



August 23, 2026

Faith Journey Stories

First Mennonite Church – Hutchinson KS

Gathering Together with God

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

One: We gather together in the presence of God,

Many: the Lord of heaven and earth:

One: the Creator of our world and everything in it;

Many: the One who gave us life and breath,

One: the One who is never far away from any of us,

**Many: the One in whom we live and move
and have our being.**

ALL: Let's worship God together!

HYMN *Summoned by the God Who Made Us* VT 1

Sharing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting ...*stand or remain
seated to greet those around you with the peace of Christ.*

HYMN *Like a Rock* VT 63

Lighting the Peace Lamp & Praying for Peace

Children's Time

Stories of God-With-Us on the Way

Special Music – *Gethsemane* ... words and music by Melanie Hoffman

Scripture Reading *John 14:1-7*

Faith Journey Sharing

HYMN *The Love of God* VT 162

Scripture Reading *Matthew 6:26-27; 10:29-31*

Faith Journey Sharing

HYMN *Go, My Children* VT 830

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Music for Meditation

Dwelling with God for the World

HYMN *Move in Our Midst* VT 827

Benediction

Postlude

Photo on front of bulletin: Pilgrim bound by staff and faith, rest thy bones", from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

Read THIS WEEK @
posted at hutchfmc.org

Reno County Food Bank donations for August: Peanut Butter

The Food Bank has seen a great increase in folks who shop. Their shelves are emptying quickly. Your food and monetary gifts are appreciated.

The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship. Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

Sound: Shane Miller
Livestream: Jay Gehring
Ushers: Susan Combs & Joretta Martens
Nursery: Diane Ziemer
Worship Leader: Jon Miller
Organist: Pauline Buller
Special Music: Sadie Pritchett
Song Leader: Magdalena Wenger
Children's Time: Joy Miller

Faith Story Sharing: Carol Moore & Shane Miller
Scripture Reader and Prayers of the People: Tonya Ramer Wenger

TODAY:

Text prayer requests to Pastor Tonya at 620.513.2828

Offerings to support FMC mission and ministry are received in the offering box at the back, or on our website.

Special offering received last Sunday for the Woodward-Breckbill's ministry with Mennonite Mission Network is still open. Please make checks payable to Mennonite Mission Network, designated for "Woodward-Breckbill MST." You can also donate (with the same designation) on Mennonite Mission Network's website: <https://www.mennonitemission.net/donate/>

Sunday School for elementary & middle school children will be at Dillon Nature Center today, followed by a “bring your own picnic lunch” with their families.
Adult discussion focusing on themes from the worship service (meet in the classroom near the ping pong table).

LOOKING AHEAD

- **August 26** – Pastor Tonya’s day apart (no church office hours this Wed)
- **August 26** – M&M kickoff at the Esau pool (6:30pm)
- **August 30** – Assembling MCC School Kits @ 11:00am. GOAL: 100 kits!
- **August 30** – Come & go celebration of life for Mary Jo Preheim 2-4pm
- **September 12** – FMC hosting *Kids Meet Christ* event
- **September 13** – Fall Sunday School Quarter begins
- **September 20** – retreat introducing Confessional Bible Study

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. The 5-month program invites us to explore how our relationship to the Bible has formed us and to learn Confessional Bible Study – a life-giving practice that helps us navigate the ever-changing landscape of daily living. Read more on our **THIS WEEK @ FMC** post on our website, and plan to attend Sept 13 Sunday School and an introductory retreat at FMC on Sept 20 from 11am-2:30pm (lunch included, childcare provided after lunch).

Anabaptist World subscription renewal forms with payment are due **TODAY!** Monthly issues provide news from the global Anabaptist community. The group subscription rate is only \$49/year, with issues sent directly to your home. Pick up a form on the table in the foyer. New subscribers welcome!

FMC 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR update from our treasurer:

Our general budget offerings were \$9,984 higher (+6%) than our budgeted offering amount. Note that our budgeted contributions for the fiscal year are \$16,392 lower than our budgeted expenses, thus we adopted a deficit budget for this fiscal year. A key \$ amount to keep track of is how our actual contributions compare to our actual expenses for the fiscal year. Our general budget offerings were \$2,699 lower than our actual expenses through July. Our rainy-day fund or undesignated/unrestricted balance is sitting at \$104,718 that can absorb any budget deficits.

Central Kansas Justice Ministry Update

The listening phase of our justice ministry is kicking off soon with nearly 125 house meetings being planned in September throughout Central Kansas, including here at FMC. Watch for your invitation (from one of our Justice Team members) to participate.



Arms Wide Open: To Serve & Be Served

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