

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 29—Palm Sunday

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

Wednesday, April 1

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 6:30 PM Board Game Night—FH
- 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, April 2

- 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3—Good Friday

Church Office will be closed

Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunday

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Flowering the Cross; Pastor Luke preaches
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania service



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Come and See

March 29, 2026

Gathering

Welcome

Judy Murphy, worship leader

Meditation Music

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Amanda Sauerwein

Call to Worship

Judy Murphy, worship leader

Songs for worship

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VT 313
Ride On, Ride On in Majesty VT 316

Listening

Children's Time

Sara Rickard

Children's Singing

Led by Ken Regier, Matt Graber, Daryl Unruh

Children's Palm Parade

Holy Lord VT 314

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

Prayer for Offering—Camp Mennoscah

Judy Murphy

Scripture Reading

John 12:12-27

Judy Murphy

Sermon

Hosanna! A King to Save Us!

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Response Song

Christ Is King! Let Earthly Power VT 410

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Luke Unruh

Sending

Sending Song

Go, My Friends, in Peace VT 839 v. B

Announcements

Judy Murphy

The Sixth Candle is Extinguished

Martha Goerzen

Benediction

Judy Murphy

Postlude

Wondrous Love

Amanda Sauerwein

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 Koehn, Isaac Koehn, and Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Amanda Sauerwein. Visuals: Amy Regier. Property Committee: Kevin Hamm

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.

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!**

Urgent Opening, apply by April 17! MCC Appalachia Build (formerly SWAP) home repair program is seeking summer staff in Kimball, West Virginia or Elkhorn City, Kentucky. These three-month positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators will allow you to explore new cultures, develop skills, build friendships and live out your faith. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. An hourly wage plus room and board are provided. For more information and to apply, visit mcc.org/careers. Or contact RoxyReyes@mcc.org

MCC is recruiting Canner Operators to join its mobile meat canning team, which prepares about **600,000 cans of meat** annually for global communities in need. These operators travel to **30 U.S. locations** from October to April, managing machinery, operating steam and pressure vessels, coordinating volunteers, and ensuring compliance with USDA regulations. Make new friends while participating in **a unique service adventure!** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until April 25th OR until position is filled. For the full job description and to apply: [Canner Operator](#) or contact MCC at 1-888-563-4676.

Announcements

The offering for April 5 will be for Mennonite Mission Network. 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 22—143; Sunday school—125

Board Game Night—this Wednesday, April 1, 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!

Bring fresh flowers on Easter! We will be flowering the cross again this year and you are all invited to bring fresh flowers from your local garden or store. Don't worry, we will have extras if you forget, but the cross is always prettiest when it shows off the variety in people's yards!

Join us for Maundy Thursday worship, April 2, at 6:30 PM, in the Sanctuary. This service will include scripture reading, music, communion, and a character portrayal of Judas performed by Dana Neff in honor of Ken "Frenchy" Frey.

The Spring Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 12. We will have a carry-in meal following the Worship service. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall around 12:30 PM or as soon as possible after we finish eating. During the meeting we will hear various reports and will take action to approve the financial audit report, 2025 financial report, and membership with the Central Kansas Justice Organization. ~Ryan Koehn, Church Moderator

My Coins Count—This year, coins will support food programs around the world. Bring coins (and bills!) to church Sunday mornings until the MCC sale. Starting today, we will have the coin tower in the Gathering Area for anyone who would like to drop your coins in the tower. Let's see how full we can get the tower filled!

The new updated Yearbooks are in your church mailbox. If you no longer need the old one, please consider recycling it to the Church Office so that we may reuse the binding off the old books.

Homeless Shelter—Our next week to serve New Hope Homeless Shelter is April 1-7. If you are able to help by volunteering or with meals, contact

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.

2026 Youth Group Auction Mark your calendars for bi-annual youth auction on Wednesday, April 22 at 6 pm. This all church event is where the youth offer their skills and items to be auctioned along with others donated by the church family. We will have a live auctioneer and meal prior to the sale. Be thinking of what you might like to donate. Proceeds will go to help pay for our summer mission trip.

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 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*

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Pies and Zwieback—we have been assigned to make pies and Zwieback for the Relief Sale that will take place on April 10-11 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. Information is on the table in the Gathering Area along with the pie pans and bags for the bread. Both the pies and Zwieback need to be delivered to the sale on Saturday morning, April 11.

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. **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

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!

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."