



**Feb 1 Contributions:** General Fund: \$757

	<b><u>Feb 8</u></b>	<b><u>Feb 15</u></b>
Worship leader	John M	Elizabeth E
Speaker	Intergenerational Worship	Pastor Shana G
Song leader	Chuck N	Vicki L
Musicians	Bonnie N & Branden S	Rhonda H & Branden S
Children's time	Kristin NE	Elise C
Audio & video	Ruth M & Aaron V	Galen M & Andy B
Childcare	Logan C & Ruby O	Eliza E & Olivia E
Care of building		

**Sharing Box:** There were many footsteps in the snow to our Sharing Box. However, it has been quite empty lately. Please consider picking up a few extra items when you are at the grocery store this week.

**Ash Wednesday Service:** We will mark the beginning of the season of lent with an Ash Wednesday service on February 18 at 6:30 p.m on Zoom or in the sanctuary. This will be a simple service including scripture, music, reflection and the opportunity to receive the sign of ashes on your forehead or on the back of your hand. The theme of the service will be the beauty and the frailty of being human as we move into the season of lent which celebrates God's embrace of human frailty in Jesus, revealing the beauty of life that is everlasting. If you are joining on Zoom and would like to receive ashes before the service, contact Brenda.

**V-3PO DATE CHANGED:** People who identify as women, as well as girls, 12 years and older are invited to a V-3PO gathering on **February 21st** from 4-7 at 511 West 11th, Newton. If at all possible, please RSVP to 316-217-1129 by February 15th, or just show up. V-3PO is the short version of Vinyl, Puzzles, Pie, Popcorn and O..something. Bring vinyl and a beverage of your choice. Water and sparkling water will be available.



**Coins Wanted:** The MCC Kansas Relief Sale will be on April 10 & 11. This year the theme for "My Coins Count" is Education. Bring your coins and place them in the big jug at the back of the sanctuary. All types of coins wanted – pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, half dollars or dollars!

**Share the love this Valentine's with OVM & MCC,** February 12 from 6-8 p.m. In the spirit of Saint Valentine, share love with men on the indigent list at Hutchinson Correctional Facility. Help us pack 350 MCC prisoner care kits, hear impact stories at 7:30, design a note to go into each kit, enjoy snacks and give a monetary donation to help cover the cost of the kit items. All ages are welcome to join us at MCC, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St., in North Newton. Find out more at [mcc.org/prisoner-care](http://mcc.org/prisoner-care). Or reach out to [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org).

**Lunch & Learn at MCC!** Tuesday, February 17, 12-1 p.m. join the Global Voices Speaking Tour to hear firsthand stories of the intersection of climate and peace. Speakers Dr. Arefur Rahaman with MCC Bangladesh and David Waiswa with MCC East Africa and Sahel Region will share how they are working toward peace and climate resiliency, especially around food security. **RSVP by Feb. 10** at [mcc.org/global-lunch](http://mcc.org/global-lunch) or contact [patsydirksen@mcc.org](mailto:patsydirksen@mcc.org), 316.283.2720. Suggested \$10 donation per lunch.

**CALLING FOR 2026-2027 MCC SALT PARTICIPANTS!** MCC's Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program is a year-long cross-cultural experience for young adults ages 18-30. It's a chance to immerse yourself in another culture and grow in ways you never imagined. There is no cost to participate and there is student loan assistance available. You'll grow. You'll experience the world, find purpose, and you will Serve and Learn Together. Dates: August 12th, 2026 – July 17th, 2027. Visit [mcc.org/salt](http://mcc.org/salt) for more information, applications due Feb. 15.

**Bethel College and KIPCOR** present the biennial Justice Symposium, with immigration advocate Karen González, author of *Beyond Welcome* and *The God Who Sees*. González will deliver the Peace Lecture Weds., Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. in Kidron Hall at Kidron Bethel Village. For a complete schedule, see <https://kipcor.org/event/2026-justice-symposium/>

### **A Lenten Retreat: "Yearning for Wholeness; Abiding in Hope"**

Sat, Feb 21; 8:30 AM – Noon

Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 South Main Street, Hesston.

We live in a time of anxiousness, injustice and chaos. Do you yearn for safe space to be in touch with your inner longings, and to connect with the healing and hope of Christ that sustains us? Join us for a half day retreat which will provide intentional space to experience the presence of God through Scripture, prayer, song and community in this Lenten season. Our schedule will include times of individual reflection and group interaction facilitated by Wendy Miller. Contact the church office at 620.327.4885 or [hesstonmc@hesstonmc.org](mailto:hesstonmc@hesstonmc.org) to sign up by Thurs Feb 19. \$10 donation suggested. We hope you will join us!

