

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### 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

### Tuesday, March 24

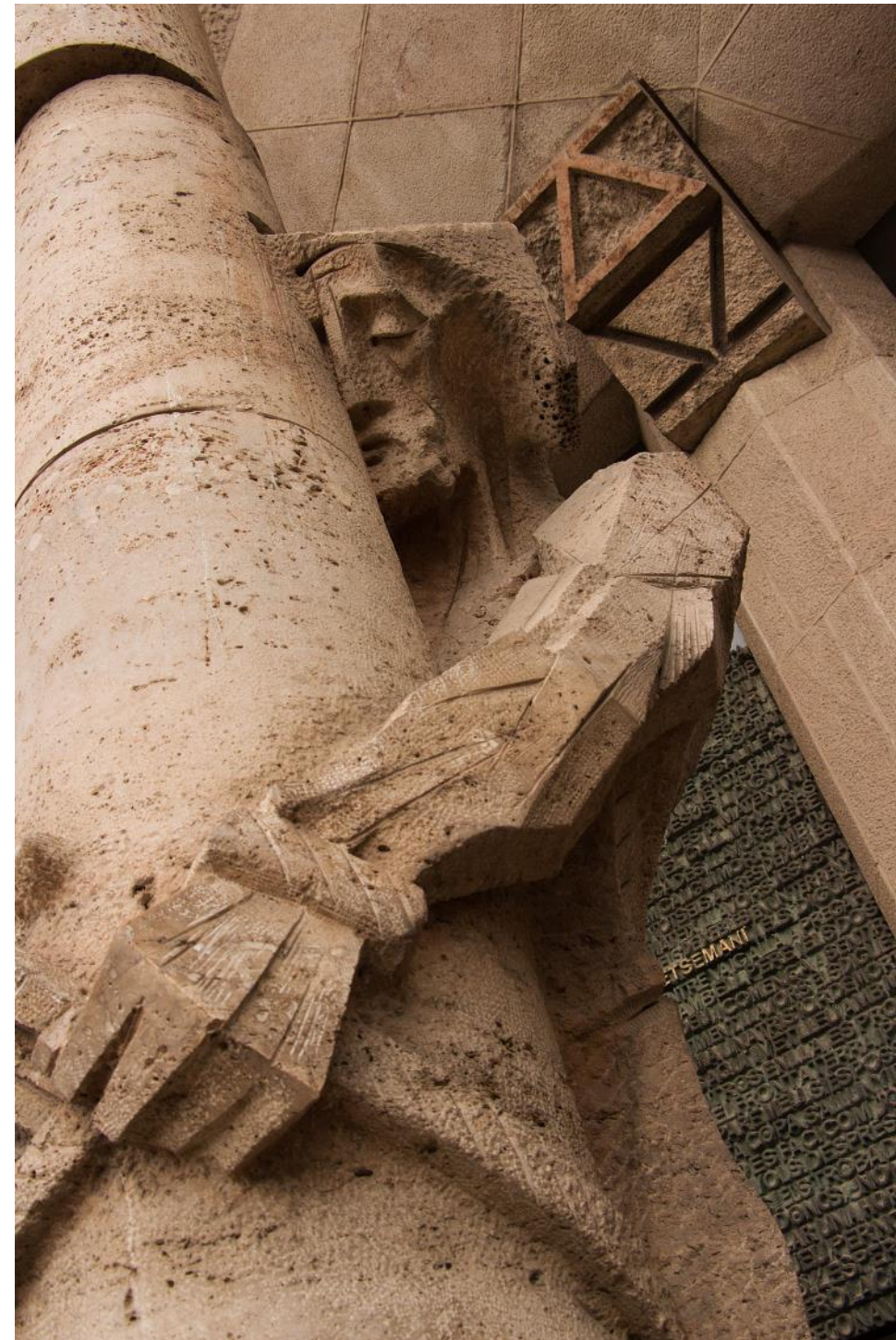
- 5:30 PM Worship Commission

### Wednesday, March 25

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting  
5:45 PM Supper—Casa Betania is serving the meal  
6:30 PM Children's Singing  
6:45 PM Zoom with the Sharps and Eli Regier  
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study  
7:00 PM Youth Group

### Sunday, March 29

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



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

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# Come and See

## March 22, 2026

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### Gathering

#### Welcome

Peter Miller, worship leader

#### Meditation Music

*Above All*

Joan Entz and Jyl Ewy

#### Call to Worship

Peter Miller, worship leader

#### Songs for worship

*When I Survey* VT 322

*How He Loves Us*

### Listening

#### Children's Time

Shannon Bartel

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

#### On Mission With Christ

Ian Campbell from The Neighboring Movement

#### Prayer for Offering—Local Mission

Peter Miller

#### Scripture Reading

John 19:1-16a

Peter Miller

#### Sermon

*No King But Caesar*

Pastor Luke Unruh

#### Response Song

*My Jesus, I Love Thee* VT 133

#### Prayer of the Church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

### Sending

#### Sending Song

*The Lord Bless You*

#### Announcements

Peter Miller

#### The Fifth Candle is Extinguished

Edwin Regier

#### Benediction

Peter Miller

#### Postlude

*At the Cross*

Jyl Ewy

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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: Jyl Ewy, Joan Entz, Luke Unruh. Visuals: Amy Regier. Property Committee: Phil Gaertner Cover credit: Don McCullough, "The Scourging"*

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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.

**Camp Mennoscah—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/>

**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](http://mennonitewomeninmission.org) or on our Facebook page.

**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)**

## Announcements

**The offering for March 29** will be for Camp Mennoscah. 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 March 15—117; Sunday school—117

### **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 today at 9:15 AM.** 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!

**Outreach Commission New Opportunity—**The Outreach Commission has approved a rug weaving program to be housed at First Mennonite. This is an opportunity for anyone to be involved with the process and gain new skills. **Carol Goering will be in the Gathering Area after church today for an open house to share ways you can be involved.** There will be samples of items that will be for sale at the Relief Sale in Hutchinson, 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 (314) where Elena Entz Wiebe will be weaving and see what's going on up there!

**Forming a task force to review the Church Constitution and Policy Manual**—The Church Constitution and Policy Manual were last reviewed and revised in 2014. The Church Board would like to appoint a task force to conduct a new review and recommend revisions that may be needed. The task force will consist of five individuals, including a chairperson who will lead the group and report directly to the Church Board. The group's primary focus will be to consider how the congregation has changed over the past twelve years and to identify updates that would better support the church's current needs. The task force will present its findings and recommendations to the Church Board at their September meeting, with the goal of bringing any proposed revisions to the congregation for approval at the fall congregational meeting. **If you feel called to serve on this task force, please submit your name to Tracy Kerr in the church office by April 3.**

**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!

**College scholarship money is available** – If you (or a family member) will be attending (or are considering) a Mennonite college or university for either undergraduate study or graduate study during the 2026-2027 school year, you are invited to apply for scholarship funds from FMC. ***By no later than Sunday, April 19, 2026***, submit the completed application to either Jyl Ewy or Ron Dietzel. *For each school year*, an FMC application must be completed. Some Mennonite colleges provide matching funds so your monies would be doubled when enrolled in one of those schools. Eligibility criteria for the FMC funds are provided on the application. The form is available in the Gathering Area at FMC; or, by contacting Ron Dietzel or Jyl Ewy.

**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.

**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.

**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

### Join us for Wednesday Community Nights!

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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*

**Scholarships for Camp Mennoscah:** First Mennonite offers a \$100 scholarship to any child from the First Mennonite or Casa Betania congregations to attend Camp Mennoscah. Parents will soon receive an email with instructions on how to apply for the scholarship online. Alternatively there will soon be sign-up sheets posted in the gathering area. Campers will still need to register for camp at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org). **Anyone wishing to contribute to the Camp Mennoscah fund can submit a check to the church office with "Camp Mennoscah Scholarships" in the subject line.**

### Community Announcements

**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.

**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