

THIS WEEK @ FMC - April 29-May 5, 2026

*Gracious God,
thank you for the gift of today.
Refresh me ... invite me ... to discover
your presence in each person that I meet
and every event encountered.
Teach me when to speak and when to listen;
when to ponder and when to share.
In moments of challenge and decision
attune my heart to the whispering of Your Wisdom.
As I undertake ordinary
and unnoticed tasks,
gift me with simple joy.
When the day goes well,
may I rejoice!
When it grows difficult,
surprise me with new possibilities.
When life is overwhelming call me
to Sabbath moments to restore
your Peace and Harmony.
May my living today reveal your Goodness. AMEN
---written by Pat Bergen, CSJ*

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP is 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, MAY 3, 2026 – EARTH DAY CELEBRATION THE CANOPY OF CREATION: TREES, FAITH AND THE WORK OF JUSTICE

“A tree gives glory to God by being a tree.” — Thomas Merton

Ezekiel 47:1-12

Meditation: Tonya Ramer Wenger and reflections from others

Worship Leader: Eldon Wagler

Pianist: Shelley Kauffman

Song Leader: Jon Miller

Children’s Time & Scripture Reader: Delon Martens

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

Ushers: Carol Moore & Ken Neufeld

Nursery Attendant: Anna & Javion Crable

Sound Tech: Jasper Nisly

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.

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.

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL – 5TH SUNDAY (MAY 31)

Plan to join a fun and interactive intergenerational Sunday School session on Sunday May 31 @ 11:00am. This is a great opportunity to make connections and strengthen relationships across ages and groups at FMC.

SUMMER 2026 SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be offered for everyone two Sundays a month during the summer. The first Sunday will be June 7. Adults will gather with Cleo Koop to learn more about Mennonite Disaster Service and Joy Miller will be coordinating children/Jr youth Sunday School. *Stay tuned for a schedule for the rest of the summer.*

SUMMER 2026 WORSHIP

Worship @ FMC this summer will include a series on prayer, faith journey sharing from congregation members, and some guest speakers from Mennonite institutions. Coming up...

May 31 – Faith Journey Sharing + Intergenerational Sunday School

June 7 – Cleo Koop with Mennonite Disaster Service + Sunday School!

June 14 – “*All Our Days*” series on Prayer begins

June 21 – Worship @ Camp Mennoscah (10:00am)

June 28 – “*All Our Days*” series on Prayer continues

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

- *UPPER ROOM* . . May, June
- *Rejoice!* . . June, July, August

STRENGTHENING Community Connections...

CHURCH OFFICE REGULAR HOURS

- Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am – 2:00pm
- Wednesday 12 noon – 3:00pm

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 tentatively Wed May 13. (NO regular office hours that day)
Tonya will be attending (with Jonathan) a Western District Conference Pastor-Spouse Retreat on May 1-2.

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

May: pancake mix & syrup

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, May 23.

Volunteer to serve or deliver meals or donate food by signing up in the foyer. If you have questions, please contact Cindy Kroeker or Jean Gaeddert.

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).

SECONDS ON 2nd . . volunteers needed

It's getting to be crunch time as we anticipate moving to new space and volunteers are needed to help with various projects at Seconds on 2nd. If you have a block of time to help, give Sharissa a call at 620-474-2789. Thanks for giving this your attention.

Et CETERA SHOP seeks new General Manager

For more information contact Delon Martens at delon@etchutch.org or 620-960-9471.

BETHEL COLLEGE announcements

Weds., April 29 – Jazz on the Green at Bethel College, 7 p.m. (*rain venue: Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*)

Thurs., April 30 – Bethel College Voice Studio recital, Dr. Holly Swartzendruber, instructor, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel

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

Sat., May 9 – Concert Choir Europe Tour Send-off Concert, 7 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church

McPHERSON COMMUNITY BRASS concerts

Stephanie and Trae Gehring, who perform with this group, invite us to attend their concert on Sunday, May 3 @ 3:00pm – McPherson First United Methodist Church.

KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE celebration

Join us for a special evening of fellowship and gratitude on Friday, June 5, 6:00 PM, at the Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen Farm, 1582 Falcon, Hillsboro, as we celebrate the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale! This celebration is a reflection on a very successful decade for KMRS. An Appreciation Dinner will be provided at no cost for all who volunteered, attended, and supported the Sale. Enjoy an evening of music and a special

presentation to MCC. Please bring lawn chairs and RSVP to Barb at 620-543-6863 (call/text) or bj.reeves@live.com **by May 18**. We look forward to celebrating with you!

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE announcements

Do you have a family member or friends who have children in the age range of 16-25 who are concerned by the recent news of automatic registration for being drafted starting in December? Bethel College Mennonite Church (2600 College Ave, North Newton, KS) is hosting a **conscientious objector resource night on Wednesday, April 29, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. This event is designed for young people, ages 16-25, who would consider claiming conscientious objector status if the draft were reinstated. We will have printed information, people available for consultation, and materials to begin a C.O. file. Participants are welcome to bring a tablet or laptop if they would like to write their C.O. statement on-site. Contact Joanna Harader for more information. (joanna@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org)

HOPE MINISTRIES training: EARLY ATTACHMENT, THE BRAIN, and RELATIONSHIPS

This unique one-day training presented by Dr. Joy Kreider, explores brain development, attachment, and the hope of healing. Healthy attachment deeply shapes our emotional health and our ability to care for and trust others. The workshop will be held May 16, at Plainview Mennonite Church (5610 West Trail West Road). RSVP to Hope Ministries by May 3, at this link: [Attachment Workshop | HOPE Ministries](#)

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

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.

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 Lamaqabane](#) — 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!

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE announcements

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.

During a time in our country where there is increasing division and violence, how should we faithfully respond? **Join Mennonite Central Committee U.S., in partnership with Mennonite Action, September 3-7** in the Chicago area to dive deeper into Anabaptist traditions of nonviolent resistance and to learn how to embody these practices in our current social context. During [Faith in Action Peace Camp](#), we will hear from MCC partners and local leaders who have lived out their faith while standing in solidarity with communities most vulnerable to violence. More information and registration here: [apply by June 21](#).

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

“If the church can learn to stand in solidarity with communities in their most vulnerable places, not as saviors, but as siblings, then there is hope,” wrote Pedro A. Ramos-Goycolea, pastor of Shalom Mennonite Fellowship in Tucson, Arizona, reflecting on his experience at MC USA’s **2026 Hope for the Future** gathering. Read his Menno Snapshots blog, [“Faith that multiplies,”](#) here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/faith-that-multiplies/>

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.

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 projects. The work is adjusted to the skill level of the volunteers. **Weeks available to serve in Central Kansas are: June 14-20, June 21-27, June 28-July 4.** Learn more about the Family Program [HERE](#) on the MDS website.

Our April edition of On the Level is now available here: <https://conta.cc/41yFw6H>