

THIS WEEK @ FMC - April 1-14, 2026

The Stations of the Cross are ready. Why should you come?

This year the Mentors and Mentees helped prepare the church for this set-aside and special time of the year, and we talked about how the Stations are one way we keep vigil with Jesus, 'staying awake' to walk with him to the cross. It's a painful and hard story – not nearly as warm and fuzzy as the nativity scenes accompanying our Advent and Christmas celebrations. And, this practice maybe also feels strange and foreign as it is one we (and other Protestants) have borrowed from our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters and not one many of us have grown up with.

The term 'stations' is from the Latin 'statio' which means to stand or stop. And this is what we do – we stop at each station to contemplate a key moment in Jesus' journey to the cross. The Stations are rooted in the ancient Christian practice of pilgrimage. In the 4th century, pilgrims traveled to the Holy Land to walk in Jesus' footsteps. Eventually they created a version of this journey at home, through setting up 'stations' to inspire and invite others into a similar experience of prayer and worship. *"To pray the Stations is to take the part of a pilgrim, journeying with Christ and connecting believers across time and space. In an age where faith is often confined to the private, intellectual, or digital realms, this fully embodied practice allows for a deeper encounter with scripture, with Jesus, and with others."* (source: an article written by Elizabeth E. Shivley, PhD from George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University)

Our ten Stations (which have been a tradition since 2010) are set up throughout our church building, beginning in the carport entryway. There is a journaling packet for you to take with you to help guide your prayer and you can spend as long or short of a time as you'd like at each station. You are welcome to come Wednesday or Friday between Noon-7pm or Thursday between Noon-6pm.

-Pastor Tonya

NOTE: Our next THIS WEEK will post on April 14.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP is typically at 9:30am, but on Easter our start time is 10:15am

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.

..... **EASTER WORSHIP begins at 10:15am**

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026 – EASTER SUNDAY: TRIUMPH & DEATH

John 20:1-18; Psalm 118:21-29 *Loving God, with joy and unending praise we raise our voices to you, as together we sing, "Hallelujah! Jesus is risen!" Amen.*

Preacher: Tonya Ramer Wenger

Worship Leader: Eldon Wagler

Pianist: Peggy Stucky

Song Leader: TBD

Children's Time: Bryan Kehr

Scripture Reader: TBD

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

Ushers: Dennis & Jennalee Boggs

Nursery Attendant: Russell & Julie Goering

Sound Tech: Earl Ediger & Allen Yoder

Livestream Tech: Jonathan Wenger

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026 – THOMAS

John 20:19-31; Psalm 145:13- 21 God of resurrection, Your son, Jesus, awed his followers by appearing among them. With awe we also celebrate his resurrection and rejoice in eternal life. Amen.

Preacher: Tonya Ramer Wenger

Worship Leader: Delon Martens

Organist: Pauline Buller

Song Leader: TBD

Children's Time:

Scripture Reader: Sadie Pritchett

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

Ushers: Jay & Stephanie Gehring

Nursery Attendant: Donna Davis

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

April 1 and 3 – Stations of the Cross @ FMC open between Noon-7pm

April 2 – Stations of the Cross open Noon-6pm

6:00pm Maundy Thursday meal & worship with communion

April 5 – EASTER: 7:30am (arrive 7:20) – Sunrise Service @ Shane and Joy Miller's home (details below!)

9:00am Easter prayers & breakfast potluck (see below for details)

10:15am Easter Sunday worship (no Sunday School) – Easter Egg Hunt for children after worship!

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

April 12 – FMC leads 10:00am worship at Mennonite Friendship Communities

April 12 (Sunday) – Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus, 4:30pm at Memorial Hall, Bethel College

April 13 – Craft Night, 6:30-8:00pm

April 15 – Faith Formation Coordination Team, 6:30pm

April 18 (Saturday) – Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus, 4:30pm at Richert Auditorium, Tabor College

STRENGTHENING Community Connections...

CHURCH OFFICE REGULAR HOURS

- Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am – 2:00pm (9:00am-12:30pm . . Adjusted hours on April 7)
- Wednesday 12 noon – 3:00pm (No office hours on April 8)

PASTOR TONYA'S HOURS/SCHEDULE

Office hours:

- Monday: Day Off
- Tuesday-Friday: generally working 8:00am-5:30pm
- "In Office" Hours: 9-2 Tuesday and Thursday; noon-3pm Wednesdays
- Available other times by appointment.
- Available evenings and weekends (cell phone is most reliable)

Tonya's next monthly 'day apart' will be a ½ day on Wednesday April 7 (NO regular office hours that day) Tonya will also be attending a Western District Conference Pastor-Spouse Retreat on May 1 and 2.

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

April: pasta

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.

CENTRAL KANSAS JUSTICE MINISTRY – RETHINKING JUSTICE WORKSHOP Opportunity!

If you missed the opportunity last fall to attend the *Rethinking Justice Scripture Study*, there is another opportunity happening on **Saturday April 25 from 9:00-11:30am**. Emanuel Lutheran 140 East 30th Avenue in Hutchinson is hosting this free workshop. You are all invited to attend to learn more about what this Justice Ministry (that FMC has joined as a pioneering member) is all about. There are flyers available in the church foyer. Registration is required for planning purposes: www.tinyurl.com/JustKansas

MOVING TOWARD RIGHT RELATIONS: TRANSFORMING PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY TRAINING

Join us for a transforming personal accountability training as we seek together to move toward right relations with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Sponsored by the Kansas Repair Communities, MCC-Central States, and Western District Conference and led by staff from the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery. **Friday, April 24, from 5:30-9:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** All sessions in the Fellowship Hall of the Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton, Kansas. Meals provided Friday evening and Saturday noon. There is no registration fee, but registration is required (deadline April 17). [Register HERE!](#) Questions? Please contact Ada Schmidt-Tieszen (adast@bethelks.edu) or 316-842-9751.

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.

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

- **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.
- **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! **And if others would like to run** . . . check the KMRS website or access information with the QR code posted in the foyer.
- **Calling all pie and zwiebach bakers!** FMC's assignment for food donations for the meals at the sale are as follows: 20 pies, 3 mini-pies and 30 dozen zwieback. Bags for zwieback and pans for the pies are on the table in the foyer. Also, be sure to note instructions for pie baking and labeling.
- **In addition, baked goods are needed to sell in Meadowlark.** Suggested items are angel food cakes, cinnamon rolls, peppernuts, breads of all kinds, pies and poppy seed rolls.
- **Many volunteers are needed at the sale.** Check the KMRS website (kansas.mccsale.org) for information and click the link Volunteer/Signup to take your place at one of the many venues!
- **Sale bills for the General Auction and Silent Auction** can be viewed on the website.
- **Children's Auction** is still accepting donations of toys, dolls, board games, LEGO sets, art kits, and sports equipment. Drop off before 9:30 on Saturday in Pride of Kansas Building.
- **Urgent volunteer leadership opportunities – contact Jim Robb** if you can help (620-747-0186 or jimrobb2021@gmail.com).
 - New Year Cookie Frying Committee members
 - Enthusiastic Ringman for Quilt Auction
 - Friday Verenike Frying

CHRISTIAN SOUP MINISTRY FUNDRAISING FOR A CHAIR LIFT

A GoFundMe campaign is underway to raise funds to install a chair lift at the soup kitchen building. Stanley Murdock, who has run the soup kitchen for 33 years, works tirelessly to help those in need, but now Stanley is no longer able to go up and down the stairs. A chair lift will help her – as well as others who serve – continue in the ministry. The goal is to raise \$16,000. Click here if you would like to contribute. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/keep-ms-stanleys-ministry-going-with-a-chair-lift>

BETHEL COLLEGE announcements

Mon., April 6 – Bethel College will present its 2025 alumni awards in convocation, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center: **Young Alumnus, Kristin E. Wedel '08 (social work), Providence, R.I., a therapist with a particular interest in new parent issues; **Outstanding Alumnus, Virgil Penner '60** (industrial arts), North Newton, a long-time educator, coach, administrator and visual artist; **Distinguished Achievement, Tim Wiens '74** (social work), Silver Spring, Md., a health services administrator focused on the needs of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.**

Now in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center – annual Student Art Exhibit, featuring the work of students in Bethel College art classes, in various media, through April 17. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

Fri., April 10 – Junior recital by Bethel College student Seth Balzer, brass, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

Sat., April 11 – Senior recital by Bethel College student Caleb Koontz, piano, 4 p.m., Administration Building chapel

Sat., April 11 – Senior recital by Bethel College student Caleb Garber, cello, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel

McPHERSON COMMUNITY BRASS concerts

Stephanie and Trae Gehring, who perform with this group, invite us to attend their concerts as follows:

- Friday, April 17 @ 7:00pm – Tabor College, Hillsboro
- Monday, April 20 @ 7:00pm – The Cedars Event Center, McPherson
- Sunday, May 3 @ 3:00pm – McPherson First United Methodist Church

CENTRAL KANSAS MASTER CHORALE concert . . . April 19 @ 3:00pm

The Central Kansas Master Chorale will present Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass* (Mass for Troubled Times) with orchestra. Please join us for this special concert directed by Dr. Joel Garber. This free event will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 19 at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S Main St, Hesston, KS. Admission is free, donations accepted. For more information, visit the chorale website at www.centrankansasmasterchorale.org.

CAMP MENNOSCAH announcements

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!

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/>
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

Just Peace Pilgrimages — Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples Pilgrimage

You and your community are invited to engage with contemporary Indigenous realities, explore the histories of Indigenous Peoples, and examine the complexities of Indigenous-settler relations. What might it mean for your community to stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples and actively contribute to the work of truth telling and repair? **Dates: September 22-26. Registration deadline: July 15**
Contact Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net or visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace to learn more!

Just Peace Pilgrimages — South Africa Racial Justice Pilgrimage

Hosted by [Iziko Lamagabane](#) — This South African solidarity learning pilgrimage will explore the long history and legacy of settler colonialism and apartheid, which was an unjust socio-political policy that fostered racial segregation. The pilgrimage will focus on the social constructs created around race, land dispossession and how they so thoroughly defined, and continue to define, South African society. Join Mission Network's director for Africa and Europe Sibonokuhle Ncube and former executive director Stanley Green on this pilgrimage! **Dates: September 9-22; the optional safari extends the trip by 3 days. Registration deadline: July 15.** Contact Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net or visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace to learn more!

Service Adventure. Are you sensing God's call to mentor and guide young adults as they grow in faith, service and community? Want to live in beautiful places like Anchorage, Alaska or Colorado Springs, Colorado? Answer the call and become a **Service Adventure unit leader!** Unit leaders mentor the young adults in the unit and provide some oversight and guidance for the household.
Ages 24+ should contact Michael Oyer at MichaelO@MennoniteMission.net!

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

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE announcements

Urgent Opening, apply by April 17! MCC Appalachia Build (formerly SWAP) home repair program is seeking summer staff in Kimball, West Virginia or Elkhorn City, Kentucky. These three-month positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators will allow you to explore new cultures, develop skills, build friendships and live out your faith. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. An hourly wage plus room and board are provided. For more information and to apply, visit mcc.org/careers. Or contact RoxyReyes@mcc.org

MCC is recruiting Canner Operators to join its mobile meat canning team, which prepares about **600,000 cans of meat** annually for global communities in need. These operators travel to **30 U.S. locations** from October to April, managing machinery, operating steam and pressure vessels, coordinating volunteers, and ensuring compliance with USDA regulations. Make new friends while participating in **a unique service adventure!** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until April 25th OR until position is filled. For the full job description and to apply: [Canner Operator](#) or contact MCC at 1-888-563-4676.

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

Amy Yoder McGloughlin, MC USA denominational minister for education, reflects on her call to ministry and **how congregations can nurture the next generation of pastors** through spiritual practices, mentoring, intergenerational worship and intentional encouragement of God’s call. Read her Menno Snapshots blog here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/nurture-a-call-to-ministry/>

Stay informed about MC USA-affiliated schools and higher eds by subscribing to “Prayers for Education.” MC USA’s quarterly e-newsletter features prayer requests submitted by our Mennonite educational institutions and organized by week. Subscribe here: <https://bit.ly/467dSR7> Read the current issue here: <https://bit.ly/4kFXFbi>

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

Mennonite Disaster Service is happy to offer the MDS Family Program this summer in Central Kansas! For the Family Program, we love serving with grandparents, parents, children, church family, etc! This is a project for anyone of any age and skill!

Location: The MDS Family Project will take place in **Hesston, Kansas**, this summer. Central Kansas offers meaningful access to service opportunities through Anabaptist organizations that serve those in need locally, nationally, and around the world.

Work: In the MDS cabinet shop, participants will build cabinets for installation in new homes for disaster survivors. Volunteers may be able to assist in building toolboxes with leftover wood. Volunteers will assemble MCC kits that will be distributed globally to support communities facing hardship. In addition, volunteers will assist Hesston College with campus preparations, helping ensure everything is ready to welcome students in August. The work is adjusted to the skill level of the volunteers.

The weeks available to serve in Central Kansas are: June 14-20, June 21-27, June 28-July 4. Come join us for a hands-on way for families to serve together while making a tangible impact! Reach out if you have any interest or availability! You can learn more about the Family Program **HERE** on the MDS website.

Our March edition of On the Level is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King reflects on 22 years of service with MDS, learn how you can get involved with the MDS family program and you can relive the experience of our Annual Celebration online.

Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/4lvbFW5>