

# THIS WEEK @ FMC

## February 4-10, 2026

Last fall our Mission Festival speaker was Raylene Hinz-Penner who spoke on the topic of land justice and dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery. The offering received that Sunday was sent to the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery (<https://dismantlediscovery.org/>). Recently we received this update and personal thank you note, which is also posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

*Thank you for your donation to the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery! Because of the support from members like you, the Coalition continues to advance our work for structural and cultural change. Ongoing campaigns include our accompaniment work with Oak Flat, a sacred Apache site under threat from a mining corporation; our organizing work with the Episcopal Indigenous Justice Roundtable, whose focus has been on Boarding School history; a new partnership with Shinnecock Kelp Farmers striving to protect their sovereignty and the health of the Shinnecock Bay from sewage pollution by the Hamptons; and work to reimagine what Economic Justice needs to look like to protect Indigenous sovereignty and land justice.*

*Our Repair Partner for 2025-2026 is our newly formed Land Justice Fund. 75% of donations to this fund will go towards land repatriation and land healing work of Indigenous partners. 25% of the fund will support capacity building for solidarity work with those partners and for the larger structural change needed. You can read more about these partners on our website: [dismantlediscovery.org/landback-fund/](https://dismantlediscovery.org/landback-fund/)*

*(And the handwritten thank you): Dear First Mennonite Church of Hutchinson ... Thank you for being part of the Coalition's Repair Network! Contributing as a community is integral to our movement for Indigenous and land justice. Read above to learn how your financial contribution helps. As we enter 2026, I pray for peace and joy for your congregation, and I join with you in praying for justice for this land and for our Indigenous partners. In gratitude, Savannah (a Coalition Volunteer)*

Thank you to all of you who donated that Sunday and helped contribute to the good and challenging work the Coalition is engaged in. **Locally, there is a Central Kansas Repair Network that has chosen to learn and advocate around the problem of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People in Kansas. Meetings are held monthly on a Monday evening, alternating in person in North Newton and on Zoom. I'm looking for someone from our church who would like to participate with this group, representing our congregation.** I have been participating and will continue to as I am able. Please talk to me if you are interested in exploring this opportunity!

-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, FEBRUARY 8, 2026 – HEALING STORIES**

**God of miracles, sometimes we are slow to believe in your power, even when your miracles occur all around us each and every day. Open our eyes to see and our hearts to believe. Amen.**

***John 4:46-54 [5:1-18]; (Psalm 40:1-5)***

Preacher: Tonya Ramer Wenger

Worship Leader: Randy Rempel

Pianist: Peggy Stucky

Song Leader: Magdalena Wenger

Children's Time: Gardell Stucky

Scripture Readers: Peggy & Gardell Stucky

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

Ushers: Glenda & Rick Hooper

Nursery Attendant: Kris & Joyce Lindenberger

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**

February 4 – Book Group begins a 6-week study – Wednesdays at 1:00pm, Common Grounds Room

February 8 – FMC leads worship at Mennonite Friendship Communities, 10am

February 8 – Sr. Youth Sub Sandwich Fundraiser (place your order by Feb 5 – call Jonathan)

February 14 – Women & Girls event – RSVP to Jean by February 6

February 15 – Worship Leader's Lunch @ Noon with Pastor Tonya

February 18 – Ash Wednesday Service @ 7:00pm with Community Church of the Brethren

February 22 – First Sunday of Lent

February 28 – Next Singing Group @ Wenger's: 5pm potluck (bring a dish to share) and 6pm singing begins!

**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 February 10 at 1:00pm  
   Wednesday February 11 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* .. January/February issue is now available
- *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' is **TBD** (NO regular office hours that day!)

### **NOTE OF THANKS**

Thank you for all the prayers for mom (Gloria Gehring). She has been doing better the last several weeks. Hopefully, she will stay healthy the rest of the winter and spring. God Bless, Russ Gehring

### **BOOK GROUP . . . CHERISHED BELONGING, Gregory Boyle . . . begins February 4**

The book group will meet for six Wednesday sessions beginning February 4 at 1:00pm. All are welcome to join. If you need a copy of the book, feel free to order with your favorite book supplier or let the church office know. Our pattern is to share responsibility for facilitating discussions. A study guide is available.

**SENIOR YOUTH GROUP SUPER BOWL SUB FUNDRAISER is coming up** – choose turkey or Italian subs for \$10 each, including veggies. The youth will be in the foyer Jan 25 and Feb 1 to take your orders. You can also place an order with Jonathan Wenger. Deadline to order is midnight Feb 5.

### **WOMEN & GIRLS of FMC . . Creative Living Experience – February 14**

You are invited to join us for a Creative Living Experience on Saturday, February 14 from 9:30-11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall, FMC. Dress is casual. Coffeecake will be served. Please RSVP by Feb 6 to Jean Gaeddert at 620.663.1240. – Jean Gaeddert, Julie Esau, Cindy Kroeker, & Julie Goering

### **2025 INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION REPORTS**

Since the IRS has raised the standard deduction threshold and those with IRA's can send directly to charitable organizations to help meet their minimum required distributions, the need to receive your annual contribution report has been diminished for income tax purposes. **Therefore, instead of stuffing mailboxes with annual giving reports, if you would like your giving report from FMC, please let me know I will get you yours.** You can reach me at [mikedirks@earthlink.net](mailto:mikedirks@earthlink.net) or 620-474-1224. - Mike Dirks

### **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**

#### **February: 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.

### **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.

### **BUHLER MENNONITE CHURCH ANNUAL CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP SUPPER . . . Wed, February 11**

It will be a carryout meal featuring chicken noodle soup, bread and pie. Orders will be accepted through Wednesday, February 4. Please call or text 620-664-7699 to let us know how many meal orders you want. Pickup will be at the north entrance of the church from 4 to 6pm on Wednesday, February 11. Enter from the south side parking lot on B Street to pick up your meals. This is a freewill offering with all proceeds going to MCC Meat Canner and Outreach Meals. Checks may be made out to Buhler Mennonite Church. Cash donations will also be accepted that evening. Note the change in traffic direction.

### **BETHEL COLLEGE announcements**

**Life Enrichment, the series at Bethel College for adults age 60 and older, resumes for the spring semester on Weds., Feb. 4**, with Larry Hatteberg of KAKE TV, Wichita, and Joe Fred Perez of Brownsville, Texas.

See <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/life-enrichment/> for details and a link to the complete spring schedule.

**Sat., Feb. 7 – Kauffman Museum bird walk, 8 a.m. start time** in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets (2801 N. Main St., North Newton 67117). Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail (terrain is mostly wood-chip path and sometimes uneven/sloping).

**Sun., Feb. 8 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, 3 p.m., with Prisca Barnes, founder of Storytime Village Inc., “The Dockum Drugstore Sit-In,” Kauffman Museum auditorium.** This program is in conjunction with the special exhibit “Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War.”

**Tues., Feb. 10 – Bethel College Organ Recital Series: YunJung Lee, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel**

### **KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE . . . April 10-11, 2026**

**WANTED**—Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, RV's, Campers, Tractors, Modern Farm Equipment, etc. for the Kansas MCC Sale. Items you no longer need help Feed and Clothe Thousands in desperate living conditions. ALL donations are Tax Deductible. Call Jerry Toews for info: 620 367 8257. Help make a difference. Be a part of the growing number of folks donating vehicles to the Mennonite Relief Sale.

### **CAMP MENNOSCAH announcements**

**A Challenge to build a healthy reserve fund for Camp Mennoscah.** The reason that Camp Mennoscah was able to immediately begin repairs on the retreat center was because we maintained a healthy reserve fund. But what would happen if a similar repair were needed today? If each of our donor households gave just \$20/month over the next 12 months, our reserve accounts would be replenished and ready to respond to the next emergency building repair. And our website allows you to easily set-up a monthly recurring

investment to do just that. Visit [CampMennoscah.org](http://CampMennoscah.org), or text "RECURRING" to our Development office at 620.755.2583 to begin the process.

**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>

**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).

#### **OFFENDER VICTIM MINISTRIES and MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**Pack Prisoner Care Kits February 12 . . .** In the spirit of Saint Valentine, share love with men on the indigent list at Hutchinson Correctional Facility. Join OVM and MCC to pack 350 prisoner care kits, hear impact stories, and enjoy snacks and fellowship. February 12, 6-8PM - 121 E 30th, North Newton, KS

#### **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](https://ambs.edu/trail-of-death)

### **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE announcements**

**Lunch & Learn at MCC!** Tuesday, February 17, 12-1 p.m. join the Global Voices Speaking Tour to hear firsthand stories of the intersection of climate and peace. Speakers Dr. Arefur Rahaman with MCC Bangladesh and David Waiswa with MCC East Africa and Sahel Region will share how they are working toward peace and climate resiliency, especially around food security. **RSVP by Feb. 10** at [mcc.org/global-lunch](https://mcc.org/global-lunch) or contact [patsydirksen@mcc.org](mailto:patsydirksen@mcc.org), 316.283.2720. Suggested \$10 donation per lunch.

A second opportunity to hear Dr. Rahaman and David Waiswa speak will be on Monday, February 16, 2:30pm in Schowalter Villa Chapel, 200 West Cedar, Hesston KS.

**MCC Central States annual meeting** – You are invited to the MCC Central States annual meeting on Saturday, March 7 at 11 a.m. at MCC Central States, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117.

**CALLING FOR 2026-2027 MCC SALT PARTICIPANTS!** MCC's Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program is a year-long cross-cultural experience for young adults ages 18-30. It's a chance to immerse yourself in another culture and grow in ways you never imagined. Whether your interest is in a specific region of the world, specific country, type of work or a language, there are numerous possibilities waiting to be explored. There is no cost to participate and there is student loan assistance available. You'll grow. You'll experience the world, find purpose, and you will Serve and Learn Together. Dates: August 12th, 2026 – July 17th, 2027. Visit [mcc.org/salt](https://mcc.org/salt) for more information, applications due Feb. 15.

**Celebrating 50 years of *More-with-Less*!** Herald Press and Mennonite Central Committee invite you to share stories of food, joy, and resilience to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the *More-with-Less* cookbook. This beloved cookbook's call to thrift, Christian compassion and abundant living is just as urgent and relevant today as it was in 1976. [Go to this form](#) to learn more and to submit stories, blessings or ideas for simple approaches to sharing food and fellowship. Please share your story by Feb. 15 for a chance to be featured in the 50th anniversary edition or additional digital resources—and receive a chocolate oatmeal cake recipe as thanks!

**MCC is recruiting Canner Operators** to join its mobile meat canning team, which prepares about **600,000 cans of meat** annually for global communities in need. These operators travel to **30 U.S. locations** from October to April, managing machinery, operating steam and pressure vessels, coordinating volunteers, and ensuring compliance with USDA regulations. Make new friends while participating in **a unique service adventure!** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until April 25<sup>th</sup> OR until position is filled. Apply online at [mcc.org/careers](https://mcc.org/careers). For more information, call 1-888-563-4676 or email [marilypeters@mcc.org](mailto:marilypeters@mcc.org).

**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. 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

**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. 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).

### **MENNONITE CHURCH USA announcements**

**Mennonite Church USA is requesting prayer for the hearing for injunctive relief in the “sensitive locations” lawsuit,** *Mennonite Church USA et al., v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security, et al.* Oral arguments will be heard on Feb. 5, 2026, in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in Washington, D.C. Representatives from MC USA leadership will attend the hearing. Please note that no further action is requested at this time. Read the opening brief here: <https://bit.ly/3M0LtVN>

**This Black History Month, explore “Black History in the Mennonite Church”** — MC USA’s timeline of remarkable firsts, leaders and milestones in African American Mennonite history. Visit the timeline online and deepen your understanding of our shared story: <https://bit.ly/4r8ZLCP>

**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>.

### **EVERENCE announcement**

The Everence Sharing Fund provided \$3,000 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Susan Combs serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact her for more information.

### **NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL HEALTH (NAMI)**

We're excited to share a new release we're really proud of:

#### **Rural and Frontier Mental Health Access: A Qualitative Report**

This report centers lived experience to shed light on what accessing mental health care actually looks like in rural and frontier communities. It brings forward voices, barriers, and realities that often get lost in statewide and national data—but matter deeply to people and communities.

### **MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE (MDS) . . . monthly newsletter**

Our January edition of On the Level is now available. In this edition, get the latest information on our Annual Celebration coming in February, read about how the MDS RV Program got started, and learn why MDS is seeking drivers. Plus we have a number of employment opportunities to share. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/4qvNRmn>