

THIS WEEK @ FMC

December 24, 2025 – January 6, 2026

There are only a few days between December 21 (the longest night of the year) and December 24 when we celebrate the birth of Jesus and the good news: God IS with us, and always will be. On December 21 some of us gathered to greet the longest night and acknowledge the reality of pain and suffering and struggle even as we will so quickly pivot to joy on Christmas Eve. I used a worship resource created by Kate Bowler (<https://katebowler.com/>) and am including below a short reflection written by Kate for the longest night, reminding us that no matter what, the light of God still finds us! -- *Pastor Tonya*

A Reflection for the Longest Night ... by Kate Bowler

The words of the prophet Isaiah announce the arrival of one who will establish peace, justice, wisdom, right thinking, and right behavior as the governing principle for life. A principle that will rule over the earth and endure forever. This is good news indeed. No wonder the angels announcing Jesus' birth belted out their joy in song. God is bringing forth a time where suffering and sorrow and pain will be no more. When God will *"wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away"* (Revelation 21:4).

All this is to be accomplished through Jesus who comes to reveal these good purposes of God in himself through his life and death and resurrection. Through Jesus, death has been swallowed up. Yet these days we live in are not marked by these future promises. Instead, we know sorrow and confusion and loss. And there are times that we feel overpowered and overwhelmed as we fumble our way through the darkness.

And yet, and yet, the light of God finds us still. Through the friend that checks in on us. The hand that reaches out. The moment of beauty that speaks peace and life. The sense of belonging we get every once in a while. And we see again the wisdom, as Leonard Cohen writes, "There is a crack, a crack in everything, That's how the light gets in." We do not know why things work this way. We just know that even on the longest night of the year, God's light can find us. Even in our fear and loneliness and overwhelm, God's light can find us. Even when we are deep in grief, God's light can find us. Even when we ache for all that will never be, God's light will find us. For *"In him was life, and that life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it"* (John 1:4-5). Amen.

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, DECEMBER 28, 2025 – SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

THE WILL TO DREAM: GENERATIONAL PRAISE

Luke 2:22-40 and Psalm 148

Preacher: Tonya Ramer Wenger

Worship Leader: Jon Miller

Organist: Pauline Buller

Song Leader: Bryan Kehr

Children's Time: Lona Willems

Scripture Reader: Sadie Pritchett, Heidi Unruh
Character Narrative (Anna): Marlene Thode
Prayers of the People: send prayer concerns to Pastor Tonya at 620-513-2828
Ushers: Dennis & Jennalee Boggs
Nursery Attendant: Jonathan & Joanna Wenger
Sound Tech: Shane Miller
Livestream Tech: Jay Gehring

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026 – EPIPHANY: THE WILL TO DREAM: COURAGEOUS DEFIANCE

Star Words

Luke 2:22-40 and Psalm 148

Preacher: Tonya Ramer Wenger
Worship Leader: Santalena Caudillo
Pianist: TBA
Song Leader: TBA
Children's Time: Susan Combs
Scripture Reader: TBA
Character Narrative (Joseph): TBA
Prayers of the People: send prayer concerns to Pastor Tonya at 620-513-2828
Ushers: Kris Lindenberger & Marlene Thode
Nursery Attendant: TBA
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

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service (family friendly) at 7:00pm – bring sweet or savory finger food for fellowship after the service!

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 (11:00am-Noon – NOTE NEW TIME!) 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.

Upcoming gatherings are: Tuesday January 13 at 1:30pm
 Wednesday January 14 at 6:30pm

ADVENT-CHRISTMAS-EPIPHANY 2025 – *THE WILL TO DREAM*

Our worship series this Advent-Christmas-Epiphany comes from Illustrated Ministry, focusing on the theme *The Will to Dream: Hearts are weary, and souls unsettled, and people of all perspectives are searching—not just for answers, but for understanding, healing, and hope. This ache is not weakness; it is a holy longing—a sacred desire for a world made whole. From this longing comes the will to dream—a persistent courage to imagine, resist, and rebuild a better world.*

December 24: 7:00pm Christmas Eve – The Will to Dream: *Embodied Promise*

December 28: First Sunday After Christmas – The Will to Dream: *Generational Praise* – Pastor Tonya

January 4: Epiphany – The Will to Dream: *Courageous Defiance (+ Star Words)* – Pastor Tonya preaching

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP – 7PM ON DECEMBER 24

You (and your family and friends) are all invited to our intergenerational Christmas Eve service, beginning at 7pm. The service includes opportunities for participation of all ages through scripture reading, acting out the Christmas Story (come a bit early to get your costume – no rehearsal required!), singing, playing the Kristal Bells, lighting candles, and more. The service will include dedication of the Baby Bundles and offering to cover the cost and the shipping of the bundles. The service is followed by a Christmas fellowship time in the basement – bring sweet or savory finger foods to share in this time of celebration.

WINTER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for all ages @ 11am

NO Sunday School on Dec 28 AND Jan 4

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) meets weekly for Sunday School in the youth room upstairs with Jonathan Wenger and Tanya Martin Nisly.

The Adult Class studying the Salt and Light Bible Study this fall with the theme, "Living God's Abundant Life," by Jo-Ann A. Brant. The study will include scripture texts from John, 1 Thessalonians and Lamentations. They are meeting in the fellowship hall and a Zoom option will be available.

A “**Conversation & Connection**” adult group also meets informally 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 REGULAR HOURS

- Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am – 2:00pm
- Wednesday 12 noon – 3:00pm
- Church office will be closed between Christmas and New Year’s Day. Pastor Tonya will be available by cell phone (620-513-2828).

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)

Tonya’s next monthly ‘day apart’ will be in January.

WINTER/SPRING 2026 BOOK GROUP . . . CHERISHED BELONGING, Gregory Boyle

The Wednesday book group has chosen their next read - to begin sometime in February 2026. We'll be reading Cherished Belonging by Gregory Boyle. A summary of the book is at the very end of this newsletter. Having read one of Boyle's other books and having heard him speak, I can attest to his gift of storytelling with an eye out for the power of God's grace and compassion showing up in unexpected ways, places and people. The group typically meets Wednesdays at 1:00pm and all are welcome to join. If you need help getting a copy, let me know. – Pastor Tonya

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

January: Peanut Butter

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.

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 new toiletry items (especially gender neutral deodorant). We are also looking for **adults to mentor high school youth**. This involves meeting with them once/week for 30-45 minutes to be a supportive and encouraging presence. Talk to Pastor Tonya if interested in exploring this. AND, put **January 31, 2026 on your calendar for the next "The Men Cook" fundraiser for Salthawk Community Support, held at the Art Center from 7:00-8:30pm**. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased from Pastor Tonya or at the door.

BABY BUNDLES for MCC

Anytime before December 24, donate \$25 to cover the cost of an Infant Care Kit (also known as Baby Bundles!) for *Mennonite Central Committee*. We will dedicate these bundles during our Christmas Eve service and then deliver them to MCC to be sent to families around the world who need some extra support and love for their babies. A basket on the table in the foyer displays the contents of a kit for a baby girl and a kit for a baby boy. An offering will be received on Christmas Eve to cover the cost of the bundles and shipping to their destinations.

OTHER GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

MCC Christmas Giving - Choose gifts that honor your loved ones and change lives across the globe. MCC has 20 alternative gift options for you to choose from this Christmas season starting at just \$12. Cards and e-cards are available to accompany your gift. Start here mcc.org/christmas and if you have any questions please contact the MCC Central States office at centralstates@mcc.org or 316.283.2720.

Western District Conference is an extension of and support for the work of our member congregations, with resources such as:

- Transitional ministers and hands-on support for churches navigating pastoral transitions.
- Resource Library – the oldest and largest Mennonite church resource center in the US, with an expanding selection of digital resources.
- *New Kids Meet Christ* program – supporting congregations to reimagine worship to better engage children.
- Coaching for leaders of emerging faith communities and scholarships for seminary students.
- Consulting with churches for pastor-congregation reviews, updating policies, safe0church training, and more.

We work to build a conference sustained by a consistent rhythm of regular giving. Give here:

<https://forms.ministryforms.net/embed.aspx?formId=c50eb5b3-a9b7-4431-ba3c-bcb6744f74f1>

Mennonite Church USA Jamaica Mennonite Church has been hard hit by Hurricane Melissa, a Category 5 storm that caused widespread destruction in the Caribbean. Please remember those affected in prayer, and consider making a donation to help our sister churches recover from this devastating storm. 100% of donations will go directly to Jamaica Mennonite Church. Donations can be made online here <https://bit.ly/4pww648> (temporarily under Climate Justice), noting "JAMAICA" in the note field.

OVM (Offender Victim Ministries)

Holiday Greetings, First Mennonite Church! We'd like to wish you a safe, meaningful, and inspired holiday season. We are grateful you are part of the local Restorative Justice community. We are grateful you understand the challenges of walking with all involved when harm has happened between two (or more) parties. We'd like to share a brief newsletter with you - you can find it [HERE](#) - of positive impacts by OVM volunteers and staff. We'd like to ask you to consider a tax-deductible financial gift to OVM as 2025 winds down. We need support from individuals, churches, and granting bodies - but especially individuals. Would you consider a gift of \$100? If that's too high, we appreciate the amount you are able to give. If \$100 is too low, we appreciate any additional amount you are able to give. If you're able to support OVM financially, options include cash, check, electronic gift via [Venmo](#) or [Paypal](#) (credit card one-time or monthly recurring), DAF or QCD contributions, other charitable gifts and estate gifts. All qualified gifts are tax deductible. Thank you! If you know someone who is like-minded and would be excited about the [Mission](#) of OVM, please feel free to forward this to them.
Peace – Todd Lehman, Executive Director

INTERFAITH HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Earn a 75% Kansas Income Tax Credit. Invest in Kansas. Empower Lives. Get Rewarded.

Your donation not only changes lives — it rewards you, too.

Here's how it works:

- Donate to the IDA program administered by Interfaith Housing & Community Services.
- Receive a 75% Kansas income tax credit.
- Credits are refundable, meaning if your credit exceeds your tax liability, you'll receive the difference as a refund.

When you support individual Development Accounts (IDAs) through Interfaith Housing & Community Services, your donation helps hardworking Kansans achieve dreams like:

- Buying their first home
- Paying for essential home repairs
- Starting or expanding a small business
- Pursuing college or vocational training

For every dollar participants save, their contributions are matched 2:1, helping them build assets and long-term financial stability. To claim your IDA tax credit or learn more, contact Lacy Stauffacher 620-259-9919.

MENNONITE FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITIES . . . position opportunity

Mennonite Friendship Communities has a position for a Nighttime Maintenance/Security person. The shift is from 7 pm – 3:30 am. The person in this role is responsible for making sure the campus is secure for all residents and staff and responds to maintenance requests. Apply in person or through Indeed.

- https://www.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=35a719a31c606158&from=shareddesktop_copy

BETHEL COLLEGE announcements

Kauffman Museum at Bethel College invites you to visit during the holidays. There is currently a recently restored 17th-century Bible from the Jake T. Friesen family on display, only through the end of December. The museum is closed Mondays, Christmas Day and New Year's Day and open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Christmas Eve

and New Year's Eve; Regular hours are 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays, 1:30-4:30 p.m. weekends. The current special exhibit is "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War." Permanent exhibits are "Of Land and People," "Mirror of the Martyrs" and "Mennonite Immigrant Furniture." The museum store is also open during those hours, with books, games, art and other gift items for sale (see <https://www.kauffmanmuseum.org/museum-store>).

Sun.-Mon., Jan. 18-19 – Bethel College and Hesston College collaboration for the annual celebration of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, including historic listening event, Jan. 19, 6 p.m., with program at 7 p.m.; see bethelks.edu/MLK

CAMP MENNOSCAH announcements

Summer staff applications for the 2026 Summer Camps are open. The application and further information can be found [here](#) or at the link at the end of this announcement. Summer staff need to be 18 or older, preferably with one year of college, work or volunteering. Contact Olivia at 316-293-7313 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org with questions. <https://www.campmennoscah.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Programs%7CSummer%20Youth%20Camps%3E%3ESummer%20Youth%20Camp%20Staff%20Application>

Camp Mennoscah is looking for a volunteer to work with the camp website. This would include regularly updating information and potentially a complete overhaul of the website itself. The details of the work would depend on the skills of the volunteer and time they have available. Please contact office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 to start the conversation.

Thank you to everyone who has gifted us wish list items! We would be happy to receive kitchen knives, "restaurant style" hot pads (example: <https://www.webstaurantstore.com/choice-10-x-11-terry-cloth-pan-grabber-bakers-pad/160TPH1011WH.html>), replacement ping pong table net with clamps, and plastic cutting boards (no smaller than 12"X18", larger is fine). Office-related items include copier paper, postage stamps, and sticky notes. Toilet paper and kitchen/white paper towels are always welcome! Contact office@campmennoscah.org with questions

SYMPOSIUM on the FUTURE OF WATER in KANSAS . . . Hesston Mennonite & Dyck Arboretum
The Outreach Team of Hesston Mennonite Church invites your participation at a March 7, 2026 Spring Symposium on the Future of Water in Kansas. We are co-sponsoring this event to be held at Dyck Arboretum (177 W Hickory St), Hesston, Kansas, from 8:30 to 4:30 pm on Saturday, March 7. Experts and water managers from state, local and municipal agencies will address critical issues that affect our state's water resources and demands. Brad Guhr, Education Coordinator, urges "Let's educate ourselves and work together on solutions now, while water is plentiful, so we never have to face the fight (referring to Mark Twain's quote that 'Whisky's for drinking and water's for fighting.')" Look for registration details coming soon, or contact arboretum@hesston.edu.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK announcements

Mennonite Voluntary Service is accepting applications now for August 2026–July 2027. Adults 20+ are invited to serve for one year (renewable up to three) alongside nonprofits tackling poverty, immigration, education, health, and more. Live intentionally with other MVSers in a unit house, be supported by a local Mennonite church, and join a worldwide movement for peace and justice. Visit MennoniteMission.net/MVS

Service Adventure. Can a gap year change your life? Only if you're up for adventure! Service Adventure applications are now open for the 2026-27 term. Service Adventure is a 10-month volunteer experience for

young adults ages 17-20. Live in community with peers and unit leaders, serve with local nonprofit agencies, and grow in your faith with a supporting church congregation! Learn more and apply at MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure.

Just Peace Pilgrimage Calais, France . . . April 6–18, 2026

Walk with migrants, listen to their stories, and serve alongside organizations bringing hope at the edge of Europe. This 13-day pilgrimage will forever change how you see borders, justice, and the gospel call to welcome the stranger. Registration deadline: February 15, 2026, Only a few spots remain! Contact Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net or visit www.mennonitemission.net/JustPeace

ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY announcements

The Trail of Death: A Pilgrimage of Remembrance, Lament and Transformation: May 11–21. Participants in this pilgrimage will trace the route of the U.S. military's 1838 forced removal of Potawatomi people from their ancestral homeland in northern Indiana to present-day Osawatomie, Kansas. This intensive graduate-level course of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary can be taken for credit, audit or no credit (trip only). Limit: 15 participants. Sign up by April 1. ambs.edu/trail-of-death

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE announcements

The winter 2026 issue of Intersections on “Decolonizing Relief, Development and Peacebuilding” issue of *Intersections*, compiled by Sara Wyngaarden is now on the MCC website. See here: <https://mcc.org/media/document/149266>. Authors reflect on the opportunities for and challenges in living into decolonial ways of working in Bolivia, Canada, Haiti, India, Palestine and Israel, Uganda, and more.

Across the U.S.–Mexico borderlands — and in communities far beyond them — people of courage and compassion are responding daily to the realities of migration. MCC believes that listening to these stories helps us live more deeply into our values of peace, hospitality, and justice. Join us for **Borderlands & Beyond Monthly Charlas**, a new conversation series led by the MCC U.S. Immigration Network featuring MCC partners, community leaders, and borderlands practitioners who will share their work, struggles, insights, and hopes. Each *charla* provides a welcoming space to learn, ask questions, and explore how we can participate in faithful advocacy and accompaniment. Find out more and register for the Zoom link: mcc.org/events/borderlands-and-beyond-monthly-charlas-mcc.

Date: Every 3rd Thursday of the month (January to December 2026)

Time: 4:00 PM PT / 5:00 PM MT / 6:00 PM CT / 7:00 PM ET

Location: Online via Zoom

Puerto Rico Peace Camp . . February 15-21. Join this young adult Peace Camp February 15-21, 2026, in Puerto Rico to learn about peacebuilding and how the life of Jesus teaches us to work for peace (Spanish speakers only). [Register by January 12!](#) - \$250.00

Hidden LA learning tour: AAPI migration, memory and movement building. Join us February 27-March 1, 2026, for an immersive journey through AAPI communities in Los Angeles. Explore historic Chinatown, Little Tokyo, Koreatown, and more while engaging with community leaders and learning about migration, resilience and solidarity. Build cross-cultural connections and gain insights to advance justice in your own community. Registration: \$400. [Register today!](#)

MCC's high school essay contest is now open! The annual MCC U.S. National Peace & Justice Ministries essay contest highlights the perspectives of youth on significant public policy issues and promotes the involvement of young people in faithful witness to government authorities. Submissions may be in English

or Spanish. (*A continuación véase la información en español.*) The contest is open to Mennonite, Brethren in Christ and other Anabaptist youth of high school age and to all youth who attend Mennonite high schools within the United States, including Puerto Rico. Regional prizes will be awarded, with the top three essays being submitted to the national competition. Regional top prize is \$200 and the national contest grand prize is \$1000. Contest topics, rules and resources can be found at mcc.org/events/high-school-essay-contest. The deadline for submitting entries is February 27, 2026. Essays should be submitted to centralstates@mcc.org, questions can be directed to beckyteiwes@mcc.org.

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 CHURCH USA announcements

MC USA's Safe Church ministry recently presented an online training webinar based on Part 1 of the denomination's new **Prevention and Accountability Resource**. Designed for pastors, church leaders and congregational teams, this session provides practical guidance to help congregations create safer spaces and stronger systems of accountability. Watch it here in English <https://bit.ly/44uyi5q> or Spanish <https://bit.ly/48nXw6T>.

MC USA invites you to an interactive online (Zoom) meeting on **coping with and processing grief**. Sponsored by The Corinthian Plan, MC USA's healthcare plan for pastors and church workers, this webinar will encourage and equip attendees with practices that lead toward resilience and peace. All are welcome to attend. Register here: <https://bit.ly/48d6TGo>.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE (MDS) . . . monthly newsletter

Our December edition of On the Level is now available. In this edition, U.S. Board Chair Wayne Yoder share his observations from the past year, learn how determination brings disaster survivors home in Ohio, and see what volunteers have accomplished this year. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3YovH9P>

MCC U.S. NATIONAL PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRIES

Puerto Rico has experienced various ups and downs, including hurricanes, earthquakes and a system of governance that seems to keep communities in constant crisis. What does it mean to work for peace in this context? [Join us](#) in beautiful Puerto Rico to learn how the life and teachings of Jesus inform our peacebuilding. For one week we will participate in a process of learning and collective transformation, exploring how to live in solidarity with each other and build a community of peace with biblical foundations. *Participants must have at least an intermediate level of listening and speaking Spanish.*

- **When:** February 15-21, 2026
- **Where:** Rio Grande, Puerto Rico
- **Who:** Young adults, ages 18-30; understanding and speaking Spanish is necessary
- **How:** Register [here](#) by January 12; cost is \$250.00 (Includes flight to Puerto Rico)