

THIS WEEK @ FMC - June 17-23, 2026

In his prayer, *How Good it is to Center Down*, African American theologian, pastor and author Howard Thurman invites us into what he calls the 'waiting moment' ... a space in which to be still in the presence of God. This 'be still and know' prayer is what we're practicing this week with our prayer beads. Thurman's prayer is one you could add on to the beginning of your prayer, as an invitation into a time of silence. As you pray it, you could pause after the phrase "*Over and over the questions beat upon the waiting moment*" and fill that pause with silence as you hold your prayer beads, and then praying the "Be Still" prayer with the 7 inner beads as we practiced on Sunday, before continuing on with Thurman's prayer as you hold the last bead or the cross on your string of prayer beads.

--Pastor Tonya

How good it is to center down!

To sit quietly and see one's self pass by!

The streets of our minds seethe with endless traffic;

Our spirits resound with clashing, with noisy silences,

While something deep within hungers and thirsts for the still moment and the resting lull.

With full intensity we seek, ere thicket passes, a fresh sense of order in our living;

A direction, a strong sure purpose that will structure our confusion and bring meaning in our chaos.

We look at ourselves in this waiting moment—the kinds of people we are.

The questions persist: what are we doing with our lives?

—what are the motives that order our days?

What is the end of our doings? Where are we trying to go? Where do we put the emphasis and where are our values focused? For what end do we make sacrifices?

Where is my treasure and what do I love most in life?

What do I hate most in life and to what am I true?

Over and over the questions beat upon the waiting moment.

*As we listen, floating up through all of the jangling echoes of our turbulence,
there is a sound of another kind—*

A deeper note which only the stillness of the heart makes clear.

It moves directly to the core of our being. Our questions are answered,

Our spirits refreshed, and we move back into the traffic of our daily round

With the peace of the Eternal in our step.

How good it is to center down!

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP is typically at 9:30am. Note that June 21 will be 10:00am.

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, JUNE 21 – WORSHIP @ CAMP MENNOSCAH

Worship Planner/Leader: Tonya Ramer Wenger

Musician: Shane Miller

Prayers of the People: Pastor Tonya (620-513-2828)

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. 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

June 17 – Summer Book Study Group (1st of 3 sessions) – snacks @ 12:30pm, conversation @ 1:00pm

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. 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.

Upcoming gatherings:

Wed July 8 @ 6:30pm

Tuesday @ 1:00pm group – date TBD

SUMMER 2026 SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be offered for everyone two Sundays a month during the summer (June, July and August). Summer Sunday school dates are:

July 12 and 26

August 9 and 23

JUNE 21 WORSHIP @ CAMP MENNOSCAH – 10AM!

Remember there is no worship at 52 Rambler Road this Sunday! But, there is worship at 10am at Camp Mennoscah (near Murdock KS) and you are all invited. We will attempt this year to livestream from camp – the link will be on our website as usual. Bring a side dish (if you can) to contribute to our noon lunch.

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) We handed out prayer beads this past Sunday, and more will be available each Sunday during the series. Pastor Tonya is also happy to bring some or send some to you if you aren't able to be here in person.

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/trespases as we forgive those who sin/tresspass 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

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: June 28 (afternoon)-July 1 (evening)

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.

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

June: Crackers, saltines, snack crackers, healthy snacks packets

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.

UPDATE – CENTRAL KANSAS INTERFAITH JUSTICE ORGANIZATION

The formation of the new justice ministry in Central Kansas is moving right along! I’m excited to share we have 4 from FMC who have agreed to head up our church’s Justice Ministry Team – Peggy Stucky, Jane Wagler, Carol Moore and Susan Combs. You’ll be hearing more from them in the coming months as we will begin the listening phase of the process in the fall. This is the process through which we’ll hear stories, concerns and hopes to help us discern the issues that matter most to our communities and guide the future direction of our ministry together. Right now, nineteen congregations in Central Kansas have either recruited or are actively recruiting team leaders, and 82 team leaders have already committed to this work. Thirty laity and clergy from our region are attending a DART training in Florida in July, including our very own Peggy Stucky! It’s an exciting time to be part of this new initiative seeking God’s justice and abundance in our communities.

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).

CAREPORTAL celebrating 11 years of connection

Join us as we honor the Lord for over a decade of connecting communities to care for children and families. We’ll share a meal together, engage in meaningful learning, and participate in meeting tangible CarePortal needs. We will have a special offering for local CarePortal needs. First 100 attendees will receive a FREE CarePortal shirt! We will meet Sunday, July 12, 5:00pm at First Mennonite Church, 1718 West Pretty Prairie Road, Pretty Prairie. RSVP to Hallie: Hallie.cable@careportal.org

BETHEL COLLEGE announcements

Bethel College is hosting Crossmen Drum & Bugle Corps, a top-tier competitive drum corps, on campus through July 7. About 170 musicians and 40-50 staff are spending 12 hours a day, 6 days a week (their day off is Tuesday), rehearsing and putting their program together. Observers are welcome. They will give a **free performance on July 4 in Thresher Stadium**, with details to be announced later.

Walk, Run or Bike. Enjoy fresh country air, movement and community through the land surrounding campus at harvest time with the first annual Bethel College Wheat Walk/Run/Ride! Saturday, June 20, 8:30 a.m. starting at Centennial Plaza — 300 E. 27th St.; finish at Brubacher Farm — 5702 N. Spencer. Total distance: 4.25 miles. This FREE community event is open to all ages and activity levels. Walk, run, or ride your bike along a scenic route from campus to the Brubacher Farm, where goodies and drinks will be waiting at the finish line. A ride will be provided back to campus if needed. **Please register** by Friday, June 19, at noon so we can plan for food and refreshments.

HESSTON COLLEGE - Summer Theatre Camp

Student actors from ages 11 to 18 are invited to join Hesston College Performing Arts for their 11th annual summer theatre camp, June 21 to 27. The weeklong theatre immersion will culminate in a public performance of “The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical” on June 27. Those interested can visit hesston.edu/theatrecamp for details and to register online. Registration is due June 19.

ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY study opportunities

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! ambs.edu/journey

Spiritual Direction: Foundations. Strengthen your skills in offering spiritual direction through the first level of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s supervised spiritual direction program. This course, which can be completed in person or fully online, will help you grow in confidence and competence as a spiritual director. The seminar begins Sept. 1; apply by July 15 to save \$200. ambs.edu/seminars

Distance-friendly graduate-level courses for fall! Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first two courses for credit. And AMBS graduates can audit selected courses for \$121/credit hour! Semester One courses run **Sept. 1 – Dec. 11**, and the courses listed below are three credit hours each, unless noted. Register by **Aug. 24**.

Online courses (generally not available for auditing)

The weekly online coursework for these courses can be done on your own schedule.

- Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture
- Christian Ethics and Peace Theology
- Christian Leadership in the 21st Century
- Introduction to Biblical Languages (one credit hour)
- Practical Theology of the Climate Crisis

ANABAPTIST DISABILITIES NETWORK offers a book review for parents and educators

Naturally Inclusive (Gryphon House, 2022) by Ruth Wilson is an excellent resource for parents and educators looking for practical advice on helping young people with disabilities to connect with the natural

world. The book combines the latest research in psychology and education with real-world stories from outdoor education programs and preschools to offer guidance for nature-based learning for children with disabilities. Click here for more information.

<https://www.anabaptistdisabilitiesnetwork.org/naturally-inclusive/>

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. For a full position description, visit ovmks.org/employment-opportunities. Submit questions or cover letter and resume to apply@ovmks.org

CAMP MENNOSCAH announcements

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. Camp Mennoscah needs a good camera (digital SLR with interchangeable lenses). Donations can be either funds or the items themselves.

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE announcements

WDC Annual Assembly ... August 7-9 in Dallas TX – 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! **If you would be interested in attending as a delegate from FMC, please talk to Delon Martens.** The church covers the cost of registration for the assembly.

WDC Leader Forum: Communications Today – Has your congregation been wondering how to “get the word out” effectively about your wonderful faith community? Has it become a struggle to know how to share information with different generations in your congregation? WDC will host Chris Scott, Facilitator for Emerging Faith Communities, Mennonite Mission Network, to share strategies for communicating effectively outside of our congregation, as well as inside, as communication technologies continue to change. Register [HERE](#) for this virtual gathering on **Tuesday, June 23, 6:30-8 pm on Zoom.**

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.

MCC Grandparent Days, July 13 & 14, 9:30-11:30 a.m. each day! Mark your calendars and gather your grandchild(ren) to pack MCC school kits at the Material Resources Center in North Newton. You’ll be

helping MCC reach our 2026 School Kit Challenge goal of 30,000 school kits this summer! There is more information at mcc.org/grandparent-days or you can contact brociamueller@mcc.org or call her at 316.836.5045.

Colorado peaches are coming! Palisade peaches from western Colorado will be available for pre-order starting June 15. Two sizes are available: **9 lb. for \$31 and 18 lb. for \$43**. An additional \$1 per box has been added as fuel expenses will be higher this summer. **All orders must be received and paid in full by July 15.** No orders will be accepted after this date. Orders can be placed by emailing the MCC Central States Office at patsydirksen@mcc.org or calling 316-283-2720. Cash and checks are accepted. Checks should be made payable to **Beth-El Mennonite Church** with “peaches” in the memo line. Please send payments to MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton KS 67117 or drop off at the MCC office located at 121 East 30th, North Newton. Estimated pick-up date is **Monday, August 10** at the MCC warehouse. This date will be confirmed later in July. Beth-El Mennonite Church in Colorado Springs sells the peaches as a fundraiser for bierocks ingredients that are sold at the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale, October 17 in Castle Rock, CO. Thank you for supporting MCC!

MCC Peace & Justice Journal invites us, in this latest issue of the [MCC Peace & Justice Journal](#) to reflect on building peace in times of violence. This issue includes statistics, policy principles and worship resources. In peace churches throughout the U.S. today, increasing concerns are heard about a military draft. While it is vitally important to preserve the option of conscientious objection, we should not stop there. As we work to ensure our children are not sent to fight in a war, we should make sure *their* children are not killed in one. Our choice today, as it was then, is not between violence or apathy. Jesus showed a third way. He turned over tables in the temple, rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, publicly denounced corrupt religious leaders. Jesus challenged empire. Not with weapons or hate, but with love and courage. To have the Journal delivered to your doorstep, send an email to npjim@mcc.org or call 202-544-6564.

MCC Immigration Learning Tour, Nov. 1-6 – Sign up today for this immigration focused learning tour in South Texas and Mexico. This tour will focus on education related to a range of matters surrounding immigration, detention and death at the U.S./Mexico border by giving you the opportunity to engage directly with MCC partners who are leading immigration work in the region. Questions? Contact abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org and sign up online today at mcc.org/tx-immigration-learning-tour!

MCC invites youth to examine convictions about war

As U.S. military activity increases around the world, MCC invites teenagers and young adults to examine their beliefs about participation in war and to record their convictions on a Christian Peacemaker Registration Form. The form is one way that young men and women can build evidence of their peace witness. If the government were to reinstitute a national draft for military service, the form could be used to support a person’s application to be a conscientious objector (CO) to war. A recent change in federal law allows the U.S. Selective Service System to automatically register men, ages 18-25, using government data such as social security numbers. This system will replace a requirement for men to register themselves when they turn 18, which less than 40% did. The law will go into effect in December 2026. Questions or want to connect more on this topic? Contact Becky Teiwes, MCC Central States Peace & Justice Practice Coordinator.

Join us for **Borderlands & Beyond Monthly Charlas**, a conversation series about the daily realities of migration 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