

THIS WEEK @ FMC - March 11-24, 2026

God, bring an end to violence and injustice.

Inspire leaders to work towards the well-being of all people.

May your love and compassion prevail, uniting nations in a common pursuit of peace.

Let your kingdom of peace reign on Earth as in heaven.

-a prayer shared in a recent Mennonite World Conference email sharing a Joint Ecumenical Statement on the Widening Conflict in the Middle East

NOTE: Our next THIS WEEK will post on March 24.

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 15, 2026 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: JESUS AND PILATE

God of truth, too often we bend truth to fit our needs. Show us how to recognize and follow your truth, shown to us by the love and life of your son, Jesus. Amen.

John 18:28-40; (Psalm 145:10-13)

Preacher: Tonya Ramer Wenger

Worship Leader: Anita Kehr

Organist: Pauline Buller

Song Leader: Bryan Kehr

Children's Time: Eldon Wagler

Scripture Reader: Jean Gaeddert

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

Ushers: Susan Combs & Joretta Martens

Nursery Attendant: Joel & Hilda Iwashige

Sound Tech: Earl Ediger & Allen Yoder

Livestream Tech: Jonathan Wenger

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: JESUS CONDEMNED

Holy God, In this season of contemplation, help us to recognize that you revealed yourself in Jesus, who walked among us and was handed over to be crucified. May we be strengthened by his presence among us today. Amen.

John 19:116a; (Psalm 146)

Preacher: Anita Kehr

Worship Leader: Delon Martens

Organist: Pauline Buller

Song Leader: TBD

Children's Time: TBD

Scripture Reader: Randy Rempel

Prayers of the People: send prayer concerns to Anita Kehr

Ushers: Kris Lindenberger & Marlene Thode

Nursery Attendant: Joy & Sky Miller

Sound Tech: Shane Miller
Livestream Tech: Jay Gehring

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 11 – Third WNAF dinner (5:30pm) and session (6:30pm) – *Circle Conversations*

March 16-23 – Pastor Tonya gone on vacation

March 25 – FMC hosts the final Lenten Lunch – volunteers needed, sign up in the foyer

March 27 – Don Wiens Memorial Service @ 10:30am (followed by lunch)

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

April 5 – Easter Sunday worship @ 10:15am, with meditation & breakfast potluck @ 9:00am (see below)

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 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, including time!

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 playground after Children's time and can stay until the end of the service. Parents, if your children are at the playground 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 LUNCHESES 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 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. Please consider signing up twice – many of the opportunities pair well. 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 March 18)

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.

March 11 – Community Circle Conversations – come for a fun and easy time of being in conversation with each other! The questions will be guided (and will be fun and interesting!), we'll switch conversation partners often, the kids will join us for part of the time, and our hope is you'll leave having learned more about each other and have connected in new ways.

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

March 25 – LPC (Listening-Prayer-Conversation) – Pastor Tonya will lead this hour-long gentle opportunity for prayer, listening to scripture, silent prayer on your own, and sharing with those around your table.

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

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 "Behind the scenes" tours – 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 tour" 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 interest in this service opportunity, please feel free to invite them. Thanks again for considering this opportunity. - Tom and ETC Board.

Et Cetera Shop . . treasurer position opening

After serving for 20 years as the treasurer for the Et Cetera Shop, Cathy Wagler's retirement from that commitment was accepted by the Board at their February meeting. That means a search is underway to fill that position, and I would ask that you make your congregation aware of the need by posting the attached listing. Questions regarding the position may be directed to me at 620-960-9471.

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, 6-7pm). 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!***

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 11): 9:30 a.m., “The Historical Roots of Putin’s Russia,” Matt Cotton, McPherson College; 10:50 a.m., “How to Protect the Earth’s Biodiversity Forever: Lessons from Maitreya Buddha, Pharma Bros, and Yucca Mountain,” Dr. Adam Smith, Missouri Botanical Gardens, St. Louis. 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.

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).

Sun., March 22 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program with Carolyn Zeisset, “Caught in the Middle Between Voices of Conscience and Voices of Patriotism,” 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum Auditorium. Zeisset will look at parallels in her young adult historical novel *Caught in the Middle* with stories of conscientious objectors told in the current special exhibit at the museum, “Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War.”

HESSTON COLLEGE announcements

Hesston College Bel Canto Singers Concert will perform their home concert titled “Songs of Hope for a World in Need” at Hesston Mennonite Church on Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. The home concert follows Bel Canto’s 10-day spring break tour throughout the eastern United States, March 13 to 22. Bel Canto is directed by Interim Music Director Greg Bontrager. The concert is free and open to all.

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 bring 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

Retreat Center Cleanup Day! Saturday, March 14, 9:00am-4:00pm (lunch provided)

Please let me know if you will be coming. Tom Gaeddert <tmgaeddert@gmail.com>

We need all hands on deck; you, your spouse and those folks at your church that need a little extra push.

Here's what's on the menu;

- Wipe down all doors and trim
- Wash windows- bring newspapers and your preferred cleaning solution.
- Wipe fan blades
- Clean sinks, counters, showers and toilets in bedroom bathrooms
- Sweep and mop all tile floors
- Sweep, pull up floor protectors in upstairs open room hallways and stairs
- Clean cupboards, counters in kitchen
- Clean men's and women's bathrooms upstairs and down

And if there's time and energy...

- Start moving beds and chests from the Bluestem shed to the retreat center. Everything will need to be wiped down before going into the retreat center.

There will be a future day of blowing insulation in the attic which will require some young strong individuals. Please let me know if you are interested, we can work around your schedule.

Please let me know if you will be coming Saturday. Many thanks and lots of gratitude!

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.litwiller@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 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.

MENNONITE WOMEN IN MISSION SALAD SUPPER . . April 20, 6:00pm @ Tabor Church

Women & Girls! Come join us for our annual Mennonite Women in Mission's potluck salad supper on Monday, April 20, 6 pm at the Tabor Mennonite Church, rural Newton. Our guest speaker will be Kate Mast speaking on "Our Time, Our Stories, Our Stuff." Kate's presentation encourages us to think kindly about our stuff in relationship to our time and the stories we tell about our lives. Please bring a potluck salad and one small item that is a treasure of yours to share with your table group. RSVP is not required. More information is on our website at mennonitewomeninmission.org or on our Facebook page.

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

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

Mennonite Church USA responded to the deadly violence in January in Minneapolis with a **statement calling for peacemaking** and urging faith-based action rooted in justice, nonviolence and the teachings of Jesus Christ. Read the statement here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/minneapolis-statement/>

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. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/40eP7yL>