

THIS WEEK @ FMC - August 12-25, 2026

This summer we've been spending time, phrase by phrase, praying the prayer Jesus taught us. For your reflection this week, consider this prayer as paraphrased in The Message, including the verses that precede it.

The world is full of so-called prayer warriors who are prayer-ignorant. They're full of formulas and programs and advice, peddling techniques for getting what you want from God. Don't fall for that nonsense. This is your Father you are dealing with, and he knows better than you what you need. With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply. Like this:

*Our Father in heaven,
Reveal who you are.
Set the world right;
Do what's best—
as above, so below.
Keep us alive with three square meals.
Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.
Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.
You're in charge!
You can do anything you want!
You're ablaze in beauty!
Yes. Yes. Yes."*

---Matthew 6:7-13 (The Message)

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP is typically 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, AUGUST 16 – PERSISTENCE: “FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.”

Ephesians 6:14-18; Luke 22:66-71

Preacher: Tonya Ramer Wenger

Worship Leader: Randy Rempel

Pianist: Peggy Stucky

Song Leader: Trae Gehring

Children's Time: Hilda Iwashige

Scripture Reader: Judy Langley

Faith Journey Sharing: Calvin Buller

Ministry Moment: Ben Woodward-Breckbill, Mennonite Mission Network (serving in Paris, France)

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

Ushers: Diane Ziemer & Shane Miller

Nursery Attendant: Anna & Jalen Crable

Sound Tech: Ryker Wiens

Livestream Tech: Jonathan Wenger

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 – FAITH JOURNEY SHARING

Worship Leader: Jon Miller

Organist: Pauline Buller

Song Leader: Magdalena Wenger

Children's Time: TBD

Scripture Reader: Ken Neufeld

Faith Journey Sharing: Shane Miller & Carol Moore

Prayers of the People: send prayer concerns to Pastor Tonya @ 620.513.2828

Ushers: Susan Combs & Joretta Martens

Nursery Attendant: Diane Ziemer

Sound Tech: Shane Miller

Livestream Tech: Jay Gehring

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

August 16 – Summer 3rd 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

August 30 – 2-4pm Come and Go Reception to celebrate the life of Mary Jo Preheim – FMC fellowship hall

September 12 – FMC hosting *Kids Meet Christ* (a Western District Conference event open to everyone)

September 13 – Fall Sunday School Quarter begins – including Confessional Bible Study for adults!

September 20 – 11am-2:30pm Confessional Bible Study retreat for any at FMC (lunch + childcare provided)

ANABAPTIST WORLD . . . group subscription – DEADLINE is August 23

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 23.

The adult discussion class will gather to share reflections on the worship theme.

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

SUNDAY AUGUST 16 DETAILS

August 16 is the last Sunday in our prayer worship series, “All My Days.” During the worship service we will also hear a Faith Journey story from Calvin Buller and will receive a Ministry Moment from Ben Woodward-Breckbill, who (with his family) is serving with Mennonite Mission Network in France as the directors of the Paris Mennonite Center. You'll also have the opportunity to contribute financially to their ministry if you choose.

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 be 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* – September-October issue is here
- *Rejoice!* – September-November issue is here

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) – August 26

THIRD SUNDAY SUMMER POTLUCKS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

August 16 will be our third potluck of the summer. 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! Let’s help restock the shelves!

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.

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 attended 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.

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE announcements

WDC Fund Development Coordinator opening: Western District Conference seeks a quarter-time Fund Development Coordinator beginning September 1, 2026. Responsibilities include nurturing congregational communications and donor relationships, relating to congregational advocates, working with the Stewardship Commission to coordinate fundraising initiatives, and engaging with Everence as a resource for financial stewardship. For more information see the position description [here](#). Interested candidates should send a resume, and names and contact information for three references to Conference Minister Heidi Regier Kreider at heidirk@mennowdc.org.

SALTHAWK COMMUNITY SUPPORT (SCS) . . . providing services to Hutch students 8-12th grades

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). **Mark your calendars for a Chili Supper fundraiser for Salthawk Community Support at Trinity UMC on Tuesday October 6. More details coming soon!** There are opportunities to volunteer as a mentor (meeting once/week for 20-30 minutes with a youth) and for special events. Talk to Pastor Tonya if interested.

BETHEL COLLEGE announcements

Sun., Aug. 16 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program at Kauffman Museum with Bradley Schmidt, translator, on Elina Penner’s debut novel *Nachtbeeren/Nightberries*, 3 p.m., in the museum auditorium.

Penner was born in the Soviet Union in a Low German Mennonite family, who immigrated to Germany in 1991, when she was 4. Her debut novel deals with family and immigrant travails in a new homeland. Schmidt was born into a Mennonite family, grew up in the Goessel community, graduated from Bethel College and is currently a translator and educator living in Leipzig, Germany. He will discuss Penner’s novel and the process of translating High and Low German for English readers.

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.**

HESSTON COLLEGE announcements

Fall sports seasons begin at Hesston College. August marks the arrival of the first home games for our volleyball and soccer teams. Lark volleyball opens their home schedule on Tuesday, August 25, while the Lark soccer teams begin home games on August 20 (men) and August 22 (women). Please visit the athletic website at HCLarks.com for schedules of all athletic programs, and come out to support the Larks!

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

Registration deadline is September 5 for on-line registration 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. Questions? Email mennonitewomeninmission@gmail.com.

EVERENCE Webinar . . . Your money and purpose – August 19

Everence Made Clear Webinar – Your money and purpose – How to align your money with your drive for mission and meaning in your life – Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 2 p.m. ET – So many of us Christians struggle with the role money plays in our lives. Our financial wealth often feels at cross purposes with our desire to serve God and make an impact. In this session, we’ll explore the various ways we can align our finances with our purpose and live passionately toward our calling – with money as an ally, not an adversary. We’ll explore the role of financial planning, charitable giving, estate planning, family-owned businesses, and intentional family conversations as tools we can use to pursue God’s call. Register [HERE](#)

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE announcements

The Slash the Pentagon Act ([S. 4799](#)) seeks to drastically cut the defense budget by half and instead invest those funds in:

- **Trains, not warplanes** (\$205 billion)
- **Health care, not warfare** (\$220 billion)
- **Bread, not bombs** (\$200 billion)
- **Education, not annihilation** (\$125 billion)

Human security at home and abroad should be centered in mutual flourishing and not warmaking.

Take action: Encourage your senators to co-sponsor the Slash the Pentagon Act

The U.S. has the largest military budget in the world, accounting for more than half of global military spending since 1949. War never brings peace but rather deprives and steals from programs that support human needs. Anabaptists have long lived out holistic peace values, rejecting military service, engaging in peacemaking, and highlighting the devastating costs of war. The ever-growing U.S. military budget (the current White House request is \$1.5 trillion) and a dramatic decrease in funding for peacebuilding and humanitarian needs have contributed to violent conflict and environmental destruction globally.

Beyond the Headlines: Haiti, Temporary Protected Status, and the Church webinar on Wednesday, August 19 at 1 p.m. CT/ 12 p.m. MT. Please join MCC in listening to Haitian voices and exploring faithful action. In this webinar, we will hear stories from a pastor whose congregation has welcomed Haitian families, an MCC staff member who has been at the forefront of the work in Haiti, and a leader from The Haitian Bridge Alliance, a nonprofit organization that provides humanitarian, legal, and social services to Haitian communities. Register today at mcc.org/events/beyond-headlines-haiti-temporary-protected-status-and-church.

Missing in Brooks County documentary screening at MCC in North Newton - Monday, Aug. 24 from 12 pm-3pm and Tuesday, Aug. 25 from 6 pm-9 pm! We're excited to bring you two opportunities to view this Peabody Award winning documentary featuring MCC partner organization South Texas Human Rights Center. The film features two families searching for their loved ones many miles away from the U.S./Mexico border. Please RSVP for this event at mcc.org/brooks-county-movie-screening so we can plan accordingly!

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.

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

BORDERLINKS . . . deepening understanding of borders, migration and social justice

Open enrollment virtual workshops in August – [summer programming calendar](#)

Envisioning a Better World is Our Responsibility; virtual Workshop, Thursday, August 13th, 5-7 pm CDT

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

New *Vision* issue on “Decolonial Discipleship as an Intercultural Church” available for free online. The Spring 2026 issue of *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology* — edited by Hyung Jin (Pablo) Kim Sun, PhD, and Sarah Kathleen Johnson, PhD — explores how practices of decolonization and genuine intercultural engagement need to be understood as deeply interconnected aspects of our collective journey toward peace, justice and reconciliation. ambs.edu/vision

Online Short Course: Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible: Sept. 16 – Oct. 27. Join Paul Keim, PhD, and Drew Strait, PhD, to study pertinent Scripture passages and reflect on how these texts contribute to a robust and biblically based practice of peace and justice today. This online short course of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary lasts six weeks. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Aug. 26 to save \$50. ambs.edu/online-short-courses

Take a seminary course this fall! Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s distance-friendly options include Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture; Controversial Texts in Paul’s Letters (six sessions only); Practical Theology of the Climate Crisis; Spiritual Practices: Prayer and Scripture; Understanding Trauma in Ministry and Peacebuilding; and more. In-person courses are also available. Some courses may be audited. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first two courses for credit! Courses run Sept. 1 – Dec. 11; sign up by Aug. 24. ambs.edu/upcoming-courses

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/>