

THIS WEEK @ FMC - May 20-June 2, 2026

⁴ Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad!

⁵ Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near.

⁶ Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks.

⁷ Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

⁸ From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise.

⁹ Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you.

In his letter to the church in Philippi, Paul has had a lot to say about the good news story of Jesus (the source of our 'gladness') and how it shapes their lives – the posture, attitude and mindset they're invited to adopt as they keep Jesus as the center of their daily lives and activities, no matter the circumstances. And in these verses signaling the end of his letter he provides both further encouragement and counsel about living a Jesus-centered life. Where to focus their thoughts, what to do with their anxiety and worry, how to treat each another, and how to envision their life with God in the future.

The Listening-Prayer-Conversation groups spent time listening to this passage during our gatherings this past month. During those conversations an invitation emerged for me to try practicing a prayer with these elements:

1. Gladness (or rejoicing) in God's close presence – paired with a desire to let gentleness be what I bring to all people.
2. Acknowledgement of anxiety and worry – paired with bringing all my requests and petitions to God, along with giving thanks.
3. Resting in the assurance of Paul's encouragement – the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will keep my heart and mind safe in Christ Jesus.

I invite you to spend time with this passage as well, hearing it as Paul's encouragement to the church in Philippi, and asking what invitation God might be bringing to you – in this time and this place – through these words.

Pastor Tonya

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 24, 2026 – PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7

God of Spirit, We give thanks that when you sent your Advocate, the apostles were empowered to speak about your deeds of power in all languages, for every people. Give us boldness to share the Spirit's power with our neighbors. Amen

Preacher: Jim Unruh
Worship Leader: Jon Miller
Pianist: Peggy Stucky
Song Leader: Bryan Kehr
Children's Time: TBA
Scripture Reader: Randy Rempel
Prayers of the People: send prayer concerns to Pastor Jim @ 620-921-0314
Ushers: Bryan & Anita Kehr
Nursery Attendant: Cindy Kroeker
Sound Tech: Shane Miller
Livestream Tech: Joel Iwashige

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026 – FAITH JOURNEY SHARING

Scriptures to be chosen by those sharing their stories

The early church in Acts was known as “followers of the Way”—a reminder that following Jesus is a journey of movement, growth, and discovery. All of us are “on the way” in our faith each day. This summer at FMC, as part of our summer worship, we’re inviting people to share brief stories of how they’ve experienced God/Jesus/Spirit—on that journey, as witness to God’s presence and as an encouragement to others also ‘on the way.’ ***This isn’t about where you’ve arrived, but what the journey has been like.***

Faith Journey Sharing: Joel Iwashige, Jon Miller
Worship Leader: Randy Rempel
Organist: Pauline Buller
Song Leader: TBD
Children's Time: TBD
Scripture Reader: TBD
Prayers of the People: send prayer concerns to Pastor Tonya @ 620-513-2828
Ushers: Susan Combs & Joretta Martens
Nursery Attendant: Stephanie Gehring
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) 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

May 22-29 – Pastor Tonya gone on vacation

May 23 – FMC serves at the Soup Kitchen

May 24 – Pentecost (Pastor Jim preaching)

May 31 – Intergenerational Sunday School @ 11:00am – for everyone!

May 31 – Community Worship and Ice Cream Social @ 6:30pm – Mennonite Friendship Communities

June 1 – 6:30pm CMT and Coordination Teams and Trustees meeting

June 5-8 – Pastor Tonya gone on vacation

June 7 – Guest Speaker: Cleo Koop from Mennonite Disaster Service (Worship & Sunday School)

June 13 – Earl Ediger memorial service

June 14 – FMC leads 10:00am worship service @ Mennonite Friendship Communities

June 20 – FMC's weekend at Camp Mennoscah begins (arrive 4:00pm or later)

June 21 – Sunday Morning 10:00am Worship @ Camp Mennoscah (no service at FMC)

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 taking a summer break beginning Tuesday May 19. We will resume sometime in August. 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.

We will be taking a break during the month of June.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages . . . these study groups conclude on May 24

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.

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 (*All My Days* – details below), faith journey sharing from congregation members, and some guest speakers from Mennonite institutions. Coming up...

May 31 – Faith Journey Sharing + Intergenerational Sunday School – Joel Iwashige, Jon Miller

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

June 14 – “*All My Days*” series on Prayer begins – Pastor Tonya preaching

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

ALL MY DAYS – SUMMER 2026 WORSHIP SERIES ON PRAYER

Prayer can be an abstract idea for some of us. When, where, what, and how do we pray? And why would we do it? Cultures and religions throughout time and space have turned to tangible objects to help them answer these questions. In this worship series, we will explore the ancient and cross-traditional use of prayer beads as a way to connect with the Holy and with each other for “all our days.” (Marcia McFee – Worship Design Studio)

In the eight Sundays that make up this series, we’ll combine the tangibility of using prayer beads (which will be provided for you to use throughout the series) with a study about the various types of prayer the Prayer of Jesus (Lord’s Prayer) invites us into. We’ll begin with focusing on the “Be Still and Know” prayer from the psalmist before turning to the Prayer of Jesus.

June 14 – **Be Still and Know**

June 28 – **Presence** “*Our Abba, Who Art in Heaven*”

July 5 – **Praise** “*Hallowed Be Thy Name*”

July 12 – **Purpose** “*Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*”

July 26 – **Petition** “*Give us this day our daily bread.*”

August 2 – **Pardon** “*Forgive us our sins/trespasses as we forgive those who sin/trespass against us.*”

August 9 – **Protection** “*Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.*”

August 16 – **Persistence** “*For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN*”

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 (No Wednesday hours May 27)

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)

Upcoming Monthly Day Apart (for prayer, quiet, renewal) – TBA

Upcoming Vacation Schedule: May 22-29, June 5-9

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

Many thanks to all who stayed for the fundraiser lunch 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 (bring a side dish/salad OR dessert to share!)

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

THIRD SUNDAY SUMMER POTLUCKS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

This summer we are planning 3rd Sunday summer potlucks after worship at the church in July and August. In June, the third Sunday is at Camp Mennoscah, another great opportunity to connect and build relationships with each other. **Mark your calendars for July 19 and August 16 and plan to bring food to share and your own table service.**

FIRST MENNONITE SUMMER BOOK STUDY – begins June 17

The book study group invites you to join us for our summer read, **Theo of Golden**, a novel by Allen Levi. The group will meet the third Wednesdays for a light finger-food lunch at 12:30pm and conversation at 1:00pm. Our reading will focus as follows: June 17 chapters 1-22, July 15 chapters 23-42, and August 19 chapters 43-epilogue. For more information or for assistance in ordering a book, please check with the church office.

MENNONITE FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITIES (MFC) annual worship & ice cream social

Join with others who share the ministry of building community and providing care for the elderly in this annual time of worship and fellowship. Terry Yoder from Plainview Mennonite Church will be speaking. The service will be outdoors beginning at 6:30pm, with an ice cream social to follow.

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

June: Crackers

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.

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).

ET CETERA SHOP seeks Director of Operations

The Hutchinson Et Cetera Shop, a volunteer based, non-profit thrift store that supports Mennonite Central Committee and local non-profits is seeking a part-time Director of Operations. Send resume to Delon Martens, 22 North Main, Hutchinson KS 67501, or delon@etchutch.org

SECONDS ON 2nd . . volunteers 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.

OFFENDER VICTIM MINISTRIES seeks executive director

OVM, Inc. is seeking a mission-driven, collaborative, and strategic **Executive Director** to lead the organization through its next chapter of growth and impact. This leader will provide overall strategic and operational leadership, working closely with the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and community partners to advance OVM’s mission in restorative justice and community healing. OVM offices are located in Newton. For a full position description, visit ovmks.org/employment-opportunities
Submit questions or cover letter and resume to apply@ovmks.org

MENNONITE WOMEN USA: Behold the Beauty: Coffee and Conversation – May 28 (Zoom)

During this time in the Northern Hemisphere when nature dramatically awakens and warmth and light lengthen the days, MW USA invites you to behold the beauty. Let us tune out the noise and purposefully linger on "sweetness, pleasantness, friendliness, graciousness, goodness, loveliness, splendor, delightfulness" and more, together. Cyneatha will be our guide for the evening, and she invites you to come ready to share. Bring something (an object, a photo, a memory, a word, etc.) that represents a moment when you held beauty or when beauty found you: a time when something holy broke through. We want to hear your story. We'll gather via Zoom on **Thursday, May 28 at 5 pm Central**. Learn more and RSVP here to receive the Zoom link:

>>> <https://www.mennonitewomenusa.org/events-1/coffee-and-conversation-behold-the-beauty>

CAMP MENNOSCAH announcements

Volunteers needed – cook, camp nurse. Contact Camp Mennoscah at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290 to volunteer.

Items needed for the Retreat Center are shower curtains (opaque white preferred), queen mattress pads, queen comforters and queen fitted & flat sheets. Three queen beds were added for a total of 4 rooms with queen beds and camp does not have enough queen-sized bedding. Camp Mennoscah has also relied on a summer staffer with a good camera (digital SLR with interchangeable lenses) and camp needs its own camera for both summer and year-round use. A simple "point and shoot" camera no longer fits camp's needs. Donations can be either funds or the items themselves.

Volunteer needs include poison ivy control, pest control (bugs), and removal of some dead trees. Please contact Camp Mennoscah at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. We would be extra-happy to have some help with these tasks.

Scholarship funds are needed! First time campers are reaping the benefits of the first time camper scholarship, but there are limited funds for returning campers. Camp is an important part of faith development and building a community of faith. This is an easy and amazing way to support youth in their faith journey. Contact camp at 620-297-3290, write a check or donate online at https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/278483 with "scholarship fund" in the memo. (See camp address below.)

Plenty of room at the inn! Summer youth camps are not yet filled to overflowing, which would fill this sacred space called Camp Mennoscah with abounding joy. Full camps increase the energy and joy exponentially. 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/>

NAMI (NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS) inaugural Mid-Kansas NAMIWalks

First Mennonite Church, Newton, KS invites you to be part of something special at the **first-ever NAMIWalks Mid-Kansas Event** on Saturday, June 13 in Hesston, KS! This event brings our community together to raise awareness, support mental health, and remind others they are not alone. Proceeds help fund **free**, local programs through **NAMI Kansas**. **NAMIWalks** is **NAMI's** (National Alliance on Mental Illness) major fundraiser of the year. Registration and check-in opens at 9 am at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S. Main, Hesston. The 1.4 mile walk around the Hesston College Campus will begin at 10 am. Please consider a donation to this vital organization. If you prefer to donate by check, make it payable

to **NAMI Mid-Kansas**. Register, walk, or support the cause at namiwalks.org/midkansas Questions? Contact Deb Penner, **NAMIWalks Mid-Kansas** Walk Manager, at 316-288-0354 or 620-869-1143.

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE annual assembly . . . August 7-9 in Dallas TX

WDC Annual Assembly – Inspiring worship throughout the weekend on “Becoming God’s People.”

Meaningful faith stories on Friday evening, creative intergenerational worship on Saturday, and Pastor Juan Limones preaches on Sunday. Aug 7-9, 2026 at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio, Dallas, TX. More information and registration coming soon!

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 Mini Comforter Blitz, Friday, June 26 from 9am-5pm and Saturday, June 27 from 8am-2pm at MCC in North Newton! You’re invited to bring a friend, grandkids or come and meet new friends, all are welcome! If you can tie a knot, you can help complete comforters at MCC, no sewing required. Bring a snack to share and your own sack lunch for Friday. MCC 121 E. 30th Street, North Newton. Questions? Please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or find out more at mcc.org/mini-blitz.

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. 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 conversation series led by the MCC U.S. Immigration Network. Info and registration for the Zoom link: mcc.org/events/borderlands-and-beyond-monthly-charlas-mcc.

Date: Every 3rd Thursday of the month (January to December 2026), 6:00 PM CT

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK announcements

Just Peace Pilgrimages. Contact Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net or visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace to learn more!

MENNONITE CHURCH USA announcements

Save the date for **MC USA’s Militarism Summit:** Nov. 6-7, 2026, in Akron, Pennsylvania. The summit will explore the impact of militarism and will include time to reflect, learn and engage in thoughtful dialogue on waging peace in meaningful ways. Sign up here to receive updates about registration and the summit as they become available. https://mcusa.formstack.com/forms/militarism_summit

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE (MDS) announcements

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