

THIS WEEK @ FMC - October 15-21, 2025

*Holy and everliving God,
by your power we are created
and by your love we are redeemed;
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service
and live this day in love to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. AMEN*

(Morning Collect from A New Zealand Prayer Book, pg 71)

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, OCTOBER 19, 2025 – GOD CALLS DAVID

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14; (John 7:24)

Preacher: Tonya Ramer Wenger

Worship Leader: Randy Rempel

Pianist: Peggy Stucky

Song Leader: Bryan Kehr

Children's Time: Heidi Unruh

Scripture Reader: Delon Martens

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

Ushers: Susan Combs & Joretta Martens

Nursery Attendant: Cindy Kroeker

Sound Tech: Earl Ediger & Allen Yoder

Livestream Tech: Jonathan Wenger

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

October 19 – Guess Who’s Coming for Sunday 5:30 Meal? – for those who signed up
October 26 – FMC church budget meeting @ 11:00am (children’s Sunday School meets as usual!)
October 31 – Halloween Donuts on the Lawn (volunteers needed beginning at 4pm till finished!)
November 1 – Singing Group at the Wenger’s (5pm potluck; 6pm informal hymn sing)
November 3 – MCC Meat Canner day for volunteers from Reno County; 12:30-4:30pm (note new time)
November 5 – PCRC (Pastor Congregation Relations Committee) meets at 5:15pm
November 9 – Mission Festival – Raylene Hinz Penner, speaker; potluck after Sunday school

GRATITUDE in wrapping INFANT CARE BUNDLES

Deanna Mace shares her gratitude for the seven gals who joined her on Monday (during Craft Night) to wrap 50 infant care bundles destined for families whom MCC serves around the world. We look forward to seeing these bundles – and maybe more – under our Christmas tree on Christmas Eve. Thank you, Cheryl, Diane, Annette, Esther, DeAnna, Marlene and Martha for sharing in this project.

CROP WALK update

We packed 95 hygiene kits during registration! The kits are on their way to the Church World Service warehouse in Elkhart, Indiana. CWS will ship the kits to people who have suffered displacement from their homes in the United States due to natural disasters.

Seven from FMC walked on Sunday afternoon, and members of six local churches took part in the walk! **We have raised \$5660, of which the people of FMC contributed over \$815!** I expect we will reach \$6000, which will enable Church World Service to send checks for \$750 to both the Reno County Food Bank and the Christian Soup Ministry—supporting their vital ministries in our county.

The remaining \$4500 will “go a long way.” With that amount, CWS will, for example,

- provide each of 225 families in the Dominican Republic with 5 chickens to raise
- help 100 farming families in Kenya buy a goat, thereby providing milk, food, and an income source
- provide in-home latrines to 90 families in Vietnam
- work with local partners to help a community in Cambodia dig a cement well [see below]

<https://cwsglobal.org/stories/clean-water-across-generations/>

CAMP MENNOSCAH acknowledges gift from FMC

Thank you so much for your gift of \$1014.00 for the Camp Mennoscah General Fund where needed most. Camp Mennoscah's vision to create a sacred space for people of all ages to renew themselves, their relationships, and their connection with God through Jesus Christ is realized only with your help. Your willingness to share in our work through your giving is greatly appreciated. – Olivia Bartel, Executive Director

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.

Our November gatherings are: Tuesday November 11 at 1:00pm
 Wednesday November 12 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 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

MISSION FESTIVAL – Sunday November 9

Raylene Hinz-Penner from Newton will be our speaker, focusing on Indigenous Justice, including the mission of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery and the related Kansas Repair Network, which Pastor Tonya has been participating with. Plan to stay for a potluck meal following Sunday School – bring a dish to share!!

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for all ages @ 11am!

Children (age 2-5th grade) and Junior Youth (6th-8th) 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*”.

Senior Youth (9th-12th 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 5th Sundays and on some major holidays.

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

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

STRENGTHENING Community Connections...

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

- Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am – 2:00pm
- Wednesday 12 noon – 3:00pm

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; noon-3pm 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. *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!!*

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. 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 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

FMC's ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING . . . October 26, 11:00am

On October 26, we, as a congregation, have the opportunity to again look at the financial picture of FMC, especially as it relates to how our giving funds the programs and opportunities, both internal and external, we value as a faith family. Copies of the proposed 2025-2026 budget and the explanatory narrative are available in the foyer.

Our treasurer, Mike Dirks, and the Coordination Teams (CT) have all had a hand in preparing the budget as they look at how our contributions help them in their various ministries. Their efforts have been approved

by the Congregational Ministry Team (CMT) who will bring the proposed budget to you, the congregation, as a motion for consideration and approval.

Per our governance structure all who attend FMC may participate in the discussion, but voting privileges are only granted to those who hold membership or association membership at FMC.

So, come to the annual budget meeting at 11:00am on Sunday, October 26, and be a participant in mapping out the financial journey we will embark upon in the coming year. It promises to be a great journey.
Delon Martens, Chair, Congregational Ministry Team

Note: Children's Sunday school will meet as usual during the budget meeting.

PASTOR CONGREGATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Kevin Martin-Nisly, Adam Pounds and Cheryl Warkentin serve on this committee and offer their skills in listening, affirming and supporting our connections between the congregation and our pastors. This group meets quarterly, welcoming your suggestions, concerns, affirmations and blessings as we seek to strengthen our relationships and support healthy communication patterns. Please speak with a committee member ahead of their meeting on November 5, with any comments you wish to share.

SINGING GROUP @ WENGER's ... Saturday, November 1 – 5pm potluck, 6pm informal hymn sing

All are invited to join with friends for informal fellowship and singing. Please bring a dish to share and a musical instrument, if you wish. Hymnals are provided.

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 4th 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.

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.

NELSON'S 11th ANNUAL FISH FRY to benefit HANDS OF CHRIST MINISTRIES

Farm-fresh Mississippi catfish, hush puppies and sides are on the menu for this fundraiser on Friday, October 17, 4:30-8:00pm at Pleasantview Activity Center (5015 S. Dean Road). Drive-thru and Gluten-free available; cash, checks and credit cards accepted. FMC collaborates with Hands of Christ Ministries, to help folks in our community by helping with rent, utilities, food and more.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCC Meat Canning will be coming to North Newton and the time for Hutchinson area volunteers is Monday, November 3, 12:30-4:30pm (note this adjustment in time). To volunteer, talk with Eldon Wagler, who is now our contact person with the Meat Canner! Contributions toward purchasing meat and canning supplies are also needed. Please make contributions by October 19. Checks written to First Mennonite Church and designated for MCC Canner may be places in the offering box.

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.

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 28th 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 for more information or to buy your ticket.

BETHEL COLLEGE announcements

Sun., Oct. 19 & Mon., Oct. 20 – Annual Menno Simons Lectures, with Dr. Kat Hill. The overall theme is "Diasporic Lives: Mennonites, Migration and the Search for Home." **First lecture: Oct. 19, 7 p.m.,** "People, Places, Pasts: Mennonite Meanings of Home Across Time and Place"; **second, Mon., Oct. 20, 11 a.m.,** "Diasporic Lives and Dispersed Archives: Reading the Records of Mennonite Belonging"; **third, Mon., Oct. 20, 7 p.m.,** "Contested Homes and Conflicted Belonging in Mennonite Pasts." All in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, with audience discussion following each lecture. Free and open to the public.

Registration is now open for Bethel College's Worship and the Arts Symposium, Nov. 2-4 on the Bethel campus. There is no fee, but registration is needed to get accurate numbers. Go to <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/worship-and-the-arts-symposium/> and click the "Registration" button. **The focus of the 2025 symposium is homiletics, with Dr. Luke Powery** from Duke Divinity School in

Durham, N.C. Of particular interest to pastors but open to everyone is a **preaching masterclass from 9 a.m.-noon on Tuesday, Nov. 4**. The featured visual artist is Merrill Krabill, Goshen, Ind., a former professor at Bethel and now retired from teaching at Goshen College. Use the link above to see a complete schedule.

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

HESSTON MENNONITE CHURCH YOUTH sponsor FAIR TRADE POP-UP SHOP

A Fair Trade “pop up shop” is coming to the area just in time to start your holiday shopping! Paula Brunk Kuhns, owner of ***Just Cause, a fair trade store*** based in Portland, OR, will be setting up her store at Hesston Mennonite Church (309 S Main St. Hesston, KS) for a 2-day event, October 24-25. The store will be open from 10am-7pm each day. Find beautifully crafted baskets, jewelry, home decor, kitchenware, metal art, cards, Christmas nativities and ornaments, and so much more from over 30 countries around the world.

When you shop Fair Trade, you're not just buying a beautifully crafted item. You're partnering with artisans around the world as they preserve their craft, support their families, and build a sustainable future. Each piece holds a story, and you become part of it. This is also a fundraiser for the Hesston Mennonite Church Youth Groups.

HOFFNUNGSAU MENNONITE CHURCH MISSION SUPPER

Hoffnungsaus Church, 43 13th Ave, Inman, invites you to our annual Mission Supper on Saturday, October 25, 5:00 – 6:30. It will be curbside pick up with tables also available if you want to stay and eat. Please text or call 620-585-6733 to order a meal of German sausage, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, zwiebach and pie. Payment is by donation with all proceeds going towards McPherson Housing Coalition.

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.

CAMP MENNOSCAH announcements

Verenike Casserole Meal Returns! Camp Mennoscah will be having a Verenike Casserole Fundraiser on November 8 at Faith Mennonite Church. The meal consists of verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zwieback, and fruit crisp. Reserve your meals at <https://forms.gle/DMurJFkp5P7Fb3C86> **Meals will be available at Faith Mennonite Church between 5:30-6:30pm on November 8th. You may either drive-thru**

and pick up your meals or dine in. Watch Camp Mennoscah's Facebook page and check your email for any changes. Suggested donation of \$20 per meal or \$40 per pan. Additional donations are welcome!

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.

Retreat Center Work Day on October 25! Please call or text Tom Gaeddert at 316-288-7766 to participate. 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 work day projects as they come up. Donations are also greatly appreciated and can be sent directly to camp designated for "Retreat Center". Thanks for your help!

Welcome to Eric Litwiller! Eric is the new Development Director for Camp Mennoscah. He has jumped in head-first to activities and has already started making contacts. He can be reached at eric.litwiller@campmennoscah.org

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!

MENNONITE CHURCH USA announcements

Menno Snapshots

Seventy-five percent of the worship music at MC USA 2025 Convention came from Voices Together. Band leader and guitarist, Randall Koehler, shares how this hymnal shaped Follow Jesus '25 — and offers 16 songs that invite us deeper into worship. Read his reflections and explore the music here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/songs/>

Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, MC USA's denominational minister for peace and justice, responded with a prayer of lament to the mass shooting at Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis. Read and pray along with the prayer here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/prayer-of-lament/>

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/

MENNONITE HISTORY TOUR TO POLAND . . . BETHEL COLLEGE tour July 10-21, 2026

Poland was the refuge and homeland for generations of Mennonites during years of intolerance after the Protestant Reformation. As a result, the history of Poland is part of the history of many Mennonites around the world. As early as the 1530s, Anabaptists from Holland and the lowlands of the Rhine and North Germany found a sanctuary in the Polish Commonwealth. Unlike Switzerland and the Holy Roman Empire, Poland rejected the brutal religious persecutions plaguing Western Europe. As a result, along with others seeking religious freedom and economic opportunity, many Dutch and German Mennonites settled in Poland, and remained there until later migrations took some to Ukraine and others to the American Midwest and southern Manitoba. This tour is designed to reacquaint persons of Mennonite descent, and others, with the country that provided their ancestors a safe and secure homeland for so many years from the sixteenth through the twentieth centuries.

Information here: <https://mla.bethelks.edu/information/mpsa.php>