

# THIS WEEK @ FMC - October 1-7, 2025

*Sometimes we feel like asking God: are you paying attention?  
And God asks us too: are we paying attention?*

These honest words were part of our call to worship this past Sunday, part of a deeper dive into the story of Moses and the burning bush in Exodus 3. We live within the mystery of exactly how it is God ‘pays attention’ to human life, when and why God chooses to create a clear moment of intersection – like the burning bush for Moses. God is beyond our understanding, and so we can’t begin to figure it all out, but what we know is we are always invited to be paying attention so we can tune into the melody of God sounding within our ordinary days. Or, perhaps God’s presence is more like how David G. Benner suggests in his book, Opening to God:

*“Although we are often tempted to think that God is absent, in truth, it is we who are absent. If God were absent, we would not be. Our being is dependent on God’s being.*

*God’s presence is grounded not simply in the promises of Scripture but in creation. Creation was not simply an event at a discrete moment in time. When God called the world into being, God established a reality that was absolutely dependent on continuous, sustaining divine presence.*

*This is why Thomas Aquinas argued that we should never think of creation as an event with a before and after. Creation is ongoing. It is now. It is the unremitting outpouring of the life of God – an outpouring that is essential to sustain all that is.*

*Rowan Williams, the archbishop of Canterbury, offers an analogy that I find helpful in understanding the implications of this. This about a light bulb. We know that when we turn on the switch and the light begins to shine, this is made possible because of electric current. However, that does not mean that the power was around only at the moment we turned on the switch. On the contrary, he argues, ‘the light is shining here and now because the electric current is flowing here and now. In the same way, it is the ‘current’ of divine activity that is here and now making us real.’”*

(David G. Benner. Opening to God: Lectio Divina and Life as Prayer. Pg 66)

**-Pastor Tonya**

## **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, OCTOBER 5, 2025 – GOD PROVIDES MANNA**  
**World Communion Sunday**

## ***Exodus 16:1-18; (John 6:51)***

Preacher: Jim Unruh

Worship Leader: Stephanie Gehring

Pianist: Russell Goering

Song Leader: Shane Miller

Children's Time: Maggie & Adam Pounds

Scripture Reader: Shane Miller

Prayers of the People: send prayer concerns to Pastor Jim at 620-921-0314

Generosity Moment: Delon Martens, CMT Chair

Ushers: Jon & Martha Miller

Nursery Attendant: Kris & Joyce Lindenberger

Sound Tech: Earl Ediger & Allen Yoder

Livestream Tech: Jonathan Wenger

Communion Preparation: Dohn & Jeanette Fast

Communion Servers: Pastor Tonya, Pastor Jim, Kevin Martin Nisly and more TBD

## **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**

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 11 – FMC workday *Seconds on 2<sup>nd</sup>*, 8:00am or whenever you can get there (see below)

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 13 – Craft Night 6:30-8:00pm

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...

**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

**November 2 - God Speaks to Elijah** (*1 Kings 19:1-18*) Pastor Tonya preaching

**November 9 – Mission Festival** *focusing on Indigenous Justice with Raylene Hinz Penner*  
(*Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24*)

**November 16 - Isaiah: A Child Is Born** (*Isaiah 9:1-7*) Pastor Tonya preaching

**November 23 - Jeremiah’s Letter to Exiles** (*Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14*) 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 are 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!!*

**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, 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** – with Donna Davis, Kelli Syder-Short, and a guest from Reno County Health Department
- **October 15: Community Justice:** DART (Faith-based community organizing around justice issues) with Rev. Jeanne Koontz, community organizer with DART. God is doing a new thing in Central KS by bringing people of faith together to "do justice" in our communities. Together we will explore the difference between mercy and justice and how we can be part of an organization that calls for broad-scale improvements to local systems alongside and on behalf of the widow, the orphan, the stranger, and the poor.
- **October 22: Earth Justice** - with Earth Matters (various members) & 2nds on Second (Delon Martens); Introduction to Anabaptist Climate Collaborative (Adrienne Derstine)
- **October 29: Immigration Justice** with Esmerelda Tovar (Hutch in Harmony, Kansas Immigration Coalition, Wisdom in Motion)
- **November 5 – Housing Justice** with Pastor Jim Unruh

### **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 some tasty food. Stop by the Art Center at 405 N. Washington, 5:00-7:00pm. Suggested donation is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children.

## **SECONDS on 2<sup>nd</sup> workday**

**Builders Bargains is moving to a new building at 118 West Second and is being renamed *Seconds on 2<sup>nd</sup>*.** FMC's workday is planned for Saturday, October 11, 8:00am, with work continuing into the afternoon. Lunch will be provided. Tasks may include painting, building shelves, moving stuff around from one building to another, organizing donations, and possibly sanding metal shelves. A sign up sheet is posted in the foyer. Contact Delon if you have any questions; 620-960-9471.

## **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 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>

**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 Goerzen, Jeff Gundy, Michele Hershberger, Melanie Howard, Melanie Springer Mock, Justina Neufeld, Ken Rodgers, Mary Schertz and John D. Thiesen.

### **HESSTON COLLEGE announcements**

#### **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.

### **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

### **WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE announcements**

**“Repeal to Heal: Death Penalty Repeal Advances the Culture of Life”**, is the theme for the 2025 *Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty* Conference to be held on November 22, at Hudson Auditorium in the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art at Johnson County Community College. A virtual option is available as well.

The decision to sentence someone to death is a statement that the defendant’s life is disposable. It is a societal judgment that more violence is the answer to the act of homicide. So instead of stopping the cycle of violence and asking how there can be accountability and healing, we replicate the original act. More pain and trauma result. People are increasingly exploring how the death penalty harms a culture of life. This conference will offer an opportunity to explore this theme further through the lenses of faith and politics.

Speakers include the following: Krisanne Vallaincourt Murphy of Catholic Mobilizing Network, Nan Tolson of Texas Conservatives Concerned and Kansas Representative Bill Sutton, R-District 43. This conference speaks to **A Resolution: The Death Penalty** affirmed by Mennonite Church USA delegates in 2001.

### **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.

**Thank you for taking part in this year's MCC School Kit Challenge!** Thanks to the work of people like you throughout the U.S. and Canada, we went well above our goal of 25,000 school kits for the 2025 challenge. Working together, you, your community and other devoted supporters packed **29,639 school kits!** Each of the 29,639 school kits you shared will be a gift and treasure for a student dreaming of a bright future — and for the loved ones, teachers and community members dreaming alongside them. Thank you for being part of this year's School Kit Challenge. We hope you'll join us again next year!

**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.

**Dam will be taken out on October 5 at 2pm.** Meet at the shelter area (look for people and things happening). Spectators welcome, as are people to help take out the boards and clean them. Taking the dam out is not for the youngest ages due to the weight of the boards, but spectators of all ages are most welcome! Be prepared for whatever weather/temperatures there are. It's fun for both those helping and those watching!

**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.



**Calling All Helpers!** The retreat center at Camp Mennoscah has provided many folks with the opportunity to participate in a multitude of camp activities and we are looking to jump start the renovation project with new management, fresh volunteers, and renewed financial assistance. To complete the project, we need your help whether you have construction skills or not! We'd like to create a list of people who we can email for specific workday projects as they come up. Please call or text Tom Gaeddert at 316-288-7766 with your name and email address if you are willing to help and we will send out info for projects a week or two in advance of work to be done. Donations are also greatly appreciated and can be sent directly to camp designated for "Retreat Center". Thanks for your help!

**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. OR – give your donation (check or cash) to the FMC youth group this coming Sunday, Oct 5 after worship.

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.

### **ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY (AMBS)**

**Online Short Course: Challenging Christian Nationalism: Oct. 22 – Dec. 9.** Join Drew Strait, PhD, in this six-week online short course of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary to deepen your understanding of White Christian nationalism and how faith communities can mobilize to disrupt it. Drawing on biblical studies, theology and peace studies, we'll explore how nonviolent resistance in the way of Jesus can counter extremist narratives that are radicalizing Christians. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 15. [ambs.edu/nationalism](https://ambs.edu/nationalism)

### **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**

Emma Nord, a recent graduate of Eastern Mennonite University, spent July traveling Europe with the EMU Chamber Singers. The choir concluded their trip by performing with four other ensembles at Mennonite World Conference's Anabaptism at 500 celebration in Zurich, Switzerland. Read about her experience in MC USA's Menno Snapshots here: [mennoniteusa.org/united-to-sing](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/united-to-sing)

"Conflict happens ... but it doesn't have to be destructive and can, in fact, be a catalyst for growth, healing and deeper faith," writes Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, MC USA denominational minister for Peace and Justice, in her Menno Snapshots blog. Read it and find resources for addressing conflict here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/conflict-transformation>

**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](http://www.swissmennonite.org)