

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 10—Happy Mother's Day

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Laura—*The Cross as Victory*

4:00 PM Casa Betania service

Monday, May 11

7:00 PM Peace Pod—FH

Tuesday, May 12

7:00 PM Church Board

Wednesday, May 13

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

6:45 PM Youth Group

Sunday, May 17

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service—Pastor Luke

4:00 PM Casa Betania service

Cross-wise: Metaphors for Understanding Salvation



Reconciliation

Victory

Justification

Sacrifice

Redemption

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Cross-wise May 10, 2026

Gathering

Welcome

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Meditation Music

The Power of the Cross

Donna Stucky

Call to Worship

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Songs for worship

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven! VT 75

To God Be the Glory VT 84

Listening

Children's Time

John Goerzen

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

Prayer for Offering—Local Mission

Casson Schmidt

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-26

Sermon

The Cross as Victory

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Response Song

Lift Your Glad Voices VT 340

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Laura Goerzen

Sending

Sending Song

Christ Is Risen VT 349

Announcements and Benediction

Casson Schmidt, worship leader

Postlude

Lift High the Cross

Donna Stucky

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, Brian Kennell, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Chorister: Wendy Schrag. Musicians: Donna Stucky. Visuals: Carol Goering. Property Committee: Alan Entz

special celebration. For more information, visit hesston.edu/ken-rodgers.

Hesston College to host annual Lark Open golf tournament—Hesston College will host the annual Lark Open golf tournament on Saturday, May 30, at Hesston Golf Park. Check-in opens at 7:30 AM, for the four-person scramble event with a shotgun start at 8:00 AM. The tournament features many team and individual prizes, hole-in-one prizes and raffle prizes. For more information visit hesston.edu/lark-open-info. The deadline to register is May 27.

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/>

Please join us for the Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Summer Chamber concert on Sunday, June 7, 3:00 PM, in the Hesston Mennonite Church. Winds and brass take the stage as a flute quartet, woodwind trio, wind sextet, and brass quintet play works by Barber, Mozart, Weber and Castèrède. 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/>

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

WDC Annual Assembly—Save the date! Please join us for the delegates and friends WDC Annual Assembly, August 7-9, 2026, at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio, Dallas, TX in person or virtual. Our theme is “Becoming God’s People.” Fun for all ages

Announcements

The offering for May 17 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.

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 May 3—140; Sunday school—121.

Yearbook update—Mary Janzen has moved to Assisted Living at Kidron. Her new add

Peace Pod will meet this Monday, May 11, 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Crocheting, knitting, quilting, or any other handiwork is welcome. Come and enjoy the fellowship!

A meeting for survivors of sexual abuse led by a trained therapist will take place Tuesday, May 12, at 7:00 PM. If you are a survivor and have questions,

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.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be Tuesday-Friday evenings May 26-29 from 5:00-7:30 PM, 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 Preschool (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.

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

For Your Prayers

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

The Schowalter Singers will be singing in concerts on May 11, 7:00 PM, at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston, and again on May 13, 3:00 PM, in the Schowalter Villa Chapel. The Schowalter Singers are a vocal group in partnership with Bluestem Communities. Jordan Roth, guest soloist, will be joining the choir on several selections. All are welcome!

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 **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 affili-

ate'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 ~Deb Penner, Walk Manager and Team Captain for "Walking with Penner"

There are two more weeks to visit Kauffman Museum's current special exhibit, "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War." The exhibit closes Sunday, May 24, with a program by Sara Judge Keckeisen, Topeka, speaking on "The Cost of Conscience: One Mennonite Family's Experience in World War I," 3:00 PM, in the museum auditorium. Keckeisen retired in 2019 after 30 years as a librarian at the Kansas State Historical Society, and remains busy writing family histories.

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 nonprofit 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

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/>

Commencement Weekend at Hesston College—Commencement Weekend 2026 will be celebrated at Hesston College May 15 and 16. Weekend activities include a theatre showcase, student recitals, nursing pinning ceremony, commencement ceremony and much more. For information and full schedule of activities visit hesston.edu/commencement.

Music and Memories: A concert celebrating Ken Rodgers' four decades at Hesston College. Plan to join the Hesston College community Friday, May 15, 7:00 PM, at Hesston Mennonite Church for this special celebration. The evening will feature music by Bel Canto Singers, organ and piano selections and congregational singing, along with reflections from Ken on his years at the college. All are welcome to attend this