

THIS WEEK @ FMC - May 6-12, 2026

Tuesday May 5 is designated as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People/Women. This is a tragedy many of us are not very aware of and has been chosen as the focus of the Kansas Repair Communities.

We have opportunity today (May 5) to learn through a webinar happening at 4pm CT. Details are below. I also have a copy of a novel ([The Mask of the Deer Woman](#) by Laurie L. Dove) that helps educate on this issue, which I'd be happy to loan out to anyone who is interested. And if anyone is interested in learning more and possibly joining the Kansas Repair Communities in their work on this problem locally in Kansas, the next meeting is Monday May 11 at 5:30pm at Faith Mennonite in Newton (in person).

Pastor Tonya

MMIW: Understanding the Crisis and Advocating for Change (Tuesday May 5/4pm CT)

Native American women in the United States are experiencing a crisis of violence and sexual abuse. They go missing by the thousands at rates considerably higher than those of any other race.

This history can be traced back to the Doctrine of Discovery, the colonizing of Indigenous lands, and the perpetuation of policies that continue to support the perpetrators rather than protect Native women.

Join us on Red Dress Day to learn a bit more about MMIW and pray for those who were stolen, and those impacted, as we seek to end the violence.

Zoom registration: tinyurl.com/MMIW-prayer

This event is co-sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona/The Council for Native American Ministry, Episcopal Divinity School (EDS), and The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery.

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 10, 2026 – PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL

Philippians 1:1-18a (Luke 9:46-48)

Preacher: Tonya Ramer Wenger

Worship Leader: Anita Kehr

Pianist: Russell Goering

Song Leader: Jon Miller

Children's Time: Jennalee Boggs

Scripture Reader: Jean Gaeddert

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

Ushers: Jon & Martha Miller

Nursery Attendant: Diane Ziemer

Sound Tech: Adam Pounds

Livestream Tech: Joel Iwashige

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.

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 (June, July and August). 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. Additional dates are:

- June 14
- July 12 and 26
- August 7 and 21

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.

FMC'S WEEKEND @ CAMP MENNOSCAH – JUNE 20-21, 2026

Many thanks to all who stayed for the fundraiser lunch on Sunday to help cover the costs of being at Camp Mennoscah June 20-21. This is one way we support the camp, enjoy this sacred space, and make memories and connections together as a church family. We continue to welcome donations to cover expenses. Also, the baptisms of Jalen Crable and Lily Nisly will now be taking place later in the summer, at Camp Mennoscah. Please watch for more information.

Saturday June 20 – *you are welcome to arrive at Camp at 4:00pm or later.*

5:30pm Potluck Dinner - bring food to share (and maybe also snacks for later). We can use the refrigerators and kitchen in the main building.

7:00-8:00pm – Pool open for swimming

The rest of the time is free time!! Recreation options include frisbee golf, carpetball, gaga ball, walking the trails, playing in the river (bring dedicated river clothes/shoes and shower after being in the river), canoeing, board or card games (bring games you enjoy!), etc. Those who wish to can stay in rustic cabins overnight (choose any cabin when you arrive) – bring bedding, toiletries, bug spray, flashlights, etc. There is no electricity in the cabins, but there is in the bathhouses. *A few camp rules: we are responsible for cleaning the spaces we use, no pets allowed (service animals welcome), broken items should be reported to camp staff, and in the kitchen don't use camp's condiments, ziploc bags, foil, plastic wrap, or spices (we can use ice, salt & pepper, sugar for coffee/tea, coffee, creamer, napkins).*

Sunday, June 21 - *Those staying overnight will coordinate ahead of time with the others staying overnight regarding breakfast plans.*

10:00am Worship in the shelter (attached to main building)

11:15-12:15pm Pool open for swimming

12:30pm Lunch (details coming!)

1:30pm (or so) Clean Up, and **2:00pm** Departure

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 cook, serve or deliver meals 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

Sat., May 9 – Concert Choir Europe Tour Send-off Concert, 7 p.m., *Bethel College Mennonite Church*
Bethel College commencement weekend is Fri.-Sun.,

May 8-10. EVENTS: Friday – Senior Art Exhibit reception, 7-8 p.m., *Regier Gallery*; Saturday – Nurse Pinning Ceremony, 2 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*; Saturday – Concert Choir Europe Tour Send-off Concert, 7 p.m., *Bethel College Mennonite Church*; Sunday – Baccalaureate, 10 a.m., *Bethel College Mennonite Church*; Commencement, 4 p.m., *Memorial Hall*.

HESSTON COLLEGE announcements

Music and Memories: A concert celebrating Ken Rodgers' four decades at Hesston College

Plan to join the Hesston College community Friday, May 15 at 7 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church for this special celebration. The evening will feature music by Bel Canto Singers, organ and piano selections and congregational singing, along with reflections from Ken on his years at the college. All are welcome to attend this special celebration. For more information, visit hesston.edu/ken-rodgers.

Hesston College to host annual Lark Open golf tournament

Hesston College will host the annual Lark Open golf tournament on Saturday, May 30, at Hesston Golf Park. Check-in opens at 7:30 a.m. for the four-person scramble event with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. The tournament features many team and individual prizes, hole-in-one prizes and raffle prizes. For more information visit hesston.edu/lark-open-info. The deadline to register is May 27.

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!

CAMP MENNOSCAH announcements

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.

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

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 & MENNONITE ACTION joint Peace Camp

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. Application deadline is [June 21](#). Click to learn more...

<https://mcc.org/events/faith-action-peace-camp>

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.

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

Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, MC USA’s denominational minister of Peace and Justice, shares five practical ways congregations can practice **faithful environmental stewardship** and respond to climate change with hope and action. Read her Menno Snapshots blog here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/cultivating-hope/>

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>