

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, May 3

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

### Tuesday, May 5

- 6:30 PM Nurture Commission—Warkentin Room

### Wednesday, May 6

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 6:30 PM Board Game Night—FH
- 6:45 PM Youth Group

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## Cross-wise: Metaphors for Understanding Salvation



Reconciliation

Victory

Justification

Sacrifice

Redemption

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# Cross-wise May 3, 2026

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## Gathering

### Welcome

Peter Miller, worship leader

### Meditation Music

*Wait Alone in Stillness (Psalm 62)*

Ben's Band

### Call to Worship

Peter Miller, worship leader

### Songs for worship

*Psalm 16: I Will Not Be Shaken*

*Holy, Holy, Holy! VT 76*

## Listening

### Children's Time

Andrea Regier

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

### On Mission With Christ

Kendall Smith

### Prayer for Offering—Bethel College

Peter Miller

### Scripture Reading

Mark 10:32-45

### Sermon

*The Cross as Ransom/Redemption*

Pastor Laura Goerzen

### Prayer of the Church

Pastor Luke Unruh

## Sending

### Sending Song

*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth VT 426*

### Announcements and Benediction

Peter Miller, worship leader

### Postlude

*Lift High the Name of Jesus*

Ben's Band

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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 Goertzen Regier, Kent Erb, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Ben's Band. Visuals: Cindy Unruh. Property Committee: Phil Gaertner*

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**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 Pre Junior 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.

**WDC office schedule and Resource Library updates:** The WDC office hours are now Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM (instead of opening at 8:00 a.m. and closed on Fridays). This is due to staff schedules. Also, to enhance use of WDC Resource Library materials a secure locker is now located just next to the book drop-off outside the WDC office entrance, for after hours/weekend pick up of materials that have been checked out from the WDC Resource Library! To arrange for check-out and pick up of materials, contact the WDC office at 316-283-6300 or [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org), or contact the Resource Library Director at [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org)

**Employment openings at AMBS.** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for four full-time positions: Director of Enrollment, Director of Library Services, Digital Marketing and Publications Manager, and Assistant Director of Maintenance. Please share about these openings with people you know who may be interested! See the job descriptions: [ambs.edu/jobs](https://ambs.edu/jobs)

## Announcements

**The offering for May 10** 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: [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 April 26—147; Sunday school—134.

**Local Missions offering** from April 19 and 26—\$11,405; online Local Missions—\$3,460.

**We want to thank our FMC family** for supporting us both through donations and with your prayers as we, once again, participated in the Annual MCC Run for Relief on April 11. With your generous donations we were able to give MCC \$1,335. It was a beautiful morning for a run! There were a total of 180 participants who raised in total over \$28,000 for MCC. The top fundraiser raised \$5,635, and the oldest finisher was 87 years old! Amazing! Thank you for continuing to support us as we support MCC.  
~Woody and Nora Miller

**Everyone who bought pork chops or sausage** at the youth group auction can pick up your meat in the church kitchen following today's worship service. If that time doesn't work for you, please contact Dwight and Janet Regier by email at to arrange an alternate time.

**Board Game Night—this Wednesday, May 6, 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!

**Have you ever wanted to express your creativity** during the worship service, but do not want to be on stage? Do you have basic computer skills? We are looking for one or two people to run the projection computer one Sunday a month. If you are interested, contact Eric Murphy to see if you might be a good fit.

## For Your Prayers



**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** will be Tuesday-Friday evenings May 26-29 from 5:00-7:30pm at Bethel College Mennonite Church (2600 College Ave, North Newton) and May 31 Worship at 10:00am (in Athletic Park). Evening VBS is for any and all children who have just completed Pre-school (Age 4) through 4th grade. VBS will conclude with a Sunday morning worship on May 31 for ALL ages beginning at 10:00 AM in Athletic Park (700 W 1st St, Newton), immediately followed by games & crafts, fellowship and a potluck lunch. Please register your child/ren online **by May 4th** using this link (or scan the QR code): <https://forms.gle/8A7mo7dBEDuhSQ8a6> VBS is a joint venture of Bethel College Mennonite Church, Faith Mennonite Church, First Mennonite Church, Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, New Creation Fellowship Church, and Shalom Mennonite Church.

**Updates from the Sharp family and Eli Regier** are posted on the Gathering Area bulletin board.

**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

**TODAY (Sunday, May 3)** – Bethel College Masterworks Concert, 4:00 PM. Haydn's *The Creation*, with mass choir, orchestra and soloists, and including presentation of the Erwin C. and Verna Kaufman Goering Music Award to Dr. Barbara Fast.; Memorial Hall

**MCC Sale Celebration:** Join us for a special evening of fellowship and gratitude on Friday, June 5, 6:00 PM, at the Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen Farm, 1582 Falcon, Hillsboro, as we celebrate the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale! This celebration is a reflection on a very successful decade for KMRS. An Appreciation Dinner will be provided at no cost for all who volunteered, attended, and supported the Sale. Enjoy an evening of music and a special presentation to MCC. Please bring lawn chairs and RSVP to Barb at 620-543-6863 (call/text) or [bj.reeves@live.com](mailto:bj.reeves@live.com) **by May 18**. We look forward to celebrating with you!

**Be part of something special at the first-ever NAMIWalks Mid-Kansas Event** on Saturday, June 13 in Hesston! This event brings our community together to raise awareness, support mental health, and remind others they are not alone. Proceeds help fund free, local programs through NAMI Kansas. **NAMIWalks** is **NAMI's** (National Alliance on Mental Illness) major fundraiser of the year. Lee and Deb Penner are part of our local affiliate's Family Support Group that meets monthly at our church. Please consider a donation to this vital organization. If you prefer to send a check, make it payable to NAMI Mid-Kansas. You may donate securely online by using the link below. Register, walk, or support the cause at [namiwalks.org/midkansas](http://namiwalks.org/midkansas) ~Deb Penner, Walk Manager and Team Captain for "Walking with Penner"

**MDS U.S. Executive Director - Lititz, PA**—Mennonite Disaster Service is inviting applications for its next Executive Director—a unique opportunity to lead an organization that brings tangible hope to people recovering from natural disasters. MDS staff and volunteers work together to repair and rebuild homes for those who would not otherwise have the means to recover, modeling Christ's love through every act of service. The Executive Director will provide strategic, spiritual, and operational leadership, ensuring that MDS remains strong, mission-aligned, and ready to respond when communities need help most. This role calls for a collaborative leader with significant experience developing teams, engaging volunteers, and navigating the complexities of non-profit and disaster-response work. A commitment to the Anabaptist faith and peace position is essential. If you're inspired by the idea of leading a ministry that transforms lives—both for those served and those who serve—consider applying or sharing this opportunity. <https://careers.northgroupconsultants.com/#/jobs> Learn more: [mds.org/employment](http://mds.org/employment)

**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/>