

THIS WEEK @ FMC - March 4-10, 2026

Guided by Edward F. Gabriele in his book Prayers for Peace and Justice: Act Justly, Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly, we pray – again, and again, and again – for an end to war:

*“O God, you created us and formed us in your image.
You are the one God, living and true,
whose desire is for the harmony of all creation.
Even though we disrupted this harmony,
you gave us the promise of peace.
This day we rise from sleep
and hear with our hearts
the din of wartime drums,
the restlessness of human hatred and greed,
the loud anger of friends who have become enemies.
We hear the cries of the victims of war.
We hear the cries of those who defend the poor and the weak.
O God, aid us with your gentle strength
to confront all the tyranny
that makes so many hearts beat with fear.
Rid the world of the spirit of aggression
and make our feet dance to the music of peace.
We ask this through Christ and the Holy Spirit,
with you, One God, forever and ever. AMEN”*

-- **Pastor Tonya**

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 8, 2026 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: PETER’S DENIAL

Holy God, We, like Peter, often turn our backs on you. Forgive us and show us a new way to live, walking boldly and passionately toward you. Amen.

John 18:12-27 (Psalm 17:1-7)

Preacher: Tonya Ramer Wenger

Worship Leader: Randy Rempel

Pianist: Shelley Kauffman

Song Leader: Jonathan Wenger

Children’s Time: Jean Gaeddert

Scripture Reader: Delon Martens

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

Ushers: Bryan & Anita Kehr

Nursery Attendant: Magdalena Wenger

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) 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

March 4 – Book Study, CHERISHED BELONGING (Gregory Boyle) meets @ 2:00pm (NEW TIME)

March 4 – Lenten Lunch (2nd of five) 12:05pm, Emanuel Lutheran Church, 140 East 30th Avenue

March 4 – Wednesday Night @ First, dinner 5:30-6:30pm, program 6:30-7:30pm (see details below)

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

March 11 – Pastor Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC)

March 28 – FMC serves at the Soup Kitchen (sign up to prepare food, serve, make deliveries)

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

SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for all ages @ 11am

Children (age 2-5th grade) and Junior Youth (6th-8th) use Shine Curriculum from MennoMedia. This spring's theme is: **Your Kingdom Come**, helps children experience the Bible story using a five-part sequence: Prepare, Connect, Encounter, Explore, and Bless.

Senior Youth (9th-12th grade) meet 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 spring with the theme, *“Sin, Salvation, and New Life,”* by Leonard Beechy. The study will include scripture texts from Lamentations, John, the Psalms and Acts. 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 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!

EASTER LILIES for our EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Celebrating life . . . a memorial remembrance or honoring a treasured relationship.

Order Easter lilies to decorate the church on Easter morning and then take them home to remind you of the gift of life. Forms on the table in the foyer due March 29 with payment. \$10 for each lily plant in a 6” pot.

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 worshipping together. - Warmly, Joy

LENT LUNCHES 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:

- 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

First Mennonite will host the Lent Lunch on March 25 and we invite volunteers to help serve. There will be opportunities to donate cookies/bars, to serve the meal and clean up, and to host guests upon arrival. The signup sheet to help is on the table in the foyer. Your help in reaching out to serve our community is greatly appreciated!!

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 **TBD** (NO regular office hours that day!)

Tonya will be taking **vacation time March 16-23**. Please contact Pastor Jim or Delon Martens during that time with pastoral care concerns.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT FIRST (WNAF) continue

Our spring 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!!

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!

PASTOR CONGREGATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE (PCRC)

From Adam Pounds . . . I want to give a quick update on behalf of the PCRC. Our next meeting will be on March 11th. As a reminder, the PCRC serves as a liaison between the congregation and the pastoral team. If you have any questions, concerns, or anything you'd like brought to the pastoral team's attention, please don't hesitate to reach out to one of the committee members. They also welcome hearing about the things you appreciate and enjoy — the good things you're experiencing in our community. Feel free to pull Adam Pounds, Anita Kehr, or Cheryl Warkentin aside in person, or you can find their contact information in the church directory.

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.

FMC SERVES AT THE SOUP KITCHEN . . Saturday, March 28.

If you would like to be a part of that effort, please check the sign-up sheets in the foyer or contact Cindy Kroeker or Jean Gaeddert.

UPDATE: FMC becoming Pioneering Members of the Central Kansas Justice Ministry

An Inter-faith ministry in Central Kansas continues to form, with the goal of partnering together to address serious community problems and to provide FMC the change to answer God's call to do justice, alongside our important mercy ministries already in place. ***At the last CMT (Congregational Ministry Team) meeting, based on robust participation and positive feedback from FMC in last fall's Rethinking Justice Bible Study/Workshop, feedback from those who are part of our Coordination Teams at the January CMT/CT gathering, the CMT approved the decision for FMC to become a pioneering member of this emerging ministry.*** We are committed to fully participating in the first cycle of multi-year action in this ministry, and will evaluate our experience at the end of it.

This decision blesses Pastor Tonya to continue to participate on the Executive Committee of this emerging ministry, and to continue to take steps, supported by Jeanne Koontz (community organizer for this emerging ministry) to form a Justice Ministry Network at FMC (led by 4-6 people). It also means we commit to broad representation from our congregation in three annual processes:

1. **LISTENING:** House meetings to ask: “what problems keep you up at night?” Common themes emerge, and the membership votes on which issues to address),
2. **RESEARCH TO ACTION:** We meet with local stakeholders to understand the depth of the problem, and national experts to learn how similar issues have been addressed elsewhere. After months of research, we craft proposals and bring large groups of organized people together to influence local decision makers and implement solutions that address poverty and injustice.
3. **INVESTMENT DRIVE:** Our financial structure is built on congregational dues (1% of budget), gifts from individuals active in the ministry, and support from local businesses. The goal is to raise a growing internal source of funding through relatively small investments from many people – building self-ownership and maintaining independence.

Stay tuned for more details and opportunities, and if you have concerns or questions about this decision, please visit with Pastor Tonya or Delon Martens, CMT Chair. **AND, mark your calendars for SATURDAY morning APRIL 25 for another opportunity to attend a Rethinking Justice Workshop/Bible Study held at Emanuel Lutheran in Hutchinson.**

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 . . 2:00-4:00pm**
- **March 7 . . 9:00-11:00am**
- **March 21 . . 9:00-11:00am**

The ETC Board is reaching out to all ETC sponsoring churches and interested community people for a "behind the scenes tours" of 2nd on 2nd building. This open house will allow men and women 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

Whether you 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.

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 (closing 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.*

Life Enrichment, the series at Bethel College for adults age 60 and older, meets most Wednesday mornings during the school year in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. This week’s programs (March 4): 9:30 a.m., “Giving Garden Donates Produce to Salvation Army,” Scott Eckert, Harvey County Extension horticulture agent and master gardener; **10:50 a.m., “‘Voices Not Forgotten’: MMIP (Missing/Murdered Indigenous People) Community Awareness and Action,”** Sharron Fisher and Laurie Dove, indigenous advocates. First-time attenders get one session free. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/life-enrichment/> for details and a link to the complete spring schedule.

Sat., March 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).

Tues., March 10 [change from Feb. 26] – Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, Chris Miertschin, director, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

Thurs., March 12 – Bethel College Jazz, Chris Miertschin, director, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

Thurs., March 12 – Ceramic artist Isaac Shue, owner of Gallery Mostaza in Newton, will present an artist talk, 7 p.m., Ad Building chapel at Bethel College (underwritten by the Greer Lecture Endowment).

HESSTON COLLEGE announcements

Recital: Solomia Soroka & Scott Hochstetler

Goshen (Ind.) College faculty artists violinist Solomia Soroka and baritone Scott Hochstetler present an evening of music for voice and violin, exploring a rich and diverse repertoire. The program features both beloved works and rarely heard gems, including unknown and rediscovered compositions by Ukrainian composers, highlighting music of deep lyricism, cultural heritage and expressive beauty. This recital invites listeners to discover meaningful music that bridges traditions, histories, and artistic voices. Tuesday, March 3, 7 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S. Main St., Hesston. Free admission.

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.

Dr. Angela Lederach . . . Melva Kauffman lecturer March 25 & March 26 – both @ 7:00pm

"Slow Peace: Lessons from Grassroots Peacebuilders in Colombia" is the title of this lecture series to be held in the Hesston Mennonite Church sanctuary. Check the poster in the foyer with QR code for more information.

KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE (Sale on the Kansas State Fairgrounds April 10-11, 2026)

Run for Relief. Jean Gaeddert will again be participating in this year's Run For Relief. Your sponsorship would be most welcome. Please give cash or checks (**made out to KMRS . . . memo Run for Relief**) to Jean before April 10. Thank you!

My Coins Count! Every Sunday during our worship service we collect pocket change (and paper money too!) to support MCC's work in providing educational resources for children around the world.

Messages from the Children's Auction coordinator:

Donations for the Children's Auction. We are gathering new, in-the-package items for this year's Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Children's Auction, and your donations are a huge part of making the event a success! Consider talking with the youth in your church about what items they'd be excited to bid on—but you can never go wrong with favorites like Hot Wheels, Barbies, board games, LEGO sets, art kits, and sports equipment. Additional popular item categories include the following: building sets, craft and activity kits, puzzles, plush animals and outdoor toys.

To donate, give to your MCC Liaison (Todd & Julie Esau) for delivery to the Sale, or brought directly to the Pride of Kansas building on Friday or on Saturday morning before 8:30 a.m. Thank you for helping support the Children's Auction and the work of MCC! -Brad Kohlman

Volunteers to help clerk the Children's Auction. We're looking for volunteers to help clerk the Children's Auction at this year's Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. This is an important role that helps the auction run smoothly.

Because the sale can be loud, this job requires good hearing and the ability to follow bids clearly. If you're attentive, comfortable in a busy and exciting environment, and willing to serve, we would be grateful for your help! If you're interested in clerking, please contact me (Brad Kohlman)

at bkohlman@conradeinsurance.com

Thank you for supporting the Children's Auction and MCC's mission through your time and service!

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

11 of Camp Mennoscah's partner churches now have active matching challenges being offered within their congregations, doubling the impact of every dollar given by households who attend that church. If you are interested in leading a challenge within our congregation, please talk with Pastor Tonya. This initiative has already raised over \$130,000 in just a few weeks!

Camp Mennoscah wants your stories about the role we have played in your faith! As we continue to race toward the finish line of the retreat center - and likely other projects to follow - personal stories are so meaningful to those who support camp and we would love to publicize your connection to this incredible place. If you are willing to let us publish the ways that Camp Mennoscah has touched your life, please send an email to our Communications office at Eric.litwiler@campmennoscah.org. Include how you were first introduced to Camp Mennoscah, your favorite aspect of camp and why it is your favorite, and how you feel your life is different today than it otherwise might have been were it not for your exposure to this organization, along with anything else you'd like to share. Also please include a good contact method so we can follow up with you to add to the narrative if we need more information. Thank you!

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.

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.')" For registration details 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

This **Women’s History Month**, journey through the stories of Mennonite women who have shaped our faith — from the first women’s mission groups and early educators to today’s pastors, peacebuilders and organizational leaders. Explore MC USA’s Mennonite Women’s History Timeline and be inspired by their courage, leadership and enduring witness: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mennonite-womens-history-timeline/>

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>

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.