

THIS WEEK @ FMC - August 20-26, 2025

A prayer for this season of transitions...

*Loving God,
Coat the year before us with miracles
of your mercy and strength,
and help us appreciate most of all
the bedrock miracle of your presence with us
in every single ordinary, sacred moment.
Lead us ... into life-giving rhythms of grace and light,
where our regular routines become
the framework for worship and blessing.
AMEN*

(adapted from a prayer provided by Illustrated Ministries for back to school blessing)

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP at 9:30am

The link to join is on our website: www.hutchfmc.org Join 5 minutes early for announcements. The bulletin can be found under the BULLETINS tab on our home page.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025 – SEEING GOD at WORK & JOINING IN *John 9:24-41*

Preacher: Eldon Wagler
Worship Leader: Jake Myers
Pianist: Peggy Stucky
Song Leader: Bryan Kehr
Children's Time: Lona Willems
Scripture Reader: Randy Rempel
Ushers: Dennis & Jennalee Boggs
Nursery Attendant: Donna Davis
Sound Tech: Shane Miller
Livestream Tech: Jay Gehring

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

During each worship service, you are invited to text your prayer joys and concerns – usually to Pastor Tonya. You are also invited to send prayer joys & concerns during the week. The recording of our worship service is public, so let us know if you'd prefer your request to only be shared via email during the week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements are scrolled Sunday mornings before and after worship. There will be no spoken announcements unless there are pressing announcements that did not make it into the PowerPoint. Please send any announcements you'd like to have included to the church office by Thursday each week.

OFFERINGS

We welcome, and are grateful for, your financial donations to our ministry here in Hutchinson. Instead of collecting an offering during worship (except on special occasions), an offering box is placed at the back of the sanctuary for your Sunday morning donations. You can also now make a donation directly from our

website (www.hutchfmc.org) using a credit card or your banking account. You are also welcome to send a check to 52 Rambler Rd Hutchinson KS 67502.

CALENDAR – LOOKING AHEAD

August 31 – Stay after worship to assemble MCC School kits; then potluck meal at 11:30

August 31 – Cloris Enns 90th birthday open house, 2:00-4:00pm, 2802 Dickens, Hutchinson

September 7 – Fall Sunday School Quarter begins, meeting every Sunday at 11:00am

September 21 – Guess Who’s Coming for Sunday Supper? – sign up to participate or host by September 7

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS (at 7:00pm) IN AUGUST

August 20 – 7:00pm Anabaptism @ 500 Zurich Switzerland sharing: Jennalee Boggs, Joretta & Delon

Martens (Zoom link available to join virtually – check your FMC email, or contact the church office)

August 27 – 7:00pm MennoCon 25 and WDC Assembly delegate reporting (Zoom link available to join virtually – check your FMC email, or contact the church office)

REMINDER: If you are last one out of the church building, be **SURE** the doors lock behind you.

DEEPENING in Christ...

PRAYER GROUPS & OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to join with others at FMC for prayer, please let the church office know.

The Tuesday ecumenical **Centering Prayer group** is taking a SUMMER BREAK and will resume sometime in August. For more details, contact Pastor Tonya.

LPC: Listening-Prayer-Conversation Groups

These groups meet for an hour once/month in the Common Grounds room and are facilitated by Pastor Tonya. The format allows for time in prayer by yourself and also with the group. Any are welcome to join, or to just come and check it out! It’s also possible to join on Zoom if you prefer.

The September gatherings will be:

Tuesday Sept 9 at 1:00pm

Wednesday Sept 10 at 6:30pm

SUMMER 2025 WORSHIP @ FMC – LEARNING TO SEE

We are nearing the end of our summer worship series as we explore the interaction between the healed man and Jesus in John 9:24-41), and as we have our final Sunday of lighting candles as an expression of our prayers of lament and hope, and being fed, nourished, and seek transformation as we encounter together the presence of the Risen Christ in Communion.

August 24 - *Obstacles to Seeing God at Work & Joining In: The Healed Man* (John 9:24-41)

Eldon Wagler preaching

August 31 - *Prayers of Lament & Hope and Communion: Turning from Fear to Faith*

Pastor Jim and Pastor Tonya

FALL WORSHIP @ FMC

Our fall worship series begins on September 7 with a return to the overarching story of the Bible provided by the Narrative Lectionary. This lectionary of readings begins with the story of creation in Genesis and then moves through the Old Testament leading up to Advent. After Christmas we turn our attention to walk with Jesus through the perspective of one of the four gospels (this year is John) which carries us through Easter. After Easter we enter the story of the early church, culminating in our celebration of Pentecost. Along the way, we’ll add in a couple of special Sundays (including Peace Sunday, World Communion

Sunday, and Mission Festival), and one final peace essay from Adrianna Peach. We'll begin in September with several stories from the book of Genesis:

- September 7 - *Creation by the Word* (Genesis 1:1-2:4a)** – Pastor Tonya preaching (+ blessing for Joy Miller as she begins as Children's Faith Formation Coordinator, and Sunday School teacher blessing)
- September 14 – *Binding of Isaac* (Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14)** – Pastor Tonya preaching
- September 21 – *Jacob's Dream* (Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17)** – Pastor Tonya preaching (this is also Peace Sunday)

SUMMER Sunday School Classes and Dates

Mark your calendars for Sunday School at 11:00am. Our last date for the summer is **August 24. The fall Sunday School quarter will begin September 7!**

Children through junior youth will be together in one class, and will be led in activities and discussion inspired by the book: *Let the Children Come to me, Nurturing Anabaptist Faith Within Families*

The Adult Class studying the Salt and Light Bible Study will also be meeting in the fellowship hall to study the summer topic of "*Exclusion and Embrace*" - a study of the Beatitudes "in motion" and Jesus' "living water"—which is always about more than just water. Written by Timothy J. Geddert. A Zoom option will be available.

ANNOUNCING OUR NEW CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR

As shared during worship on August 10, we are pleased to announce we have hired Joy Miller to fill the role of a 10 hour/week Children's Faith Formation Coordinator. Joy will officially begin in this role on September 1, and we will have a time of blessing for her on September 7.

UPPER ROOM and REJOICE! devotional magazines - available above the mailboxes

- *UPPER ROOM* .. September, October
- *Rejoice!* .. September, October, November

STRENGTHENING Community Connections...

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

- Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am – 2:00pm
- Wednesday 10:00am – 1:00pm

PASTOR TONYA'S HOURS/SCHEDULE

Office hours:

- Monday: Day Off
- Tuesday-Friday: generally working 8:00am-5:30pm
- "In Office" Hours: 9-2 Tuesday and Thursday; 10:00am-1:00pm Wednesdays
- Available other times by appointment.
- Available evenings and weekends (cell phone is most reliable)

Pastor Tonya's Sabbatical dates (spread out between summer 2023-summer 2025)

The 9th and final retreat in "*Transforming Community*" is complete, but Pastor Tonya will be reading and working on the final paper/project for the program which is due in mid-October. She also has plans to continue meeting once a quarter remotely with the small group she was a part of in the program.

CLORIS ENNS celebrates 90th birthday!

Cloris's family invites the congregation to attend an open house in her honor on Sunday, August 31, 2:00-4:00pm. The event will be at her home, 2802 Dickens in Hutchinson.

GUESS WHO'S COMING FOR SUNDAY SUPPER? – SEPTEMBER 21 AND OCTOBER 19

Plan to spend an evening with friends from FMC this fall!! The Faithful Community Coordination Team is looking for volunteers to host a Sunday evening meal for a group of 8-10 (or whatever size you can accommodate). Hosts provide a main dish and those attending will be asked to bring a side dish to share.

Sign up by Sept 7 to host or attend on Sunday evening, September 12.

Sign up by Oct 5 to host or attend on Sunday evening, October 19.

(Sign up sheet will be in the foyer soon!!)

URGENT NEED FOR BIKES for our friends from Congo

Do you have a good bike in your garage that you're not using and for which you would like to find a new home? We are looking for two good quality, adult/teenage-sized bikes for our friends from Congo. If you have one you would consider finding a new home for, please contact Adam Pounds — 316 558 0411 and/or Eldon Wagler — 620 960 4041 and we'll have a look at it. If it meets the family's needs, we'll be happy to take it to its new home. Thank you very much.

LOST & FOUND BOX . . August 31 is the deadline to claim anything that is yours!

Our Lost & Found Box is overflowing!! During the Sundays in August we will have a table in the foyer with items left behind. Check it out and take what is yours. Anything left after August 31 will be repurposed.

ARMS WIDE OPEN – FMC's history book

The amazing story of First Mennonite Church's 100 years is told in the history book prepared for our centennial celebration. Copies of the book are available for \$25.00 (cash or check). You can also purchase a book online at a price that includes the cost of shipping (click on the "DONATE" button on our website to find this option). Check with the church office to pick up a book.

STRETCHING to Serve as Christ Served...

SUNDAY MORNING DONATIONS FOR RENO COUNTY FOOD BANK:

August: Peanut Butter

September: Canned Meat/Tuna

Personal care/hygiene items such as these are appreciated anytime: toilet paper, laundry detergent, bath soap, Kleenex, deodorant, disposable razors, paper towels, shampoo, dish soap, hand/body lotion, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Travel size – new & unopened – are desirable.

MCC SCHOOL KITS . . purchase supplies, help assemble kits and join us for a potluck!

MCC School Kits – Pick up a list of school supplies needed from the table in the foyer and **bring them to church by August 31**. On that day (Aug 31) we'll assemble kits during the Sunday School hour, so plan to stay for the fun of putting everything together!! **Then, at 11:30, we'll gather for an all-church potluck meal**. Bring a dish to share (label if it's gluten free, vegetarian, vegan, or has artificial sugar in it). If you can help clean up in the kitchen afterwards, please do so!

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE WOMEN IN MISSION retreat plans

Online registration is open for the Women's & Girls' Retreat September 6-7 at Camp Mennoscah sponsored by Western District Women in Mission. Our speakers this year are Pastor Katherine Goerzen (Tabor Mennonite Church) and Pastor Laura Goerzen (First Mennonite, Newton). Go

to westerndistrictwomeninmission.org for a detailed schedule, register and pay online, or print out forms to register and pay by mail. Registration is due August 29. Any questions? Email us at westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com. See you there - share the news and bring a friend!

MENNONITE MIGRATION film to be part of Salt City Film Fest on September 25

As part of the Salt City Film Fest in Hutchinson at the Fox Theater Sept 25-27, the film "[Where the Cottonwoods Grow](#)" by Dale Hildebrand (Canada) will be shown at 7 pm on Thursday, September 25th. Tickets are \$5. The film tells the story of the Mennonite migration from Ukraine and Russia to North America. This is the same film that Kauffman Museum earlier sponsored for screening at Bethel College. Please join us! - SCFF Programming Director, Sheri Kaufman-Marsh.

BETHEL COLLEGE announcements

The 2025 issue of *Mennonite Life*, Bethel College's annual online journal, is now live at ml.bethelks.edu, with articles and reviews by Susan Fish, Ardie Goering, Don Goertzen, Peter Goertzen, Jeff Gundy, Michele Hershberger, Melanie Howard, Melanie Springer Mock, Justina Neufeld, Ken Rodgers, Mary Schertz and John D. Thiesen.

LIBERTY QUARTET in concert Saturday, August 23 at 7:00pm

Bethel Church (located 1 ½ miles south of Inman, extends and invitation to attend this evening of music. No admission fee – a love offering will be received.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recycling opportunities at MCC in North Newton, KS! MCC accepts the following materials for recycling, cardboard, books, and paper. We also recycle soft plastics (any plastic packaging that you can stretch with your finger, including Amazon mailers and bubble wrap). We also accept and process wearable clothing, shoes and purses/bags. However, it is best to donate those items to an Et Cetera Shop first, if possible. When you arrive at MCC, follow the signs toward the warehouse and you'll find bins outside under the covered roof for each recyclable item. MCC is located at 121 E. 30th Street in North Newton, questions can be directed to duaneunruh@mcc.org or 316.283.2720.

CAMP MENNOSCAH announcements

The Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat is October 10-12. Registration is not yet open, but will be soon. Activities and lodging will be in the dining hall and bunkhouses.

Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting will be held at Hope Mennonite Church on October 19 at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend.

Volunteers are needed for grounds work. This could be mowing, trail maintenance, string trimming, poison ivy and sticker plant control, or likely any number of other things. Contact us at 620-297-3290 to discuss opportunities!

PEACE CAMP for YOUNG ADULTS

They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. (Micah 4:3)

How can we live out God's call for justice and reconciliation through nonviolence in a world that is built on the myth of redemptive violence? If you are a young adult (18-30) concerned about the state of our world and energized to reimagine society built on God's vision of love and justice for all, come join us for a week of experiential learning rooted in theological reflection, peacebuilding practices, and real-world application. [View and download the flyer.](#)

When: September 21-27, 2025

Where: Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, Divide, Colorado

Who: Young adults ages 18-30

How: Register [here](#) by August 31

Registration Fee: \$250.00 guarantees your spot at the camp

Register today for the MCC Immigration Learning Tour in South Texas, October 4-9. This immigration-focused learning tour presents a unique opportunity to engage directly with organizations making a positive impact on our neighbors. Find out more at mcc.org/learning-tour-texas.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK (MMN) newsletter

Just Peace Pilgrimages

- **South Africa Racial Justice Pilgrimage** — This pilgrimage will explore the long history and legacy of settler colonialism and apartheid, and will focus on the social constructs created around race, land dispossession and how they so thoroughly defined, and continue to define, South African society.
- **Underground Railroad Racial Justice Pilgrimage** — Explore the role of faith and faith communities that helped enslaved people escape their bonds. This chapter of the Racial Justice pilgrimage series delves deeper into the struggle for freedom, exploring the ways — both literal and figurative — people took in search of their emancipation.
- **Civil Rights Pilgrimage** — Led by MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton, this young-adult focused, multiracial pilgrimage through the southern United States fosters shared learning and deep understanding of the racial divides that our society perpetuates. Date: October 28-November 2, 2025; register by September 15.

For more information on the Just Peace Pilgrimages, to sign up, or to inquire about scheduling a trip for you and your group, visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace or contact Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net.

Check out this link to hear stories about some of the many who have served in a variety of MMN programs. Might their amazing adventures inspire you to experience one of their service / learning opportunities? <https://mailchi.mp/mennonitemission.net/alumni-connections-16446729>

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE

As needs grow in Texas, MDS is there. As needs grow in the wake of deadly flooding in Texas, Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) volunteers are on the ground. [Click here to read more](#)

MENNONITE CHURCH USA announcements

On the final night of Mennonite Church USA's national convention, Follow Jesus '25, MC USA and MennoMedia hosted an Anabaptism at 500 party, in celebration of the tradition's 500th anniversary. The event consisted of fellowship, trivia and an attempt to read the entire Bible in under 15 minutes. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/anabaptism-500-reception

Jessica Griggs, a freelance writer and copy editor with the MC USA communications team, shares the experience of collective camaraderie and competition she witnessed at the Anabaptism at 500 celebration on July 11 in Greensboro, North Carolina. Read about her experience here: mennoniteusa.org/camaraderie-competition

Delegates approved an updated statement on Immigration: [Church Statement Resolution on Immigration / Declaración de toda la Iglesia sobre la inmigración](#) which also lists resources for education and ministry related to immigration justice.

Additional resources are available at MCC's Immigrant Resources

website: <https://mcc.org/resources/immigrant-resources> - This includes ready-to-print Know Your Rights cards, family preparedness plan documents, and a link to find immigration legal support free or low cost.

The big dove is here! MC USA has launched an online storefront featuring hats, sweatshirts, mugs and more. Check the selection of merch – sales support MC USA ministries! bonfire.com/store/mc-usa-gear/

A spirit of hope and shared purpose marked the opening of MC USA's biennial Delegate Assembly on July 11, 2025, as more than 350 delegates gathered in Greensboro, North Carolina, to reimagine the denomination's future and approve four key measures to strengthen and equip the church. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/delegates-propel-mc-usas-forward/

BORDERLINKS . . . Deepen your understanding of borders, migration, and social justice

- **Interrupting “Deserving” Immigrant and Illegality narratives** – virtual workshop Thursday, August 21, 5-7pm CDT.
- **Mass Incarceration** – virtual workshop Thursday, August 28, 5-7pm CDT

Information and registration options here: <https://www.borderlinks.org/events>

ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY . . . conference on Land and Christian Discipleship – Thursday, Sept. 18 – Saturday, Sept. 20

AMBS campus, with selected parts livestreamed

Building on the six conferences held since 2014, the seventh Rooted and Grounded Conference will explore the theme, **“Kinship with All Creation: Pursuing Relationship, Justice and Community.”** Our keynote addresses will focus on restoring relationships with land and creation, confronting and repairing ecological injustice, and participating in solidarity with the suffering of all creatures. Optional in-person **immersion experiences** will be held on Thursday afternoon, before the conference begins.

INFORMATION here: <https://ambs.edu/rooted-and-grounded/>

Keynote speakers (in chronological order of their presentations)

- Wendsler Nosie, Sr., PhD, of the Apache Stronghold and the American University of Sovereign Nations
- T. Wilson Dickinson, PhD, of Lexington Theological Seminary
- Douglas Day Kaufman, ThM, of the Anabaptist Climate Collaborative

Register by Sept. 11 for meals and by Sept. 16 for the conference.