

THIS WEEK @ FMC

February 25 - March 3, 2026

This year we are making available a Lenten Guided Prayer resource created as a ministry of Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada. The theme “*Dwelling in Dissonance*” follows our worship themes and scriptures this Lent. Each Monday I’ll send that week’s resource (leading up to the coming Sunday) out via email, and there are some hard copies available in the foyer. Please ask for more if those run out, and if you are not part of our church email list, let me know (tonya@hutchfmc.org) and I’ll make sure you get the emails. Below is an excerpt from this week’s guided prayer. Blessings of grace and peace as you journey through Lent! ---*Pastor Tonya*

Praying When We Don’t Know How to Pray

In the face of unending global conflict and oppression, prayer is a long game. Prayer is an act of defiance in the face of despair. Prayer is the “and yet…” that doesn’t give helplessness or hopelessness the last word. Hold in prayer the various people and places in the world that feel far from you and beyond your reach to know how to change for the better. When overwhelm threatens, see what it feels like to pray simply: “I don’t know”. Pray to not succumb to apathy, but, rather, “sustain in me a willing spirit.”

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, MARCH 1, 2026 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: JESUS WASHES FEET

Holy Lord God, Jesus washed the disciples’ feet as a sign of service and compassion. Show us how to live and love in service and with compassion, for the sake of all your children. Amen

John 13:1-17 (Psalm 51:7-12)

Preacher: Jim Unruh

Worship Leader: Joel Iwashige

Organist: Pauline Buller

Song Leader: Shane Miller

Children’s Time: DeAnna Goering

Scripture Reader: Pastor Tonya

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

Ushers: Diane Ziemer & Shane Miller

Nursery Attendant: Martha Miller

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

February 25 – Book Study, CHERISHED BELONGING (Gregory Boyle) meets @ 2:00pm (NEW TIME)

February 25 – Lenten Lunch (1st of five) 12:05pm, Trinity United Methodist Church, 1602 N. Main St.

February 25 – Wednesday Night @ First begins (see details below)

February 27 – Mennonite Friendship Communities Liverwurst & Fried Mush fundraiser, 5:00-8:00pm

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

March 9 – Craft Night 6:30-8:00, Fellowship Hall

March 28 – FMC serves at the Soup Kitchen

April 10-11 – Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson

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 March 24 at 1:00pm (note date change)

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS for the March evening group at 6:30pm

WINTER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for all ages @ 11am

Children (age 2-5th grade) and Junior Youth (6th-8th) use Shine Curriculum from MennoMedia. This winter's theme is: *The Upside-Down Kingdom*, focusing on *Jesus; birth and the counter-cultural stories he told*.

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 winter 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.

LENT 2026 – *Dwelling in Dissonance*

This year, the entire season of Lent is framed by the experience of Holy Week as recorded in the Gospel of John. We’re invited to linger in the intensity of the final week of Jesus’ life, to dwell in the dissonance. Dissonance might be a word many of us would use to describe the kind of time we are living in, and we long to find relief from the dissonant uncertainty we are experiencing (The Leader Winter 2025-2026 Lent Worship Resources).

March 1 - Lent 2: Jesus Washes Feet (John 13:1-17) – Jim Unruh preaching

March 8 - Lent 3: Peter’s Denial (John 18:12-27) – Tonya Ramer Wenger preaching

March 15 - Lent 4: Jesus and Pilate (John 18:28-40) – Tonya preaching

March 22 – Lent 5: Jesus Condemned (John 19:1-16a) – Anita Kehr preaching

March 29 – Palm & Passion Sunday (John 12:12-27 and John 19:16b-22) – Tonya preaching

April 2 – Maundy Thursday: Jesus’ Last Words - Meal & Worship (John 19:23-30)

April 5 – Easter Sunday (John 20:1-18) – Tonya preaching

Sunrise Service @ Shane and Joy Miller’s – watch for details!

9:00am – Easter Brunch at church (bring food to share & own table service)

10:15am – Easter Worship

No Sunday School, but there are plans for an Easter Egg Hunt for children!

PRAYGROUND EXPERIMENT DURING LENT!

During the Sundays in Lent we are going to be offering a space for Children in the front of the sanctuary called a prayground. This idea was introduced through Western District Conference's Kids Meet Christ workshops. They have supplied the resources, information, and support to make this possible.

The idea of a prayground is to make space in our sanctuary for children to become worshipers in their own imaginative and creative ways. On the floor in the front of the sanctuary, on the side with the piano, we'll have a rug and blanket, a small table and chairs for playdoh, and Lent themed play dough mats, colored scarves, and wooden painted people to act out the bible stories shared from the pulpit. We'll also have coloring pages and crayons. Kids who are in 3rd grade and under are welcome to come up to the prayground after Children’s time and can stay until the end of the service. Parents, if your children are at the prayground please sit in the front in case your kids might need you.

We'll be trying this out for the Sundays during Lent, up until Easter. Thanks for being open to this idea and welcoming the kids into a different way of worshiping together. - Warmly, Joy

LENT LUNCHEAS ARE HAPPENING AGAIN THIS YEAR!!

Mark your calendars for the Wednesdays of Lent (Feb 25-March 25) from Noon-1:00pm. Five churches, including ours, will host a worship service and a shared lunch together around the theme of Justice. The churches hosting these events follows:

- February 25 Trinity United Methodist Church, 1602 North Main Street
- March 4 Emanuel Lutheran Church, 140 East 30th Avenue (*Pastor Tonya preaching*)
- March 11 First Presbyterian Church, 201 East Sherman Avenue
- March 18 Grace Episcopal Church, 2 Hyde Park Drive
- March 25 First Mennonite Church, 52 Rambler Road (watch for opportunities to volunteer!)

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

- *UPPER ROOM* . . March, April
- *Rejoice!* .. March, April, May

STRENGTHENING Community Connections...

CHURCH OFFICE REGULAR HOURS

- Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am – 2:00pm
- Wednesday 12 noon – 3:00pm (No Wednesday hours on Feb 25)

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 **Wednesday February 25** (NO regular office hours that day!)

2025 INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION REPORTS

If you would like your giving report from FMC, please email me at mikedirks@earthlink.net or call 620-474-1224. - Mike Dirks

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT FIRST (WNAF) BEGIN FEBRUARY 25

Our upcoming WNAF session will focus on our STRENGTHENING (community, connection, leadership) priority as a congregation. Dinner will be served between 5:30-6:30pm and the program (with activities for kids) from 6:30-7:30pm.

The first two sessions (Feb 25 and March 4) will be led by Pastor Tonya, focused on identifying and brainstorming assets (the gifts and strengths we already have!) to help us dream and discern about the future of our congregation, and each of us as part of it. Having lots of voices and ideas (of all ages and all stages of life and connection with FMC) will make this process most fun and productive, so please consider coming and participating!!

Feb 25 – Asset Mapping Exercise Part 1 with Pastor Tonya

March 4 – Asset Mapping Exercise Part 2 with Pastor Tonya

March 11 – Community Circle Conversations

March 18 – Game & Puzzle Night (bring games and puzzles with you!)

TENTATIVE: March 25 – watch for details regarding plans for this evening!

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.

GRAINS OF GLORY – THE KANSAS MENNONITE STORY - DVD AVAILABLE

Thanks to a generous donor, a DVD copy of *Grains of Glory – The Kansas Mennonite Story* produced by PCS Kansas Channel 8 is available in our church library.

STRETCHING to Serve as Christ Served...

RENO COUNTY FOOD BANK

March: canned veggies (especially green beans)

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.

SECONDS ON 2nd update . . . 118 West 2nd Avenue

NEW DATES for "behind the scenes tours: March 6, March 7 and 21. Watch for more details.

It has been a few weeks since I have given an update on the progress of the ETC Seconds on 2nd building. Remodeling has begun on the new bathrooms; doorways cut, ceiling removed in the middle portion of the building and work on the floors is to begin soon. The Builders Bargain building on 5th St is closed, and shelving is being painted and dismantled.

In order to prepare for the opening of the Seconds on 2nd building, a lot of work will need to be completed. There is no definite opening date but hopefully in 2-3 months. In order to be prepared for the opening, volunteers will need to be trained and additional volunteers will be needed as the square feet of the new building is doubled, compared to BB.

The ETC Board is reaching out to all ETC sponsoring churches and interested community people to announce that there will be 3 opportunities for a "behind the scenes tour" of 2nd on 2nd building. This open house will allow individuals to see all the many departments where an individual can volunteer. Some of the areas are:

Small engine, lawn equipment and repairing
Appliances, plumbing, electrical, lighting repairing and cleaning

Vintage and repurposing of furniture

Home decor

Sorting and packaging of hardware

Building display and storage units

Cashiers

Receiving donated items (Prior use of forklift would be of great help.)

Assist customers on the floor and help loading purchased items

And many other ways

Dates are being planned for you to come and see ways you can be involved in this next exciting new adventure. We will explain the mission of the ETC. We will hear where proceeds from sales are distributed to local non-profit organizations and around the world through MCC. And yes, refreshments will be provided. This is another way you can be involved in serving our Lord AND, this is for WOMEN and MEN!

Finally, you may have had some involvement with ETC or none at all. This is a time to come and see with no strings attached. You might be interested in volunteering 1 day a month, more, or a flex schedule. . . up to you. No RSVP is needed. Come to 1 or all 3 events. If you know of other individuals that might have an interested in this service opportunity, please feel free to invite them. Thanks again for considering this opportunity. - Tom and ETC Board.

MENNONITE FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITIES . . LIVERWURST & FRIED MUSH SUPPER

It is time for the annual Liverwurst & Fried Mush supper to benefit Mennonite Friendship Communities!! Friday evening, February 27 from 5-8 pm, come join us for a feast of homemade liverwurst, fried mush, whole hog sausage, tomato gravy, cream gravy and other toppings!! This fun filled event takes place at the Journey Activity Center in Yoder (one mile north of Yoder on Yoder Road). Contact Susan Nisly – snisly@mennofriend.com for more information.

INTERFAITH HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES celebration of 35 years

For more than three decades, Interfaith Housing and Community Services has been dedicated to providing housing assistance, supportive services, and hope to individuals and families in need. This 35th Celebration Luncheon will honor the incredible journey, the lives transformed, and the partnerships that have made it all possible.

- March 25, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Interfaith Housing Warehouse, 1326 E. Ave A., Hutchinson, Kansas

Guests will enjoy lunch, inspiring stories of hope and transformation, recognition of supporters and community partners, and a fun Dirty Soda Stand. Casual attire. We look forward to celebrating this special milestone with you as we continue building stronger communities, one family at a time.

BETHEL COLLEGE announcements

“Daily Commitments,” an exhibit by Rachel Epp Buller, is now open in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College (reception March 12). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m. ***She will be creating a new work every day the exhibit is open, so plan to go back several times!***

Fri., March 6 & Sat., March 7, 7 p.m., Sun., March 8, 2 p.m. – Bethel College music and theater departments present: *Alice by Heart*, a retelling of *Alice in Wonderland* set during the London blitz of World War II, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Friday night performance interpreted for the D/deaf community. Ticket purchase required, at <https://www.bethelks.edu/fine-arts/theater/theater-department-presents/#tickets>, at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center weekdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m., or at the door. *Contains adult content and is not intended for young audiences.*

HESSTON COLLEGE announcements

Coming soon to Hesston College's Black Box Theater, "Xanadu"

March 5 to 7 at 7 p.m. and March 8 at 2 p.m. We all remember the wild 1980 movie "Xanadu" with Olivia Newton John and Gene Kelly! No? Well, that's ok. It did have great music, but that story...wow. A Greek muse from Mount Olympus comes to earth to help a struggling artist open the world's first roller disco and, of course, fall in forbidden love. Fast forward to 2007 when the stage musical, with an award-winning script, opens on Broadway to fantastic reviews. What changed? Not much. The awesome music from the movie is still featured and the weird story is the same, but the musical has some hilarious additional characters and the source material is lovingly parodied. And don't worry, there will still be roller skating. We can't wait to bring this huge show to our small stage and have you singing "Xanadu" on your way out! hesston.edu/theatre.

KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE (Sale on the Kansas State Fairgrounds 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

The unseasonable weather has been a blessing at Camp Mennoscah, as those who participated in a work day on Monday the 16th were able to build forms and lay out rebar in preparation for two exterior concrete pads that were poured the following day. The pads meet code on the 600 amp electrical service installed at the retreat center, and also provide a home for the exterior HVAC units that control the basement and main floor common areas. This, along with window trim, baseboards, bathroom shelving, carpet repairs, and more was also done on the 16th, and we thank those who joined us for that work, and those who support these efforts financially through their \$20 monthly recurring gift using the "Donate here" button at www.CampMennoscah.org.

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>

Online Registration for the Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat on March 13-15 is open. Register online at <https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com/> Activities and lodging will be at Main Camp. (The Retreat Center is moving along quickly, but is not quite finished.)

Online Registration for the 2026 Summer Youth Camps is open. The theme for the summer is "In the Wilderness." Through the new, strange and unknown of "wilderness," we will discover the sacred within each person and all creation and meet God there. Summer Youth Camps are for youth in grades 3-12 (Fall 2026). Register at <https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com/>

Scholarships are available.

1. Due to a generous donor, first-time campers and returning campers bringing a first-time camper will automatically receive a \$100 scholarship until funds are depleted. Please factor this into your payment before paying full camp fees. If Camp Mennoscah has a record of a camper attending previously, staff will contact parents/guardians. Only one scholarship per camper.

2. Two full scholarships are available for campers needing assistance through a Scholarship Endowment. Campers who are racially and ethnically diverse and/or from non-Mennonite communities will be given priority; all are welcome to apply. Use the Scholarship Request Form at <https://campmennoscah.socs.net/vnews/display.v/ART/5e41970817def> and include supporting information in the "Amount you are asking in Scholarship" field. Contact office@campmennoscah.org with questions. Deadline is May 1, 2026.
3. Camp Mennoscah has limited scholarship funds available. Complete the Scholarship Request Form at <https://campmennoscah.socs.net/vnews/display.v/ART/5e41970817def> Contact us at office@campmennoscah.org with questions.

Note: FMC campers, FMC will cover half of your camp registration fee. Please register online, pay the fee and submit your printed receipt to the church office for reimbursement.

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. 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.

THE PEOPLE'S TABLE: COMMUNITY FOOD-SHARING INITIATIVE . . March 6 & 7

This is an Invitation from Wisdom In Motion to partner with them in their monthly community meal distribution initiative. Each month, they provide prepared meals to families in Hutchinson and the surrounding area who may be experiencing food insecurity or financial strain. Their goal is to ensure that no family in our community goes without a warm meal and to create opportunities for connection and support.

Here are two ways to partner with them:

- Assisting with meal preparation or distribution on a monthly rotation
- Directing families within your congregation or community who could benefit from receiving meals to sign up through our registration form

If you as an individual or a small group is interested in participating or learning more about how we might support this effort, please see the poster on the foyer table. On behalf of Hutch in Harmony + Wisdom in Motion, thank you for the work you are already doing to serve our community. We believe that together, we can strengthen families and meet practical needs in meaningful ways.

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.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE announcements

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. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117.

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. 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

MENNONITE CHURCH USA announcements

MC USA’s 2026 Lent at Home Worship Guide invites households to journey through Lent with simple rituals, Scripture from John’s Gospel and opportunities for reflection. This guide, titled “*Dwelling in Dissonance*,” helps all ages hold grief and hope together, as we walk with Jesus toward resurrection. Available in English and Spanish. Download it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/lent-at-home-2026>

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK note of thanks

Thank you for supporting Mennonite Mission Network with your generous gift of \$2,974.92. Your generosity has enabled us to partner with 116 organizations and churches worldwide and have 74 workers and service program participants serving in 45 countries. We are thankful for your unwavering dedication to this shared mission of sharing God’s love across the street and around the world. May God’s light continue to shine through your church as a witness in your community and beyond. – Marisa Smucker, Executive Director

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE (MDS) . . On the Level newsletter

Our February edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King reflects on the early days of MDS, find out where to listen to MDS podcasts and Johann Zimmerman shares reflections and observations while surveying for a bridge project. We also share information on how you can join the Annual Celebration online February 27 and 28. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/40eP7yL>

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.

SWISS MENNONITE CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION’S ANNUAL MEETING will be held on March 8 at 2:30 p.m. at Hopefield Mennonite Church, 1823 Aztec Lane, Moundridge. Glen Ediger, a Bethel College graduate, will be our guest speaker. He will be speaking about “*Mennonites, Farming, Wheat and Threshing Stones*” The entertainment will be provided by Sam Shilts.