

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 15

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

Wednesday, March 18

No Activities

Sunday, March 22

9:15 AM Sunday School—During the Sunday School hour, Guest Ian Campbell from The Neighboring Movement will be here—FH
10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Luke
4:00 PM Casa Betania service

Upcoming worship service—Sunday, March 29

10:30 AM Worship Service—Palm Sunday



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Come and See

March 15, 2026

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Gathering

Welcome

Dana Neff, worship leader

Meditation Music

What wondrous love
Donna Stucky

Call to Worship

Dana Neff, worship leader

Songs for worship

What Is This Place VT 22
God Is Here Among Us VT 62

Listening

Children's Time

Andrea Regier

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

Prayer for Offering—Local Mission

Dana Neff

Scripture Reading

John 18:28-40
Dana Neff

Sermon

The Power of Power
Pastor Luke Unruh

Response Song

Don't Be Afraid VT 596, 3x

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Luke Unruh

Sending

Sending Song

My Hope is Built VT 621

Announcements

Dana Neff

The Fourth Candle is Extinguished

Charlie Regier

Benediction

Dana Neff

Postlude

Aberystwyth ("Jesus, Lover of my soul")
Donna Stucky

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We will be live-streaming our worship beginning at 10:30 AM. You may view it on our webpage (firstmennonitenevton.org), on our Facebook page, YouTube, or at our Vimeo site. Recordings of the service will be available afterwards as well. Today Ryan Koehn, Eric Murphy and Melody Enns are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Chorister: Daryl Unruh; Donna Stucky. Visuals: Amy Regier. Property Committee: Brent Voran.

All are invited to enjoy Guatemalan coffee and conversation here at FMC at 9:30 AM, Saturday, March 21. This is one of the events planned during a visit from Karla Cuca Vázquez of the Latin American Anabaptist Seminary (SEMILLA) and its Central America Study and Service program (CASAS) based in Guatemala. In this informal time, she will share some updates, including opportunities with CASAS to learn Spanish while immersed in the language or online. Karla will also be speaking in these settings:

Schowalter Villa: Monday, March 18, at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel

Kidron Bethel: Tuesday, March 19, at 3:00 p.m. in Kidron Hall

Hesston Mennonite Church: Sunday, March 22, at 10:30 a.m.

Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, Sunday, March 22 at 4:00 p.m. (Spanish)

A poster with additional information is in the Welcome Area.

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!**

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.

Women & Girls! Come join us for our annual Mennonite Women in Mission's potluck salad supper on Monday, April 20, 6:00 PM, at the Tabor Mennonite Church, rural Newton. Our guest speaker will be Kate Mast speaking on "Our Time, Our Stories, Our Stuff." Kate's presentation encourages us to think kindly about our stuff in relationship to our time and the stories we tell about our lives. Please bring a potluck salad and one small item that is a treasure of yours to share with your table group. RSVP is not required. More information is on our website at mennonitewomeninmission.org or on our Facebook page.

Announcements

The offering for March 22 will be for Local Missions. 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 March 8—137; Sunday school—120.

Pastor Laura will be out of the office this week March 15-March 19.

Local Missions Update: As of the end of February we are \$21,656.76 in the red in our Local Missions expenses. Whatever you can do to help us meet our expenses will be sincerely appreciated. ~Financial Steward Committee

Wanted: Easter Eggs! Looking for a home for your surplus plastic Easter eggs? Consider donating them for our Sunday school egg hunt! Please drop them off in the gathering area by Sunday, March 29. Thanks!

The Neighboring Movement is Coming to FMC!

Ian Campbell from The Neighboring Movement will present on the theme "Congregations as Connectors: A New Role for a New Time" during the Sunday school hour on March 22. All adults interested in thinking about how we as individuals and as a congregation can foster stronger neighborhoods by serving as "Connectors" are invited to attend. See below for full description:

Congregations as Connectors: A New Role for A New Time: Congregations are a vital resource for community development, but the old, attractional model of church is splintering under the weight of ongoing cultural changes. This workshop will introduce congregations to a new, missional way of thinking about their unique role and assets and how to best leverage these beyond the church walls, in neighborhoods around their building and around the homes of their members. We will share a practical framework with next steps to help you approach projects and problems from a lens of strengths and abundance. Trying on a new identity as "community connector," churches can unlock their full potential as active agents of neighborhood flourishing!

For Your Prayers

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

- **March 18 - Spring Break, NO Wednesday evening meal or activities**
- March 25 - Zoom with Eli Regier and The Sharps

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

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.

Outreach Commission New Opportunity—As part of the Outreach Commission at First Mennonite, a program to weave rag rugs for Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale has been approved. It will be located in Room 313 on the third floor. Carol Goering will be in the Gathering Area after church on March 23 for an open house to share ways you can be involved. There will be a sign-up sheet to learn to weave as well as help with all the steps needed to produce a rug. Feel free to wander up to the Loom Room and see what's going on up there!

FMC's Camp Mennoscah Scholarship Fund needs replenishing. Each year FMC sets a goal of providing a \$100 scholarship to any child or youth who attends a summer camp and Camp Mennoscah. Currently our scholarship fund has less than \$10 in it. Please consider donating to this fund and supporting the spiritual growth that happens for FMC's youngest generation at Camp! All giving to this fund **MUST** be designated for "Camp Mennoscah SCHOLARSHIPS." Noting only "Camp Mennoscah" will result in funds going straight to Camp Mennoscah, which is also a good thing, but does not replenish our scholarship fund.

Men and Boys Retreat is April 17-19. This retreat is sponsored by Mennonite Men of the Plains. Registration will take place either online at <https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com> or in person at the shed by the basketball court. Please check in at the shed, even if you register online. Lodging is available in the bunkhouses, cabins, or your own tent. There are two 20 amp RV hookups and two 30 amp RV hookups available in the south (boys) cabin area on a pole of the gazebo. The hookups/outlets are not spread out. Camp Mennoscah only has electrical hookups. Meals are available for Saturday evening and Sunday breakfast and lunch. Contact Kevin N. at 316-322-5515. See you soon!

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 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