

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, June 7

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

### Monday, June 8

7:00 PM Peace Pod—FH

### Wednesday, June 10

Homeless Shelter Week—please contact Lee Penner if you are able to help provide a meal.  
Kitchen reserved during the day

### Thursday, June 11

Kitchen reserved during the day

### Friday, June 12

Church reserved

### Saturday, June 13

Church reserved

### Sunday, June 14

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship Service—Kendall Smith—*Great Expectations*  
4:00 PM Casa Betania service



*First Mennonite Church  
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# The Temple Reimagined

## June 7, 2026

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### Gathering

#### Welcome

Ken Regier, worship leader

#### Meditation Music

*I've Got a River of Life*

Ben's Band

#### Call to Worship

Ken Regier, worship leader

#### Songs for worship

*Come Thou Fount* VT 563

*There Is a Redeemer*

### Listening

#### Children's Time

Shannon Bartel

*\*Children are welcome in our worship space. For those who wish to make use of it, we have supervised playtime available in Room 234 for children ages 2-5.*

#### Prayer for Offering—Mennonite Central Committee

Ken Regier

#### Scripture Reading

John 2:13-22

Ken Regier

#### Sermon

*The Temple Reimagined*

Pastor Luke Unruh

#### Prayer of the Church

Pastor Luke Unruh

### Sending

#### Sending Song

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

#### Announcements and Benediction

Ken Regier, worship leader

#### Postlude

*Felix Culpa*

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, Isaac Koehn, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Ben's Band—Alesha Miller, Ken Regier, Ben Regier, Dwayne Abrahams, Matt Graber, Daryl Unruh. Visuals: Amy Regier. Property Committee: Brent Voran.*

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## Announcements

**Head cook needed for PreJunior 1, June 21-25!** We have kitchen helpers, but we need someone to lead them in preparing meals for the campers and staff. This is a stipend or parent discount position. We can joke and giggle about Olivia, your friendly camp staffer, serving bread and butter for every meal, but a head cook keeps campers energetic and having fun. The head cook can stay in either the Cottonwood staff house or, though further away, the Retreat Center. Both have A/C. Please contact Olivia at 620-297-3290 or text 316-293-7313. She'll answer your questions and give you a menu, help train staff, and get you instructions on what needs to be done.

**Nurse needed for Junior 2, July 19-24!** An RN, ARPN, or someone with a similar license can fill this position. A camp nurse can receive a stipend or parent discount. Lodging is in the Cottonwood building with A/C. Contact Olivia at 620-297-3290, [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or text 316-293-7313. A partial week is fine--we'll find another nurse to fill the other part. We can't do camp without you!

**MCC Mini Blitz**—Friday, June 26, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM and Saturday, June 27, 8:00 AM-2:00 PM, at MCC in North Newton! You're invited to bring a friend, grandkids or come and meet new friends, all are welcome! If you can tie a knot, you can help complete comforters at MCC, no sewing required. Bring a snack to share and your own sack lunch for Friday. MCC 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> Street, North Newton. Questions? Please contact [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org) or find out more at [mcc.org/mini-blitz](http://mcc.org/mini-blitz).

**Items needed for the Retreat Center** are shower curtains (opaque white preferred), queen mattress pads, queen comforters and queen fitted & flat sheets. Three queen beds were added for a total of 4 rooms with queen beds and camp does not have enough queen-sized bedding. Camp Mennoscah has also relied on a summer staffer with a good camera (digital SLR with interchangeable lenses) and camp needs its own camera for both summer and year-round use. A simple "point and shoot" camera no longer fits camp's needs. Donations can be either funds or the items themselves.

**Bethel College is hosting the [Crossmen Drum & Bugle Corps](#)**, a top-tier competitive drum corps, on campus through July 7. About 170 musicians and 40-50 staff are spending 12 hours a day, 6 days a week, rehearsing and putting their program together. They will give a **free performance on July 4 in Thresher Stadium**, with details to be announced later.

**MCC Immigration Learning Tour, November 1-6** – Sign up today for this immigration focused learning tour in South Texas and Mexico. This tour will focus on education related to a range of matters surrounding immigration, detention and death at the U.S./ Mexico border by giving you the opportunity to engage directly with MCC partners who are leading immigration work in the region. Questions? Contact [abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org](mailto:abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org) and sign up online today at [mcc.org/tx-immigration-learning-tour](http://mcc.org/tx-immigration-learning-tour)!

**The offering for June 14** 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 Mennonite Central Committee. For electronic giving, contact the church office or go to the church website: [firstmennonitenewton.org](http://firstmennonitenewton.org).

**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.

**Worship Bags available for children!** There are brightly colored worship bags at each entry table that are available for children to take with them to their seats during the worship service. Inside the bags are a variety of fidgets, worship tools, and quiet art options for children to use throughout the service. **Please put all items back in the bag and return the bag to its box at the end of each service.** Enjoy! And a big thank you to all our bag-sewers and anonymous donors who provided these wonderful bags and activities!

**Congratulations** to Pastor Luke for completing his final interview towards ordination! We will plan to officially recognize and celebrate Pastor Luke's ordination on Sunday morning, June 28, at FMC, followed by a potluck meal.

**Pastor Laura will be on vacation June 6-16.** In her absence, please reach out to Pastor Luke or the church office with any questions or pastoral care needs.

**Celebrating Pentecost on July 5**—For various logistical reasons, at First Mennonite we will celebrate Pentecost, the beginning of the Church, and communion on July 5 this year.

**Children of all ages are welcome** and treasured in our worship service! AND we are blessed to have a nursery for our littlest and childcare for older children for families to use as they desire. Based on conversations with and affirmation from parents of children in our nursery, the Nurture Commission has decided to make a few changes to how we use these spaces. Beginning June 7, we will no longer be staffing the nursery with volunteers. The nursery will be open for families with small children to use as they desire throughout Sunday School and church. Volunteers will continue to provide childcare during the worship service for children ages 5 and under in room #234. This will be available after children's time, as it has been. As always, children of all ages are welcome in our worship service! We will try this for the summer and then, in conversation with parents, decide whether to continue in this way.

## For Your Prayers

**The next Men's Breakfast** is Saturday June 20, at 8:00 AM, in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee will be ready at 8:00 AM and full breakfasts will be ready by 8:30 AM. The main menu as always is bacon, eggs, bacon, pancakes/french toast, and bacon. Come join us for great conversation and food. You are welcome to join in on the cooking or contribute some eggs, bacon or other food. You are also welcome to come and just eat. Dads are encouraged to bring their kids. Contact Sean Tomlinson if you have any questions.

**The Church Board has approved** a new offering policy that makes it easier to give to ministries beyond the congregation. On most Sundays, the offering is for Local Mission. Once or twice a month, the offering is announced for other organizations or funds. These include Mennonite Mission Network, Mennonite Central Committee, Western District Conference, Camp Mennoscah, Bethel College, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and the FMC Scholarship Fund. Previously, undesignated contributions went to Local Mission, even on the Sundays when other ministries were announced. **Beginning June 7, undesignated contributions will go to the organization or fund scheduled for that day.** You still can designate your offering for any ministry, including Local Mission, at any time. (For those who give electronically with a pre-set automatic payment, these payments still can go to only one pre-set designation. To give electronically to different ministries on various Sundays, you must make separate transactions.) Undesignated contributions received on days other than Sunday will go to Local Mission. If you have questions, contact a member of the Financial Stewardship Committee: Paul Schrag, chair; Betty Pauls, treasurer; Nancy Entz, John Good and Kevin Hamm.

**The next quarter Sunday School materials** are here. You can find the material on the table in the Gathering Area.

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

## Community Announcements

**Casa Betania is planning to make tamales oaxaqueños** to raise money to go to the WDC assembly in Dallas and meet other needs of the congregation. A platano leaf and other spices make these different from typical Mexican tamales. They will be flavorful, but not spicy hot. Pork tamales are the most popular and will be the only option this time. The tamales will be sold by donation, with a preferred minimum of \$30 per dozen, or \$2.50 each. They will be available in the church refrigerator (or freezer if preferred) on Sunday, June 14. We would like to have orders by Monday, June 8, in order to purchase ingredients and prepare the tamales. Orders can be sent to Linda Shelly: [lindajs81@gmail.com](mailto:lindajs81@gmail.com) 316-734-5947. Checks can be made payable to Casa Betania and given to Linda.

**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. Lee and Deb Penner are part of our local affiliate's Family Support Group that meets monthly at our church. **NAMI-Walks** is **NAMI's** (National Alliance on Mental Illness) major fundraiser of the year. Registration and check-in opens at 9:00 AM, at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S. Main, Hesston. The 1.4 mile walk around the Hesston College Campus will begin at 10:00 AM. Please consider a donation to this vital organization. If you prefer to donate by 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) Questions? Contact Deb Penner, **NAMIWalks Mid-Kansas** Walk Manager, at 316-288-0354 or 620-869-1143.

**Summer Theatre Camp at Hesston College**—Student actors from ages 11 to 18 are invited to join Hesston College Performing Arts for their 11th annual summer theatre camp, June 21 to 27. The weeklong theatre immersion will culminate in a public performance of “The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical” on June 27. Campers will have the opportunity to work closely with Hesston College faculty and performance professionals as they receive training in acting, voice, dance and tech. Theatre camp registration is \$350 per person and includes lodging and meals for seven days and six nights, or \$300 for day camp only. A discount is available for families registering more than one student. Those interested can visit [hesston.edu/theatrecamp](http://hesston.edu/theatrecamp) for details and to register online. Registration is due June 19.

**The Bethel College alumni office is sponsoring a World Cup soccer-watching party**, Friday, June 12. U.S. vs. Paraguay, on the campus Green (rain location: 1887 Café in Schultz Student Center). Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase **starting at 7:00 PM; kickoff is at 8:00 PM**. Bring your own blankets or lawn chairs.

**Alumni Cookout on the Green: Friday**, July 17, 6:00-8:00 PM. Meet Interim President Wynn Goering '77; fellowship with fellow alumni; food provided by the alumni office; live music; activities for the kids.