

# THIS WEEK @ FMC - July 29-August 11, 2026

*Father of us, O Spiritual One,  
Your Name be truly honored.  
Your Movement spread, your will prevail  
Through earth, as through the heavens.  
Grant us sustaining bread each day.  
Forgive our debts as we forgive  
The debts of all who cannot pay.  
And from confusion keep us clear;  
Deliver us from evil's sway.*

~ Clarence Jordan (Cotton Patch Gospel)

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP is typically 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, AUGUST 2 – PARDON: “FORGIVE US OUR SINS/TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN/TRESSPASS AGAINST US.”**

***Colossians 3:12-14; Mark 11:25***

Preacher: Jim Unruh

Worship Leader: Delon Martens

Organist: Pauline Buller

Song Leader: Bryan Kehr

Children's Time: Jane Wagler

Scripture Reader: Cheryl Warkentin

Faith Journey Sharing: Lorene Graber's story read by Martha Miller

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

Ushers: Jon & Martha Miller

Nursery Attendant: Susan Combs

Sound Tech: Jasper Nisly

Livestream Tech: TBD

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 – PROTECTION: “LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL”**

***Psalms 121; Matthew 21:6-9***

Preacher: Rebecca Yoder Shetler

Worship Leader: Eldon Wagler

Pianist: Peggy Stucky

Song Leader: Jonathan

Children's Time: TBD

Scripture Reader: Randy Rempel

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

Ushers: Bryan & Anita Kehr

Nursery Attendant: Jonathan Wenger

Sound Tech: Adam Pounds

Livestream Tech: Joel Iwashige

## 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](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

August 5 – Lily Nisly and Jalen Crable baptisms at Camp Mennoscah (7pm – bring a lawn chair, or sit on benches)

August 7-9 – Western District Annual Assembly in Dallas

August 9 – FMC leads worship at Mennonite Friendship Communities – contact Pastor Jim if you can help

August 10 – Craft Night – 6:30-8:00pm

August 16 – Summer 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Potluck – bring a dish to share and your own table service

August 18 – Congregational Ministry Team (CMT) meets at 6:30pm

August 26 – M&M kickoff at the Esau pool

August 30 – Assemble MCC School Kits during Sunday School hour

## ANABAPTIST WORLD . . . group subscription – news from the global Anabaptist community

A one-year subscription at the group rate is \$49 (12 issues). Copies are delivered to your home address. Complete a subscription form (in the church foyer) or call/email the church office. Subscriptions with payment (checks to FMC with Anabaptist World in the memo) due by August 23, placed in offering box.

# 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:      Tuesday August 11 @ 1:00pm  
                                         Wednesday August 12 @ 6:30pm

## SUMMER 2026 SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be offered for everyone on August 9 and 23.

## **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 on June 14, 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.

August 2 – **Pardon** *“Forgive us our sins/trespasses as we forgive those who sin/trespass against us.”*  
(including Faith Journey sharing from Lorene Graber)

August 9 – **Protection** *“Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.”*  
(including Back to School blessing)

August 16 – **Persistence** *“For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN”*  
(including Faith Journey Sharing from Calvin Buller)

## **KID’S MEET CHRIST EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 12 – HOSTED BY FIRST MENNONITE HUTCH!!**

We are excited to be the hosts of the next “Kids Meet Christ” event titled ***“Art, Improv and Lego are Worship, Too!”*** on ***Saturday September 12*** from ***9:30am-2:30pm***. Kids Meet Christ (a Western District Conference initiative) invites you to a fun community event for EVERYONE – parents, children, grandparents, leaders, and anyone who wants to see what is possible when all ages are fully engaged in worship. Talashia Keim Yoder, pastor at College Mennonite Church in Goshen IN and faith formation extraordinaire, will guide us in exploring worship that works for everyone. *Breakfast and lunch included. Morning program is for all ages. The afternoon session will be separate adult and children’s workshops.* Register at: [Art, Improv, and Lego are Worship, Too!](#)

## **CONFESSIONAL BIBLE STUDY & ORIENTING WITH THE WORD COHORT**

This fall FMC will be offering a Confessional Bible Study (CBS) for all adults during the Sunday School hour. This opportunity comes to us through AMBS’s (Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary) [Orienting With the Word](#) program. This program developed by AMBS’s Faith Formation Collaborative to build community and biblical competency through Bible study. For the five-month program, each participating congregation designates a group to explore how their relationship to the Bible has formed them and to learn Confessional Bible Study — a life-giving practice that helps communities make the Bible an indispensable tool for navigating the ever-changing landscape of daily living.

Pastor Tonya and Em Calvert will be working with and supported by AMBS to facilitate this process. September 17-19 they will attend a retreat with all the other congregational leaders participating in this cohort (all expenses are covered), and they will meet monthly with a Guide to support them along the way. There will be a smaller group from FMC, designated as our “Team” who will have access to a learning module online, participate in two zooms with other participants in our cohort, and have opportunity to respond to various questions along the way (on email). If you’d be interested in being part of this smaller team, please let Pastor Tonya or Em Calvert know ASAP.

A description of this way of engaging with the Bible is outlined in a bulletin insert included in this past Sunday’s bulletin. Hard copies are available at the church and also [HERE](#) on our website (under the Bulletins tab). We’ll begin on September 13 (along with all the other Sunday School classes), but there will be a small preview in the August 30 worship service. AND, on September 20 there will be a congregational CBS retreat, starting during the Sunday School hour, breaking for lunch and continuing till about 2:30pm. This will a great opportunity to slowly experience the process before we speed it up a bit to fit it into an hour.

Then on September 27 we'll be off and running, delving into new scriptures each week as guided by the folks at AMBS. Questions? Talk with Pastor Tonya or Em!

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

- *UPPER ROOM* – July, August
- *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 on July 15)

**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) – August 27

Upcoming Vacation Schedule: August 1-4

Upcoming Conference Travel: August 7-9 (at WDC Assembly in Dallas TX)

**THIRD SUNDAY SUMMER POTLUCKS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

This summer we are planning 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday summer potlucks after worship. **Mark your calendars for August 16 and plan to bring food to share and your own table service.**

**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 . . . the need for food and monetary gifts is great this summer!**

**August: Peanut Butter**

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.

**THE ISSUES BELOW AFFECT ALL OF US . . . EVEN WHEN THEY SEEM FAR AWAY**

**Your vote on August 4 has impact.**

The proposed amendment to the Kansas constitution on the August 4, primary ballot, will give Kansans the opportunity to decide how the Kansas Supreme Court Justices will be selected going forward. This ballot is available for all voters regardless of party affiliation. Currently, justices are carefully vetted by the selection

commission and our Governor makes the appointment to fill any vacancy. By law, our justices represent each of Kansas' four congressional districts, ensuring voices are heard from all corners of the state. Justices are accountable to the voters through retention elections, in that after serving for one year, a justice can be affirmed or voted out by a direct vote of the people of Kansas. Through this process – in effect since 1958 – the Kansas Supreme Court has proven to be fair, impartial, and beholden to the Kansas Constitution. This method has kept politics and the “big money” campaign dollars out of the selection process.

In contrast, the proposed amendment to the Kansas Constitution would return the selection process directly to a popular vote of registered voters. While that may sound like a good idea, this is what would happen. Justices would be forced to campaign for their positions. This will turn impartial justices into politicians. It would open the door for campaign funding that will inevitably influence justices to make judicial decisions that favor the big donors/corporations.

To preserve a fair, transparent and trusted justice system for all in the state of Kansas, VOTE NO on August 4. As Christians, our calling is to advocate for a society where everyone has what they need to survive and thrive and where human needs are human rights. As citizens of our state, we take action to seek justice for all.

### **1999 Landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling called into question . . . from Anabaptist Disabilities Network**

In this decision, *Olmstead v. L.C.*, the U.S. Supreme Court established that the unjustified segregation and institutionalization of people with disabilities and mental illness is a form of discrimination under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Since then, millions of people have benefited from its provisions, allowing them to live with or near family, friends, schools, and community, including their congregations. In a troubling turn of events, the U.S. Department of Justice released an opinion on June 18, 2026, questioning the constitutionality and mandates of the 1999 Supreme Court Olmstead decision. Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN) is deeply troubled by this recently released opinion. Anabaptists have been at the forefront of the reform of housing and support for people with disabilities and people who experience mental illness. We have advocated for everyone to live their best possible life and don't want to go back to a time when people with disabilities and mental illness were forced to live in institutions, isolated and separated from those who love them. It should be noted that home and community-based services are generally far less expensive than institutional care. We are concerned that the opinion could undermine the policies and funding that have improved the lives of so many people. This is a call to action. ADN offers information and encourages us to put our faith into action in the following ways: (click here) <https://www.anabaptistdisabilitiesnetwork.org/adn-statement-on-community/>

### **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.

### **DELEGATES FROM FMC to WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE annual assembly August 7-9**

Pastor Tonya, Delon and Joretta Martens, Ken and Carolee Neufeld

## **WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE announcements**

**Preparing for the WDC Annual Assembly includes posting information for WDC churches and members.**

Watch commission, task force, and ministry partner impact videos on our YouTube Channel, [HERE](#) to get a taste of what WDC leaders are doing on your behalf and with you! For a deeper dive, read annual written reports [HERE](#).

## **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).

## **BETHEL COLLEGE announcements**

**The International Students Club at Bethel College is asking for help to welcome international students to Bethel** by providing them with essential items that are difficult or impossible to bring in their luggage. The club has created a registry of these items, to be included in welcome baskets to help students feel cared for and at home from the moment they arrive. View the registry [here](#). Purchased items can be shipped to: **Bethel College**, 300 E. 27th St., North Newton, KS 67117, **ATTN: Karin Kaufman Wall, International Students Club Adviser**. Items may also be dropped off at Leisy House (24th St. & College Ave., North Newton, the advancement and alumni offices), Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Please mark any purchased items on the gift registry so we can keep track of what is still needed. **If you would prefer to give financially, donations may be made to Bethel College with "International Students Fund" in the memo line.**

## **KANSAS MCC SALE . . . QUILTERS**

Hey Quilters! As the hot temperatures keep you inside and you decide to sort through your quilting supplies and fabric stash, don't forget that Quilters corner is seeking your donations year-round to help us have another successful KMRS sale in 2027! Donations can be dropped off at MCC Center in North Newton labeled for QC or if you need pick up or help sorting call Ann Yoder Smith 919-604-3282. Thank you!

## **MENNONITE WOMEN IN MISSION Women & Girls Retreat @ Camp Mennoscah**

On-line registration is open for the annual Mennonite Women in Mission Women's & Girls (ages 8 - high school) Retreat at Camp Mennoscah on September 12-13. Forms are available on the website for printing for mail in registration, although online is preferred and easy! Detailed schedule information and registration is at [www.mennonitewomeninmission.org](http://www.mennonitewomeninmission.org). Retreat starts at 10 a.m. Saturday with SoulCollage™ with Elizabeth Eells, comforter tying for MCC, and the Faith & Life bookstore open. The retreat theme is "My Time is in Your Hands" with session speakers Melissa Atchison & Audrey Ratzlaff. Girls' leaders are Schyler Entz and Emily Brandt with an additional girls' tie dye bandana session with Marla Sowatzky Towe. Come join us for fun, fellowship, and inspiration! Questions? Email [mennonitewomeninmission@gmail.com](mailto:mennonitewomeninmission@gmail.com).

## **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE announcements**

**The summer 2026 issue of Intersections on "Interfaith Engagement,"** compiled by the director of MCC's planning, learning, and disaster response department, Alain Epp Weaver, is now on the MCC website. See link [here](#). Authors reflect how interfaith engagement forms an essential dimension of humanitarian assistance, community development, and peacebuilding work in Indonesia, Bangladesh, India, Chad, Nigeria, Canada, Iraq, and Syria.

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](https://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 JUST PEACE PILGRIMAGE**

“Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples Pilgrimage” September 22-26, 2026 to the Homeland of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation in central Washington. (Note change of location.) The event will be led by Sarah Augustine and hosted by [Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery](#). See Mennonite Mission Network <https://www.mennonitemission.net/> for more information.

### **MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE**

Our July edition of On the Level is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares his gratitude for volunteer leaders and donors, learn why disasters deserve a local MDS response, and see the update on work being done in Crisfield plus listen to the latest MDS podcast featuring Bill Maust. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/44tG27G> You may also wish to hear Cleo Koop and Jason Stutzman in their presentations during FMC’s June 7 worship service. Go to <https://hutchfmc.org/> and find June 7 in the worship archive.

### **ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY study opportunities**

**Find out about these study opportunities at <https://ambs.edu/> and click on Learn & Lead**

- New! Ecotheology studies at AMBS. Distance-friendly certificate and Master’s level options.
- Doctor of Ministry in Leadership! 3-year, 32-credit-hour degree, beginning January 2027
- Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible. On-line short course, September 16-October 27.

**Companions on the Way: Chaplaincy in Interfaith Contexts:** Sept. 28–30 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. What does it mean in this day/age/moment to be a companion and spiritual caregiver to those whose faiths and cultures are different from your own? Join us for a unique conference on the practice of spiritual care in interfaith contexts, with a special focus on the ministry of The Nazareth Hospital EMMS. Register by Sept. 21. [ambs.edu/chaplaincy-conference](https://ambs.edu/chaplaincy-conference)

### **MENNONITE WOMEN USA . . . on-line COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**

**You're invited!** Story as medicine, healing as justice: join Amanda K. Gross, author, intersectional anti-racist organizer, and mixed-media fiber artist, for a grounding conversation on Post-Traumatic Mistress Syndrome. This August, MW USA's **Coffee & Conversation** will talk about the trauma patterns that so often keep white women from showing up fully in anti-racist ministry. And we'll turn toward the healing that makes real solidarity possible. Bring a comfortable seat, your favorite beverage, and join **us Thursday, August 6 at 6:00 pm Eastern** for this honest, grounding conversation.

### **MENNONITE CHURCH USA announcements**

**“Waging Peace: A Militarism Summit,”** is a two-day gathering to explore faithful responses to war, political polarization, nationalism and violence through an Anabaptist lens. Opening keynote address by Shane Claiborne. Join Mennonite Church USA on Nov. 6-7 in Leola, Pennsylvania – high school youth attend free when accompanied by a youth pastor or sponsor.

- Read the news release here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-hosts-militarism-summit/>
- Learn more and register here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/militarism-summit/>