

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, April 12—Easter Sunday

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Laura, Sermon: *Cross-wise*
- 12:00 PM Potluck and Congregational Meeting
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania service
- 4:30 PM KMMC Chorus Concert at Bethel College Memorial Hall

### Monday, April 13

- 6:00PM Ella Regier's Family Visitation—Gathering Area

### Tuesday, April 14

- 11:00 AM Ella Regier's Memorial service—Sanctuary. There will be a light lunch served following the service.
- 7:00 PM Church Board

### Wednesday, April 15

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

### Sunday, April 19

- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Luke, Child dedication
- 11:30 AM College lunch—FH
- 4:00 PM Casa Betania service

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## Cross-wise: Metaphors for Understanding Salvation



Reconciliation

Victory

Justification

Sacrifice

Redemption

# Cross-wise April 12, 2026

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## Gathering

### Welcome

Carol Entz, worship leader

### Meditation Music

*Lamb of God*

Nora Miller

### Call to Worship

Carol Entz, worship leader

### Songs for worship

*Thine Is the Glory* VT 355

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* VT 348

## Listening

### Children's Time

Camryn Entz

### Scripture Reading

Hebrews 10:11-25

Carol Entz

### Sermon

*The Cross as Sacrifice*

Pastor Laura Goerzen

### Response Song

*The Love of God* VT 162

### Prayer of the Church

Pastor Luke Unruh

## Sending

### Sending Song

*The Lord Your God Is with You* VT 173

### Announcements and Benediction

Carol Entz, worship leader

### Postlude

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Nora Miller

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

### Prayer for Offering—Local Mission

Carol Entz

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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, Joey Menninga, Kent Erb, and Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Nora Miller, Chorister: Daryl Unruh Visuals: Cindy Unruh. Property Committee: Rod Wedel*

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**The Central Kansas Master Chorale** will present Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass (Mass for Troubled Times) with orchestra. Please join us for this special concert directed by Dr. Joel Garber. This free event will be held at 3:00 PM, on Sunday, April 19 at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S Main St, Hesston, KS. Admission is free, donations accepted. For more information, visit the chorale website at [www.centrankansasmasterchorale.org](http://www.centrankansasmasterchorale.org).

**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.

**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](http://mcc.org/careers). Or contact [RoxyReyes@mcc.org](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup> OR until position is filled. For the full job description and to apply: [Canner Operator](#) or contact MCC at 1-888-563-4676.

**Mennonite Church USA** is accepting applications for its annual **Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund** grants, from now through June 30. The grants assist MC USA congregations committed to renewable energy by defraying the cost of hardware purchases to install solar panels, car charging stations or other renewable energy projects. Learn more and apply here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/2026-renewable-energy-grants/>

**Summer Camp Staff Needed!** A head cook is needed for the PreJunior I Camp, June 21-25. Kitchen staff is needed for all weeks EXCEPT First Camp and Senior High. A nurse is needed for July 19-24. Volunteers for custodial and maintenance are needed for most weeks of camp. Contact Olivia at [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or call/text 316-293-7313 for more details.

## Announcements

**The offering for April 19** 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: [first-mennonitenewton.org](http://first-mennonitenewton.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 April 5—211; Sunday school—135.

**The Spring Congregational Meeting** will be held today. 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

**A carry-in meal for today** prior to the Spring Congregational Meeting. Please bring a dish or two to share. The food should be fully cooked. Bring your food to the church kitchen before Sunday school. You are invited to bring your own tableware as well. Cold drinks will be provided.

**New Worship Series!** Starting today, FMC will begin a new worship series titled "Cross-wise," which will explore the different models and metaphors used to explain the saving work of Jesus' death on the cross. For the theology nerds, we will be talking about the atonement! Join us as we explore this core element of our Christian faith.

**Next Sunday** we will be dedicating four of our newest church family members: Anna Claassen (Parents Michelle and Sean Claassen), Clara Goertzen-Regier (Parents Miriam and Ryan Goertzen-Regier), Auden Graber (Parents Erin and Matthew Graber), and Henry Koop (Parents Melanie and Aaron Koop). Be sure to join us as we promise our spiritual care and support to these little ones!

**Peace Pod will meet this Monday, April 13, 7:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Crocheting, knitting, quilting, or any other handiwork is welcome. Enjoy the fellowship!

## For Your Prayers

**Property Committee is looking for a person** or group to mow and edge the church lawn this summer. The church does not have equipment, but does pay gas expenses. Contact Brent Voran (or Tracy in the office if interested. Also, if you have a good, reliable riding mower that you are willing to donate/sale to the church, please contact a Property Committee member.

**Save the Date for VBS!** First Mennonite's joint Vacation Bible School with other Newton Mennonite churches will take place the evenings of May 26-29 at Bethel College Mennonite Church with a joint worship service the morning of May 31.

**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.

**Youth Group Meal and Auction-Wednesday, April 22, 6:00 PM.** Everyone is welcome! We are having a hamburger fry before the auction at 6:00 PM, prepared by the youth and sponsors. The auction begins at 6:45 PM. Next Sunday, we will have a full listing of all auction items in your mailboxes. If you haven't already done so, give information about what you are donating to Carol Entz by Wednesday, April 15! Bring any auction items to the church office before Tuesday, April 21.

**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.

**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.**

**Are you knowledgeable in** Quick Books and would be willing to help answer a few questions about the program? If so, please call the church office for more information.

### Community Announcements

**The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus** invites you to their upcoming concerts. Today, April 12 at 4:30 PM, at Memorial Hall on the Bethel College Campus and Saturday, April 18 at 4:30 PM, at Richert Auditorium on the Tabor College campus.

**Kidron Bethel Village in North Newton** is looking for volunteer pianists to play for chapel services on Wednesday afternoons and resident hymn sings on Thursday mornings. If you have the gift of playing the piano and would like to help create meaningful worship and fellowship experiences for residents, we would love to hear from you. For more information, contact Sheri Esau at 316-836-4821 or [volunteer@bluestem.org](mailto:volunteer@bluestem.org).