

# THIS WEEK @ FMC - April 15-21, 2026

In this past Sunday's sermon, I referenced an article written by Benjamin R Cremer titled "The Peace That Bears Wounds" and shared his prayer he included at the end of this article. Below is the prayer, and you can read the full article [HERE!](#) Cremer is a Christian pastor writing at the intersection of politics and Christianity. The link will also give you opportunity to sign up for his newsletter if you wish.

--- *Pastor Tonya*

## Prayer

Risen Jesus,  
you who steps into our fears,  
not waiting for our them to subside,  
but meet us in the midst of them,  
speak your peace to us again.

Where our hearts are anxious,  
where our minds are overwhelmed,  
where the world feels uncertain and heavy,  
let your *shalom* settle deep within us.

Teach us to trust your presence  
even when we cannot see you clearly.  
Give us the courage to follow you  
not into comfort, but into love.

In a world where your name is used  
to justify harm and power,  
help us to bear your name faithfully  
with humility, with compassion, with truth.

Give us the wisdom to hold others accountable  
without losing our own integrity.  
Give us the strength to resist fear  
without hardening our hearts.

And like Thomas,  
meet us in our questions.  
Hold our doubts with grace.  
Lead us gently into deeper trust.  
May we become people of resurrection  
who carry your peace into fearful places,  
who embody your love in a wounded world,  
who trust that even now,  
you are making all things new.

Amen.

## **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP is at 9:30am**

The link to join is on our website: [www.hutchfmc.org](http://www.hutchfmc.org) Join 5 minutes early for announcements. The bulletin can be found under the BULLETINS tab on our home page.

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026 – PAUL’S CONVERSION**

### ***Acts 9:1-19a; Matthew 6:24***

*God who calls us into service, transform us as you transformed Paul. Shape us into children who rejoice in knowing and proclaiming you to the world. Amen.*

Preacher: Jim Unruh

Worship Leader: TBD

Pianist: Peggy Stucky

Song Leader: TBD

Children’s Time: DeAnna Goering

Scripture Reader: Sadie Pritchett

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

Ushers: Cheryl Warkentin & Russell Goering

Nursery Attendant: Jonathan & Joanna Wenger

Sound Tech: 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](http://www.hutchfmc.org)) using a credit card or your banking account. You are also welcome to send a check to 52 Rambler Rd Hutchinson KS 67502.

## **CALENDAR – LOOKING AHEAD**

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

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

April 21 – CMT (Congregational Ministry Team) meets, 5:30pm

April 26 – M&M’s meet @ Noon

May 3 – Earth Day & Camp Mennoscah Sunday + fundraiser lunch for FMC’s annual weekend @ Camp  
on June 20-21

May 22-29 – Pastor Tonya gone on vacation

May 24 - Pentecost



- Available other times by appointment.
- Available evenings and weekends (cell phone is most reliable)

Tonya's next monthly 'day apart' is yet to be announced (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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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).

**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>

### **SECONDS ON SECOND . . volunteers needed for workday Saturday, April 18**

It's getting to be crunch time and volunteers are needed to help with various projects at Seconds on 2nd. Work begins at 8:00am, or come whenever you can. Lunch provided at 11:30am. Should Saturday not work for you and you have a block of time during the week, give Sharissa a call at 620-474-2789. Thanks for giving this your attention. A list of projects was sent in an email from Delon Martens on April 13.

### **BETHEL COLLEGE announcements**

**Weds., April 15 – Bethel College Orchestra concert, Kris Hilding, director, 7 p.m.**, featuring works by Hässler and Gomes, *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*

**Sun., May 3 — Masterworks concert: Haydn's *The Creation*, Memorial Hall, 4 p.m.**

**Kauffman Museum will present a program on “The Dockum Drugstore Sit-in” on Sunday, April 26, at 3:00pm.** The presenter, Dr. Prisca Barnes-Simmons of Wichita, is a passionate advocate for equity and social justice. In 2009, she founded Storytime Village Inc., a nonprofit organization with a mission to serve low-income Kansas children and families, with a focus on reading and literacy. She has published three children's books, including *People, Pride and Promise: The Story of the Dockum Sit-in*. The action, which took place in Wichita in 1958, was America's first student-led lunch counter sit-in.

### **HESSTON COLLEGE Spring Community Day – April 18**

Lark baseball, a Little Larks dance clinic performance, delicious food, free rally towels for the first 100 fans. For more information, visit <https://hesston.edu/events/community-days/> The entire community is invited.

### **ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY announcements**

**Take a summer course at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Hybrid courses** (combining online work and one week on campus) include Biblical Storytelling and History of Christian Spirituality. **One in-person course** is available: Spiritual Practices: Trees of Life (May 29–30). Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first two courses for credit! Sign up by May 4. [ambs.edu/upcoming-courses](https://ambs.edu/upcoming-courses)

### **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](http://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](mailto: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.**

**Camp Mennoscah, 9458 SE 40th St, Murdock, KS, 67111, is seeking a bookkeeper/reservation specialist.** Experience with accounting/bookkeeping and general office duties is preferred. Must have good phone, people and email skills, along with strong organization. This position has potential to be a part- or full-time position. Candidate will also need to be able to pass a background check and have transportation to camp property. Some remote work may also be available. If interested, please send inquiries and resume to Olivia Bartel, [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org).

**Men and Boys Retreat is April 17-19 at Camp Mennoscah . .** This retreat is sponsored by Mennonite Men of the Plains. Registration will take place either in person at the shed by the basketball court or online at <https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com> . Please check in at the shed, even if you register online. Lodging is available in the bunkhouses, cabins, or your own tent. **There are two 20 amp RV hookups and two 30 amp RV hookups available in the south (boys) cabin area on a pole of the gazebo.** The hookups/outlets are not spread out. Camp Mennoscah only has electrical hookups. Meals are available for Saturday evening and Sunday breakfast and lunch. Contact Kevin N. at 316-322-5515. See you soon!

**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](http://mennonitewomeninmission.org) or on our Facebook page.

### **MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE sharing about life, mission and global work**

Dear brothers and sisters (this greeting from Pilar Aguirre, Generosity Coordinator):

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to let you know that I will be visiting Kansas this spring, and I would be very grateful for the opportunity to connect with you while I am there. During my visit, I will be spending time sharing about the life, mission, and global work of Mennonite World Conference, and reflecting on how our worldwide Anabaptist family continues to grow and serve together. As a valued supporter living in Kansas, it would be a joy to gather with you for a time of conversation, sharing, and encouragement.

I will be joined in this endeavor by Bill Braun from the Engagement Team, who will help create a welcoming space for conversation and connection. Bill has previously served on the General Council and Executive Committee, continues to volunteer with MWC, and has recently moved to North Newton. Together, we

look forward to sharing updates about Mennonite World Conference and expressing our sincere gratitude for the generosity and partnership that make this work possible. We warmly invite you to join us at the following location and time: **Kidron Bethel Village** (3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton), Classroom A, Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. Please RSVP at <[PilarAguirre@mwc-cmm.org](mailto:PilarAguirre@mwc-cmm.org)>

**Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program.** Encourage someone you know who has gifts for ministry to check out this distance-friendly undergraduate-level program of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Journey helps participants nurture their leadership abilities, grow in spiritual practices, and deepen their understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry with the guidance of a dedicated pastoral mentor and experienced facilitators. The Fall 2026 cohort begins Sept. 11; those who apply by July 17 can save \$100! [ams.edu/journey](https://ams.edu/journey)

### **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](mailto:StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net) or visit [MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace](https://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](mailto:StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net) or visit [MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace](https://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](mailto: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](https://MennoniteMission.net/MVS)

### **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE announcements**

Join MCC and Creation Justice Ministries for a webinar titled **Roots of extractivism and the moral call for transformation** on April 15 at 7:00 p.m. EDT. The current exploitation of land, water and communities for mining, oil and gas drilling, and other forms of extracting natural resources is rooted in a 15th-century church doctrine promoting colonial conquest. This 90-minute program will explore the roots of the extractivist economy, create space for reflection on our own complicity, and showcase examples of alternative ways of living and working. Click: <https://www.creationjustice.org/extractivismwebinar.html>

**MCC is recruiting Canner Operators** to join its mobile meat canning team, which prepares about **600,000 cans of meat** annually for global communities in need. These operators travel to **30 U.S. locations** from October to April, managing machinery, operating steam and pressure vessels, coordinating volunteers, and ensuring compliance with USDA regulations. Make new friends while participating in **a unique service adventure!** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until April 25<sup>th</sup> OR until position is filled. 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](https://mcc.org/events/borderlands-and-beyond-monthly-charlas-mcc).

**Date:** Every 3rd Thursday of the month (January to December 2026)

**Time:** 4:00 PM PT / 5:00 PM MT / 6:00 PM CT / 7:00 PM ET

### **MENNONITE CHURCH USA announcements**

Michael Danner, MC USA’s associate executive director of Church Vitality, explains that MC USA is not a membership association but **a community of co-laborers** in Christ, where congregations, conferences and the national church work together to support pastoral leadership, safe church practices and congregational vitality. Read his Menno Snapshots blog here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/were-not-an-association/>

### **MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE (MDS) announcements**

**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>