free admission.

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.

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.

Please join MCC Central States for our Annual Meeting as we hear an MCC update from MCC U.S. Board Chair Emerson Leshner. The meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 7 at MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th in North Newton, KS. If you would like to join us via Zoom, please email tinascrag@mcc.org for a link to the meeting.

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 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