

# THIS WEEK @ FMC

## January 7-13, 2026

*"Let us affirm God's gift of revelation and the courageous faith it asks of us.*

*We believe God's revelation comes to us in the quiet and the subtle, from the margins and in the cries of nature. God's revelation comes through dreams, the light of stars, and the voices of those fearing for their lives.*

*We believe the message of God's revelation is always an urgent one, calling for immediate trust and radical care. It continually points toward justice, asking us to defy and resist the harmful forces around us.*

*We believe, like Joseph, who protected his family, God's revelation shines on the path of protection, asking us to be sheltering arms for the vulnerable.*

*We believe, like the magi, who listened to the voice of the Spirit rather than that of empire, God's revelation calls us to courageous faith and embodied resistance.*

*We believe, like a single star shining in the sky, God's revelation empowers us to a purity of heart and calling, where we have clarity on what we are to do, and live it out with simple, steady faithfulness.*

*So we commit ourselves to small acts of courage as holy epiphanies, trusting that with each one, God's revelation will spread and shine."*

(Source: Illustrated Ministry - The Will to Dream Advent Resources: Epiphany)

### **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, JANUARY 11, 2026 – WEDDING AT CANA**

***God of revelation, You made your son known at a wedding, a public celebration of love. Celebrate love with us by revealing Jesus in our midst. Amen.***

***John 2:1-11; Psalm 104:14-16***

Preacher: Jim Unruh

Worship Leader: Anita Kehr

Organist: Pauline Buller

Song Leader: Trae Gehring

Children's Time: Jane Wagler

Scripture Reader: Tonya Ramer Wenger

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

Ushers: Susan Combs & Joretta Martens

Nursery Attendant: TBA  
Sound Tech: Adam Pounds  
Livestream Tech: Joel Iwashige

## **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**

January 7 – Confessional Bible Study, 6:30-8:00pm (Common Ground) – RSVP's helpful  
January 12 – Craft Night, 6:30-8:00pm, Fellowship Hall  
January 21 – Congregational Ministry Team (CMT) and Coordination Teams, 6:30pm  
January 24 – FMC serves at the Soup Kitchen (volunteer on the signup sheets in the foyer)  
January 27-29 – Pastor Tonya attending DART Clergy Training in Orlando FL  
February 1 – M&Ms gathering, noon  
February 8 – FMC leads worship at Mennonite Friendship Communities, 10am  
February 8 – Sr. Youth Sub Sandwich Fundraiser

**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) ecumenical Centering Prayer group** is meeting weekly. 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

## WINTER 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"*.

**Senior Youth (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays and on some major holidays.

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

- *UPPER ROOM* .. regrettably, our order has not yet arrived
- *Rejoice!* .. December, January, February

## STRENGTHENING Community Connections...

### CHURCH OFFICE REGULAR 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)

Tonya's next monthly 'day apart' will be **Wednesday January 14** (NO regular office hours that day!)

### 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.

### **FMC’s Food Bank Contributions in 2025**

We collected 1,333 pounds of food and miscellaneous items that were delivered to the Reno County Food Bank in 2025. That is an increase of just over 57% from the prior year. Thank you for the generosity of this congregation to assist in this worthy program. – from Dohn & Jeanette Fast, who deliver our contributions

### **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.

### **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.

### **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](https://www.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=35a719a31c606158&from=shareddesktop_copy)

### **BETHEL COLLEGE announcements**

**Mon., Jan. 12 – Special one-evening show by local high school artists, 6-7 p.m., Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center** on the Bethel College campus. You’re invited to meet students from Augusta, Goessel, Hesston, Moundridge and Newton high schools and view their art at this come-and-go event.

**Sun., Jan. 18-Mon., Jan. 19 – Bethel College and Hesston College, with Newton Community for Racial Justice and the Newton Public Library, will collaborate to celebrate the annual Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.**

- **Jan. 18, 3 p.m.**, Hesston Mennonite Church: concert featuring Bethel College Concert Choir, Hesston College Bel Canto Singers, Central Kansas Master Chorale, and Roz McCommon and her band;
- **Jan. 19, 8 a.m.**, **Bontrager Student Center at Hesston College**, prayer breakfast with local clergy;
- **Jan. 19, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**, escape room with clues based on Dr. King's life and work, sponsored by NCRJ at the **Newton Public Library**;
- **Jan. 19, 6 p.m.**, **Memorial Hall at Bethel College**, listening event for Dr. King's 1960 speech at Bethel;
- **Jan. 19, 7 p.m.**, **program in Mem Hall** with Roz McCommon, Bethel choirs, HC Bel Canto Singers and Bethel orchestra. For a full schedule and information, visit [engage.bethelks.edu/portal/MLK](https://engage.bethelks.edu/portal/MLK).

**Sat., Jan. 31 – Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day event, "Flavor of Kansas," noon-4 p.m.**, *museum parking lot and grounds*. For more information, see the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or [kauffmanmuseum.org](https://kauffmanmuseum.org)

**Sat., Jan. 31 – Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts (BCAPA) 30th-anniversary event** featuring collaborative pianist Mory Ortman, emeritus professor of music Don Kehrberg and more, **6:30 p.m.**, *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*

### **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES**

Schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or scan the code on the poster in the foyer.

- January 24, 9am-2pm, New Covenant Presbyterian Church
- January 26-28, First Presbyterian Church

### **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](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) with questions. <https://www.campmennoscah.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Programs%7CSummer%20Youth%20Camps%3E%3ESummer%20Youth%20Camp%20Staff%20Application>

**Thank you to everyone who has gifted us wish list items!** We would be happy to receive a colander/strainer (~11" diameter) with handles, a deep pan (~5"x12"x17"), 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](mailto: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](mailto:arboretum@hesston.edu).

### **KANSAS MENNONITE MEN'S CHORUS**

Looking for Singers for the upcoming 2026 Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus. We have six rehearsals in Hesston Mennonite Church starting on January 25th at 2:30 PM. The rehearsals last for 2 hrs. KMMC has been singing since 1969 in Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nebraska and even Europe!!! If interested in singing or more information please reach out to Membership Chair Aaron Stucky via email [stuckya2003@yahoo.com](mailto:stuckya2003@yahoo.com). You can also find us on Facebook at Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus.

### **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](http://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](http://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](mailto:StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net) or visit [www.mennonitemission.net/JustPeace](http://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](http://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](https://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](https://mcc.org/events/high-school-essay-contest). The deadline for submitting entries is February 27, 2026. Essays should be submitted to [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org), questions can be directed to [beckyteiwes@mcc.org](mailto: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. 30<sup>th</sup> Street in North Newton, questions can be directed to [duaneunruh@mcc.org](mailto: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**

Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3YovH9P>