

# THIS WEEK @ FMC - September 17-30, 2025

*This is a time for lament.* [Rev. Benjamin Cremer](#) in a recent email newsletter defined the goal of lament as: “*Making space for grief in all its forms to be heard in the hope for positive change to come.*” This is also a time for a renewed and persistent commitment to nonviolence and love in the name and way of Jesus.

Cremer goes on to affirm this as well, and I very much appreciate his words:

*“I deeply believe this is what our faith in Jesus calls us to: not to celebrate harm, not to become numb to death, not to desire the worst on someone we disagree with, or to gloat if they fall. That is not the way of Jesus. Jesus wept over the city that rejected Him. He healed the ear of the man who came to arrest Him. He prayed for those who crucified Him. To follow Jesus is to refuse the reactive logic of revenge, spite, or indifference. To follow Jesus is to see a world full of neighbors to be loved, not a world filled with enemies to be conquered. We desperately need a revival of love right now.*

*This is why I believe lament is the right response right now. Not bitterness, not gloating, not resignation, and certainly not revenge. True lament opens us to the Spirit’s work of healing, justice, and peace. True lament keeps our hearts soft in a world that would rather grow hard. True lament reminds us of our own humanity and shows us the humanity in others. Imagine what our world would be like if we chose to honestly lament and process our pain together in community, rather than be turned against one another in our grievances and perpetuate an endless cycle of revenge.*

*So, I choose lament. I lament in order to honestly name all the complexities of loss, harm, suffering, and pain in our world with the desire to move towards a better one. I lament in order to draw closer to God and my neighbors. I lament so that I can stay in touch with my humanity and the humanity of others. I lament so that I can discover a pathway of justice rather than bitterness. I lament so that I can make room for hope again.*

*And then I pray: Lord, have mercy. Teach us to mourn with those who mourn. Teach us to hunger for justice without losing compassion. Teach us to walk in the way of peace.”*

**-Pastor Tonya**

**NOTE: Our next THIS WEEK will post on September 30.**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 . . special invitation from Community Church of the Brethren**  
**Jeanne Davies, executive director of Anabaptist Disabilities Network**, will be preaching at Community Church of the Brethren on Sunday, September 21. Their service begins at 10:30am and they are having a

potluck with Jeanne at 11:45am. Community Church of the Brethren has extended an invitation to First Mennonite for any to join them – for worship and/or the potluck. If you go to the potluck, bring a dish to share! Since this mostly falls during our Sunday School hour, we wanted to share the invitation in case anyone would like to participate.

### **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP at 9:30am**

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

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 – PEACE SUNDAY**

***Matthew 22:34-40; Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17; (John 1:50-51)***

Preacher: Tonya Ramer Wenger

Worship Leader: Delon Martens

Organist: Pauline Buller

Song Leader: TBD

Children's Time: Hilda Iwashige

Scripture Reader: Randy Rempel

Prayers of the People: send prayer concerns to Pastor Tonya 620-513-2828

Ushers: Dennis & Jennalee Boggs

Nursery Attendant: Anna Crable & Jalen Crable

Sound Tech: Earl Ediger & Allen Yoder

Livestream Tech: Jonathan Wenger

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 – GOD'S NAME IS REVEALED**

***Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17; (John 8:58)***

Preacher: Tonya Ramer Wenger

Worship Leader: Joel Iwashige

Pianist: Peggy Stucky

Song Leader: TBD

Children's Time: Gardell & Peggy Stucky

Scripture Reader: Sadie Pritchett

Prayers of the People: send prayer concerns to Pastor Tonya 620-513-2828

Ushers: Ken Neufeld & Carol Moore

Nursery Attendant: Diane Ziemer

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](http://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

September 17 – Fall Book Study begins (Wednesdays @ 1:00pm)  
September 21 – Guess Who's Coming for Sunday 5:30 Meal? – for those who signed up  
September 27 – FMC serves at the Soup Kitchen  
September 28 – FMC Safe Sanctuaries Training Noon-1pm (lunch & childcare provided) – *required for ALL volunteers with children or youth at FMC and will be recorded for those who can't be there!*  
October 5 – M&M gathering at noon-1:30pm  
October 8 – First WNAF Session (dinner between 5:45-6:45pm and program between 6:45-7:45pm)  
October 12 – FMC leads the 10:00am worship service at Mennonite Friendship Communities  
October 12 – Reno County CROP Walk – Rice Park, registration @ 1:30pm, walk @ 2:00pm  
October 19 – Guess Who's Coming for Sunday 5:30 Meal? – sign up as guest or host by October 5  
October 26 – FMC church budget meeting @ 11:00am (children's Sunday School meets as usual!)

**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.

**Tuesday (11:30am-12:30pm) ecumenical Centering Prayer group** is meeting weekly this fall. 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.

October gatherings are:      Tuesday October 14 at 1:00pm  
   Wednesday October 1 at 6:30pm

## FALL WORSHIP @ FMC – LIVING INTO GOD'S STORY

We continue this fall exploring the story of God in the Hebrew scriptures which will lead us up to Advent (beginning Nov 30 this year). Upcoming service themes include...

**September 21 – Peace Sunday: *The Courage to Love*** based on *Matthew 22:34-40* and resources from Mennonite World Conference - Pastor Tonya preaching (Narrative Lectionary text is: *Jacob's Dream* *Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17*).

**September 28 – God's Name Is Revealed** (*Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17*) – Pastor Tonya preaching

**October 5 – World Wide Communion Sunday - God Provides Manna** (*Exodus 16:1-18*) Pastor Jim preaching

**October 12 – God Calls Samuel** (*1 Samuel 3:1-21*) Pastor Tonya preaching

+ Adrianna Peach Peace Essay

**October 19 – God Calls David** (1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14) Pastor Tonya preaching

**October 26 – Solomon's Temple** (1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13) Pastor Tonya preaching

### **FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for all ages @ 11am!**

**Children (age 2-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and Junior Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)** use Shine Curriculum from MennoMedia. This fall's theme is: **Fall of a Kingdom**, focusing on "*Calling On God – Psalms*" and "*Exile and Restoration – 1 & 2 Kings, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Ezra*".

**\*\*Toddler teachers are still needed!!** Contact Joy Miller if you are willing to serve in this way. A commitment of 2-3 Sundays in a row is helpful for consistency.

**Senior Youth (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)** meet with Jonathan Wenger, Tanya Martin Nisly, and various other teachers (including Pastor Tonya) through the year to build community, support each other, study the Bible, theology, and Anabaptist history. We also consider baptism, discuss current events and faith, and more.

**The Adult Class studying the Salt and Light Bible Study** this fall with the theme, "*Their Story, Our Story, and God's Message*," written by Osheta Moore. The study will include scripture texts from Genesis, Jeremiah and John's epistles. They will be meeting in the fellowship hall and a Zoom option will be available.

A "**Conversation & Connection**" adult group also meets during the Sunday School hour. Contact Maggie Pounds for more information or with questions about this group!

Sunday School classes meet at 11:00am throughout the church building. We do not have Sunday School on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays and on some major holidays.

### **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 12 noon – 3:00pm **NOTE this change!!**

### **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 9<sup>th</sup> 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. *As part of completing the program, Pastor Tonya will be establishing a 'rule of life' to help structure her ongoing*

*spiritual grounding and learning, which will include intentional times apart (likely monthly and quarterly). The details of that are still being decided, and will be communicated with the congregation!!*

**September Retreat** – Sept 22-23 (in the office from 2-5pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup>)

### **GUESS WHO'S COMING FOR SUNDAY 5:30pm 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.

**Sunday, September 21 – gatherings for those who signed up.**

**Sunday, October 19 – sign up by Oct 5 to host or attend.** (*Signup sheet is in the foyer!!*)

### **FALL BOOK STUDY . . . *How We Learn to Be Brave* (Maryann Edgar Budde)**

The FMC book group will be meeting weekly this fall, beginning on Wednesday, September 17 (and subsequent Wednesdays from 1-2pm ending Oct 29 or Nov 5), to read and discuss: **How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith** by Maryann Edgar Budde. If you would like assistance getting a book, please contact Carol Moore ([moorecl412@gmail.com](mailto:moorecl412@gmail.com)).

### **WNAF (WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT FIRST) FALL 2025 SERIES: *LEARN-PRAY-ACT: LOCAL JUSTICE INITIATIVES***

Our Wednesday evening line-up is as follows, with the possibility of adding one more session (stay tuned!). We'll welcome local guests to help us learn – pray – and act in relation to these justice issues. There are of course many other justice issues worthy of our attention, and these are the ones that fell into place for this particular series. Each evening will include a **meal provided between 5:45-6:45pm** (*donations welcome to help cover costs of the meal and honorariums for our speakers*) and an **adult program and activities for children between 6:45-7:45pm**.

- **October 8: Food Justice** – Reno County Food Bank
- **October 15: Community Justice:** DART (Faith-based community organizing around justice issues)
- **October 22: Earth Justice** - Earth Matters & Builder's Bargains/2nds on Second partnership
- **October 29: Immigration Justice** with Esmerelda Tovar (Hutch in Harmony, Kansas Immigration Coalition, Wisdom in Motion)

### **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.

### **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...**

### **RENO COUNTY FOOD BANK**

**Sunday morning donations in 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.

### **Nourishing Our Future Capital Campaign**

The Reno County Food Bank will be moving to a new location at 4<sup>th</sup> and Severence. Their capital campaign will fund the necessary renovations and the purchase of equipment at this location. Contributions may be made online at: <https://www.foodbankofrenocounty.org/campaign> or by sending a check to the Food Bank at this address: Food Bank Capital Campaign, 800 N Walnut, Hutchinson KS 67501

Brochures are available on the table in the foyer or talk with Donna Davis for more information.

**EMPTY BOWLS fundraiser to benefit Reno County Food Bank** will be held October 16 at Hutchinson Art Center. Potters in our schools and in our community make bowls for this event, and your payment provides you with a hand-crafted bowl and a meal. Watch here for more details about this event.

### **SALTHAWK COMMUNITY SUPPORT (SCS)**

Salthawk Community Support is a local nonprofit housed under the umbrella of Trinity UMC that FMC has been involved with from its beginning through Pastor Tonya's involvement on the board and donations of time, finances, and items from many of you in the congregation. There is a basket in the foyer under the table designated for donations of gently used clothing (appropriate for teens) as well as toiletry items.

**Right now, specific requests are for men's tennis shoes (size 7-10 in neutral colors), deodorant, and individually packaged snacks for students attending tutoring.**

**Salthawk Community Support Fall Chili Feed Fundraiser** will be Tuesday, October 7, 5:30-7:00pm. Serving will be 5:30-7:00pm with dine in or carry out available for \$10 per person at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1602 N. Main.

### **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.

### **MENNONITE FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITIES announces *EVENING at the BURT***

Mennonite Friendship Communities is pleased to announce an "Evening at the Burt." This event will be held on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> with doors opening at 5:30 pm and the dinner served at 6:30 pm. Larry Hatteberg of Hatteberg's People, will be our featured speaker. A silent auction will also be held. Contact our MFC board member, Joretta Martens or Susan Nisly at [snisly@mennofriend.com](mailto:snisly@mennofriend.com) for more information or to buy your ticket.

### **BETHEL COLLEGE announcements**

**BETHEL COLLEGE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION** is looking forward to Fall Festival, our biggest money-raising event. We will have our usual New Year's cookies, borscht and zwiebach and pie by the slice all outside Luyken Fine Arts Center and Market-in-the-Round inside. We again welcome your donations of homemade peppernuts, whole fruit pies, poppyseed rolls, zwiebach, cinnamon rolls, cookies, jams and jellies and other goodies. We'd love to have you donate your craft items as well! Please bring baked goods and craft donations to the Luyken Fine Arts Center Music Library between 1-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, or 7-9 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4. If you have questions, contact us at [bcwa@bethelks.edu](mailto:bcwa@bethelks.edu). Volunteers are needed as well to staff the booths. To sign up, click on the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4CA8A72FA3F58-50920044-fall>

**Tues., Sept. 16 – Bethel College Chamber Orchestra concert, Kris Hilding, director, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall**

**Bethel College's Fall Festival is Oct. 2-5, with most activities taking place Saturday, Oct. 4, on campus.**

Features include music, food, class reunions, football (Bethel vs. Southwestern), the play *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* by Christopher Durang, and a ribbon cutting for the new Wellness Center.

See <https://www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/> for the complete schedule.

**Sat., Oct. 4** (during Fall Festival): Internationally renowned theologian **Miroslav Volf**, Yale University, will speak at Bethel College Mennonite Church, 10 a.m.

**Sun., Oct. 19, and Mon., Oct. 20:** Dr. Kat Hill, a religious and cultural historian from Scotland, will give the annual **Menno Simons Lectures** *[please note that these dates are different from some previously printed material]*.

**Sun.-Tues., Nov. 2-4:** The biennial **Worship and the Arts Symposium** will focus on homiletics (preaching) with special guest Dr. Luke Powery from Duke Divinity School at Duke University. The symposium will also feature an art exhibition by Merrill Krabill and the fall choral concert "Bethel Sings." *Information coming.*

**The 2025 issue of *Mennonite Life*, Bethel College's annual online journal, is now live at [ml.bethelks.edu](http://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.

### **HESSTON COLLEGE announcements**

**Homecoming at Hesston College** the weekend of September 26 to 28, will include the inauguration of President Mark Landes. For a full schedule of events and to register to attend, please visit [hesston.edu/homecoming](http://hesston.edu/homecoming).

### **Fall theatre production, "Journey to the Poles of Inaccessibility"**

The Hesston College Theatre department will perform "Journey to the Poles of Inaccessibility," a new comic fantasy play by Craig Pospisil, October 2 to 5 in the Black Box Theater located in Keim Center. Performance times are Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at [hesston.edu/bookstore](http://hesston.edu/bookstore) or by calling 620-327-8104.

### **Fall HC Lark athletic events have begun**

Hesston College athletics begins a new athletic era as a member of the NAIA this fall. Schedules, rosters and game information for Lark volleyball, men's and women's soccer, golf and cross country can be found online at **HCLarks.com**. Come out and support the Larks this fall! Bryan Kehr, a member of our congregation, is athletic director at Hesston College.

### **MENNONITE ACTION – KANSAS EVENTS!**

**The Mennonite Action** training tour is coming to Newton and Topeka! Right now, the genocide in Gaza rages on as authoritarianism kidnaps our neighbors off the streets in the U.S. So many of us are horrified and want to do something, but we don't know how. **That's why we're bringing training, tools, and**

**frameworks to help our communities respond in courage to our historical moment**, “discerning the times” as we’re called to do (Matthew 16:3).

And we’re thrilled to share that Newton and Topeka are stops on the *To Build Our Courage* tour. On Friday, October 10th we will have an evening training in Newton, and then on Saturday, October 11th we’ll be in Topeka for a full-day training. More details to follow. We’ll dive into trainings on noncooperation, grassroots organizing, and mutual aid, in addition to spending time worshiping in prayer and song. And we’ll of course enjoy a meal together somewhere in there too. We hope you can join us for one or both of these trainings!

**Register [here for Newton](#), [here for Topeka](#)**, and invite a friend to join you. Whether you’re brand new to Mennonite Action or have been with us since the beginning, this training is for YOU– and will leave you with a better understanding of how we can work together to resist a genocide and an authoritarian takeover. We can’t wait to see you there! In Peace, Mennonite Action

### **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MCC Meat Canning** will be coming to North Newton later this fall. There will be opportunities to volunteer to help with the canning process. Eldon Wagler is now our contact person with the Meat Canner! Watch for more information or talk with Eldon to see how you can help.

**Quilters Corner is having a fall sale** on Friday, October 3, from 4:00 – 7:00pm and Saturday, October 4, from 8:00am to noon at the MCC Central States Warehouse, 121 E. 30th Street, North Newton, Kansas. Come and shop ALL things quilting! **SPECIAL ITEM FOR SALE:** Husqvarna-Viking Designer Epic 1 sewing and embroidery machine with many, many accessories - \$4,500. Contact person for this item is Charlotte Wenger: [wengercd@gmail.com](mailto:wengercd@gmail.com) All proceeds support MCC work around the world for relief, development, and peace.

**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. 30<sup>th</sup> Street in North Newton, questions can be directed to [duaneunruh@mcc.org](mailto:duaneunruh@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720.

### **CAMP MENNOSCAH announcements**

**The next tee shirt comforter will be (silent) auctioned off at Bethel College's Fall Fest on October 4.** Check it out at Fall Fest and get your bid ready! Tee shirts and other souvenirs will be available, too.

**The Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat is October 10-12.** Registration is now open. Activities and lodging will be in the dining hall and bunkhouses. **Register at <https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com>**

**Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting will be held at Hope Mennonite Church on October 19 at 6:30pm.** All are invited to attend. Hope Mennonite Church is located at 868 N. Maize Rd., Wichita, KS 67212. A silent auction for a few items will take place.

**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!



## **RENO COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK . . . WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD**

**October 12 at Rice Park – registration at 1:30pm and the walk begins at 2:00pm**

On October 12, we will walk in solidarity with people around the world who must walk miles to access clean water, or who have been displaced from their homes. We walk to raise money for hunger relief and to build global resilience even when disasters occur. We also walk to meet local needs: 25% of the money we raise stays in Reno County and goes to the Reno County Food Bank and Christian Soup Ministries. Registration is now open at this link and donations can be made at this link: [Reno County CROP Hunger Walk](#) Checks (payable to CWS/CROP) may also be sent to Grace Episcopal Church, 2 Hyde Park Dr, Hutchinson KS 67502.

In conjunction with this event, walkers will be invited to participate in a “Hygiene-Kit-Build.” The goal is to make 48 kits, which are provided to people in need after disasters. Items for the kits will be supplied.

## **MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK (MMN)**

### **Just Peace Pilgrimages**

- **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.

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](https://MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace) or contact Stephanie Weaver at [StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net](mailto: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 CHURCH USA announcements**

### **Menno Snapshots**

Nekeisha Alayna Alexis, speaker/consultant for Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, shares her hope and provides an opportunity for others to share that hope amid a world that seems to be full of despair. Read more in her Menno Snapshot’s blog here: [mennoniteusa.org/opportunity-from-panic](https://mennoniteusa.org/opportunity-from-panic)

Sandra Montes-Martinez, Western District Conference associate conference minister, emphasizes the importance of accompanying immigrants and sharing God’s love through action in her Menno Snapshots blog. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/love-and-action](https://mennoniteusa.org/love-and-action) **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/](https://bonfire.com/store/mc-usa-gear/)

## **SWISS MENNONITE CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**

The annual banquet will be held Saturday, October 18, at 5:00pm at the Burrton City Auditorium. The speaker will be Peter Buller, a recent Bethel College graduate, whose presentation will be about his recent experience at Reba Place in Chicago, connecting with bigger themes about our role as Mennonite in the world. Tickets are \$25 and reservations are requested by October 11, by texting Dave Stucky at 620-532-4408 or check the website [www.swissmennonite.org](https://www.swissmennonite.org)