

THIS WEEK @ FMC - September 23-29, 2026

September 21 is International Peace Day. Typically we observe Peace Sunday in worship, but since we didn't this year, read on for some information and inspiration from Mennonite Central Committee's Peace Sunday Resources for 2026:

*As our world faces the rise of warmaking and the sharp decline of humanitarian assistance, this year's theme for the International Day of Peace — **Invest in peace: for everyone, everywhere, every day** — is timely and relevant. Celebrated on or around September 21 each year, the International Day of Peace provides an opportunity to reflect on our leaders' preference for the military industrial complex over dignity-driven investments, for resource extraction and trade deals over equitable and mutually beneficial partnerships, for profits over compassion.*

According to the [Institute for Economics and Peace](#), global peacefulness has deteriorated for 12 consecutive years. In 2025, the Trump administration, with support from Congress, decimated U.S. foreign assistance and rescinded billions in funding already appropriated for humanitarian needs, global stability and peacebuilding. Such cruel and capricious cuts exacerbate famine, [food insecurity](#), forced displacement and trauma. The effects of deep decreases in vital services both within the U.S. and globally are leading to millions of otherwise preventable deaths and increasing the potential for violent conflict.

To meet the challenge in front of us, we must invest in both proven and creative approaches to peacebuilding, centering human dignity and building healthy political and economic systems. In conflict and post-conflict zones, this includes locally-led and context-sensitive disarmament, demobilization, reintegration and rehabilitation. Community-owned dialogue processes create opportunities to transform hearts and minds, replacing suspiciousness and hatred with forgiveness and reconciliation and offering a moral framework for sustainable peace.

Prayer (excerpted from "For disarmament and peace" by Pope Leo XIV)

Lord of Life,
you shaped every human being in your image and likeness.
We believe you created us for communion, not for war,
for fraternity, not for destruction.
You who greeted your disciples saying, "Peace be with you,"
grant us the gift of your peace
and the strength to make it a reality in history.
Today we lift up our prayer for peace in the world,
asking that nations renounce weapons
and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy. Amen.

Find the full prayer at

vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/prayers/documents/20260305-popesprayer-marzo.html

-Pastor Tonya

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, SEPTEMBER 27

PURSUING GOD'S JUSTICE IN A THIRSTY LAND: GOD'S SHALOM FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Walking in Wonder

If we release our human grasp of the world, we catch glimpses of God's shalom in the wonder and workings of our common home. A new sense of purpose emerges, calling our former priorities into question.

Scriptures: Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:25-34

Preacher: Jim Unruh

Worship Leader: Jon Miller

Pianist: Shelley Kauffman

Song Leader: Magdalena Wenger

Children's Time: Lona Willems

Scripture Reader: Randy Rempel

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

Ushers: Cheryl Warkentin & Russell Goering

Nursery Attendant: Joel & Hilda Iwashige

Sound Tech: Shane Miller

Livestream Tech: Jay Gehring

INVITATION TO ENGAGE WITH CREATION THIS WEEK

God has created such incredible cycles and systems that sustain our lives and all of creation. ***This week, open your eyes in wonder to the cycles around you and participate in them.*** Perhaps doing so is already part of your daily life, or perhaps you will find inspiration to do something new.

Consider a brief description of a few such cycles:

- The carbon dioxide-oxygen cycle keeps all living things on earth alive through the exchange of oxygen (produced by plants through photosynthesis) and carbon dioxide (produced by humans and animals through respiration). Take some time to appreciate all the plants in your environment. Participate in planting and nourishing some oxygen producers in your house or local environment.
- As all living things die and decay, they provide nourishment for new life. Do you see any examples around you, such as a nursery log (decaying wood out of which new plants are growing)? Participate in either home or city composting.
- Plants need nitrogen in the soil to grow well. Through the nitrogen cycle, legumes (such as beans, peas, and peanuts) pull nitrogen from the air and fix it into a usable form in the earth. Other plants, such as grass in lawns, are also rich in nitrogen that they have pulled from the air. You can participate in the nitrogen cycle through crop rotation in your garden or fields, or by "grass cycling" (i.e., leaving grass clippings on your lawn).
- Consider the path of the sun and the cycle of seasons. In northern latitudes, we are entering the season of hibernation and rest, when many plants and animals find a cozy and safe place to sleep their way through the winter. Just as in the story of creation, when God set aside a day of rest for humanity, God has also created cycles of rest and regeneration for other living beings. Participate by observing the Sabbath, slowing down, and taking a time of rest for yourself, thereby allowing creation to rest as well.

What other natural systems and cycles can you think of? Be curious this week and look up more information about how they work. How can you get on board with God's restoring work in the world through participating more intentionally in these systems and cycles? Take time to reflect in wonder and awe at the intricacy of God's creation and praise God.

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.

SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY . . . continuing through the end of September

Special Hope Network in Lusaka, Zambia is a small faith-based organization that provides support for children with mental disabilities and their families. Eldon and Jane Wagler learned about SHN when they were part of a small group in Lusaka that included the Nelson family. The Zambian currency has strengthened recently against the dollar which founder Holly Nelson says has made 'mincemeat' of the SHN budget. Thank you for considering a one-time donation to help SHN continue their support of children with mental disabilities. **Donate to First Mennonite (by check or online on our website) with SHN in the memo line.** *Donations will be accepted till the end of September.*

CALENDAR – LOOKING AHEAD

September 24 – Congregational Ministry Team (CMT) meets at 6:00pm

September 26 – FMC serves at the Soup Kitchen

September 27 – 12pm Safe Sanctuaries training for all Sunday School teachers, nursery, M&M, etc. Lunch is provided – please sign up in the foyer to help us plan! (or email the church office to RSVP)

September 30 – Book group begins fall study – 1:00pm in Common Grounds (chapters 1-5)

September 30 – Pastor Congregation Relations Committee meets 5:15pm

September 30 – Faith Formation Coordination Team meets 6:30pm

October 2 – Playgroup for toddlers and preschoolers meets 9:00-10:00am on 1st & 3rd Fridays

October 4 – Mentors & Mentees meet 12noon-1:30pm

October 4 – Blessing of the Pets 1:30ish pm

October 7 – WNAF begins (1st of 4 sessions), 5:30 dinner, 6:30 sessions for adults & for children

October 11 – FMC leads worship at Mennonite Friendship Communities, 10:00am in the chapel

October 11 – Reno County CROP Walk, Rice Park, 1:30pm registration

October 12 – Craft Night, 6:30-8:00pm

October 25 – 12pm FMC Budget Meeting (with youth fundraiser hamburger fry for lunch!)

October 27 – Mennonite Friendship Communities “Evening at the Burt” fundraising dinner & silent auction

DEEPENING in Christ...

PRAYER GROUPS & OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to join with others at FMC for prayer, please let the church office know.

The ecumenical Centering Prayer group next meets on the 4th Thursday of September (Noon-1pm) and then will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in October and November. The schedule will be re-evaluated as we head into December.

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 October 13 @ 1:00pm
 The evening group's October date is TBD.

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

The fall Sunday School quarter begins for everyone on September 13!

Preschool-8th grade: Shine curriculum

Senior Youth: upstairs in the youth room

Adults: Confessional Bible Study in the fellowship hall (or on Zoom)

CONFESSIONAL BIBLE STUDY & ORIENTING WITH THE WORD COHORT

This fall (beginning Sept 13) FMC is offering **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. Pastor Tonya and Em Calvert will be working with and supported by AMBS to facilitate this process. A description of this way of engaging with the Bible is outlined in a bulletin insert available [HERE](#) on our website (under the Bulletins tab). You can watch the [recording of the August 30 Worship service](#) to get a taste of the process. Each week we consider a different scripture passage and follow a 3-step pattern as follows: 1) study and engagement with scripture, 2) artful/creative response, and 3) worship response. All are invited to join us whenever you are able.

FALL WORSHIP: *Pursuing God's Justice in a Thirsty Land – God's Shalom for our Common Home*

This fall, September 6-October 4, our worship will center on exploring our part in the well-being and flourishing of all people, and all of creation with whom we share our common home. Our scriptures and themes will be drawn from a Justice sermon series being using by many of the other congregations who are also part of the emerging *Central Kansas justice ministry*, as well as themes from the yearly ecumenical *Season of Creation* movement, encouraging us not to forget to care for the other-than-human members of our family. October 4 is World Communion Sunday, and we'll be sharing communion together.

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) – September 30 (no office hours this Wed)

PLAYGROUP for toddlers & preschoolers begins October 2

Playgroup for toddlers and preschoolers will be on the first and third Fridays of every month from 9 am-10 am. Typically, it will be downstairs in the fellowship area near the air hockey table, but sometimes we are at a park. Feel free to share with your neighbors, friends, and relatives and invite them to join. Feel free to call or text Joy with any questions [\(717\)471-4503](tel:7174714503).

OCTOBER 4 – BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS @ 1:30PM

Directly following the M&M Gathering on October 4 will be an opportunity to bring pets/animals for a blessing! More details will be coming soon, but this will be a short and fairly informal event celebrating and giving thanks for the animals who make our lives so much better.

FALL WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT FIRST (WNAF) BEGINS OCTOBER 7 – *The Inner Work of Aging*

In October we'll gather for four Wednesday evenings focusing on the theme "*The Inner Work of Aging*." Leading us will be Dawn Yoder Harms, newly retired chaplain from Kidron/Bethel in North Newton and Anita Kehr, chaplain at Showalter Villa. We'll begin with a shared dinner between 5:30-6:30pm (provided) followed by the adult program and activities for kids from 6:30-7:30pm.

This four-session series provides opportunity for participants to reflect on the challenges and opportunities of growing older and the invitation to live fully now. Topics will include:

- **Oct 7: Coming to Terms: Moving toward acceptance** (Dawn)
- **Oct 14: Refocusing priorities and purpose** (Dawn)
- **Oct 21: The Harvest of our Lives: how might I bless those who follow?** (Dawn)
- **Oct 28: Dying Well** (Anita)

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.

FMC BOOK GROUP begins fall study of Kate Bowler's book, JOYFUL, ANYWAY

New participants are invited to join us for our fall read beginning with our first session on September 30 at 1:00pm in Common Grounds Room. Each participant buys or borrows their own book. If you need help, check with the church office. Our fall group will meet every Wednesday for 8 sessions, ending November 18. Our winter book selection is Searching for Sacred Ground: The Journey of Chief Lawrence Hart, Mennonite, by Raylene Hinz-Penner. We will begin this study early in 2027. All are invited to join us!

If you will be joining us this fall for Kate Bowler's book, here is our reading/discussion schedule:

- September 30 . . chapters 1-5
- October 7 . . chapters 6-14
- October 14 . . chapters 15-19

- October 21 . . chapters 20-25
- October 28 . . chapters 26-35
- November 4 . . chapters 36-40
- November 11 . . chapters 41-44
- November 18 . . chapters 45-48

STRETCHING to Serve as Christ Served...

RENO COUNTY FOOD BANK . . .

The need for food and monetary gifts has increased substantially! Let's help restock the shelves!

September: Canned meat/tuna

October: Canned soup

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.

CENTRAL KANSAS INTERFAITH JUSTICE ORGANIZATION

This fall **over 25 congregations in Central Kansas** (including First Mennonite) are taking the next steps to organize for justice. At our church, our Justice Ministry Team is being led by Peggy Stucky, Carol Moore, Susan Combs and Jane Wagler. We commissioned them on Sunday Sept 13 for this important ministry. Supporting them is Jeanne Koontz, the lead organizer of the Central Kansas Justice Ministry. Below are details about what's coming up!!

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2026: LISTENING PHASE is underway!! Over 100 listening sessions will be held throughout Central Kansas. Through personal storytelling we'll hear the 'cries of the people' and will identify 4 potential issues for us all to work on together. We are hosting 5 listening sessions in our congregation. **OCTOBER 31 Covenant Assembly.** At this gathering, attended by over 400 leaders (team members, clergy and more) from member organizations, we'll discern and vote to focus on two of the four issues brought to the table from the listening sessions. This is also where we'll vote on a name and bylaws/structure for the organization.

DECEMBER 2026-MAY 2027: Then, we'll begin a **RESEARCH PHASE** spanning **December 2026-April 2027**. During that time two committees of lay leaders and clergy will meet to shape solutions to the identified problems. On **APRIL 2, 2027** these solutions will be presented to the team members, clergy and more from member organizations, and the work will begin to organize to gather a 'great assembly' of people from our member organizations. That work culminates on **MAY 1, 2027** as we gather with 1500-2000 others for our first **NEHEMIAH ASSEMBLY**. This is the day we ask our entire membership to gather (just one time a year among the 52 times we gather for worship) to ***do justice***, pressing the decision makers in our communities for clear, concrete systemic solutions to the most pressing problems facing Central KS.

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. ***Beginning this fall, Cindy Kroeker will be taking Pastor Tonya's place on the board – many thanks to her!*** 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 – 5:30-7:00pm.**

BETHEL COLLEGE announcements

Fri., Sept. 25 – “This is Bob: Student, Teacher, Artist,” a retrospective of work by Bob Regier, opens in the *Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center* (reception Oct. 16; final day Oct. 17). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 1 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, Dr. Jonathan Poquette, director, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

Bethel College Fall Festival – October 15-18. [Click here to view the full schedule.](#)

Bethel College Women’s Association (BCWA) welcomes donations of homemade peppernuts, whole fruit pies, poppyseed rolls, zwieback, cinnamon rolls and other home-made goodies. We are happy to have donated craft items to sell as well. We would also welcome help staffing the Market in the Round, located in the Luyken Fine Arts Center. If you would like to volunteer or have questions about donations, please contact Valerie Klaassen at jvklussen@gmail.com. Donated baked and craft items can be brought to Luyken Fine Arts Center music library on Friday, October 16, between 1 and 5 pm or on Saturday, October 17, between 7 and 9 am. This Fall Fest fundraiser supports students and campus improvements throughout the year.

HESSTON COLLEGE announcements

“Section Selections” quilt exhibit opens at Hesston College

A quilt exhibit titled “Section Selections” will be featured in the Regier-Friesen Gallery located in Hesston College’s Laban Peachey Center ([325 S. College Dr., Hesston](#)) from September 1 through 27 with a reception on September 16. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, free admission.

Hesston College Homecoming 2026

Hesston College will celebrate with alumni and friends of the college during Homecoming weekend, September 25 to 27. Highlights: a disc golf tournament, the Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony, family festival Saturday evening and much more! Full schedule: hesston.edu/homecoming.

Fall theatre production, “The Children’s Hour”

Hesston College Theatre department will perform “The Children’s Hour” October 1 to 4 in the Black Box Theater located in Keim Center. Performance times are Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Show information will be posted soon at hesston.edu/news and tickets can be purchased online at hesston.edu/showtix or by calling [620-327-8104](tel:620-327-8104).

RENO COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK . . . October 11 @ Rice Park, 1:30pm registration

One-quarter of the funds we raise will stay local, divided between the Christian Soup Ministry, Inc. and the Reno County Food Bank. We hope to raise enough to send a \$1000 check to each agency. Angela Penner, Food Bank Director, and Stanley Murdock, Soup Ministry Director, plan to be on hand to tell us some of the many ways they can use our donations. Our global neighbors need our help, too. CWS will use what we raise to provide “good seeds to the sower” as they work with family farmers to improve their yields. CWS also helps communities dig local wells—precluding the need for girls who should be in school to walk three miles and then carry water home for their families. **If you would like to send donations in advance (whether or not you can walk on October 11), please make checks payable to CWS/CROP and send them to Grace Episcopal Church, 2 Hyde Park Dr, Hutchinson, KS 67502.**

MENNONITE FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITIES . . . Evening at the Burt – October 27

Plans are underway for Mennonite Friendship Communities annual Evening at the Burt event. Tuesday, October 27 will be a wonderful time for the community to gather for delicious food, good fellowship, silent

auction and more. This year's speaker is Trooper Ben Gardner. There are a variety of ways you can support this important event. For more information, please talk with your board member or contact Susan Nisly at [620-663-7175](tel:620-663-7175). It's a great way to support Mennonite Friendship Communities!

CENTRAL KANSAS MASTER CHORALE . . . Concert on Sunday, October 4

The Central Kansas Master Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Joel Garber, will present a Choral Festival concert at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 4. Please join us for this special event held at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S Main St, Hesston, KS. Admission is free, donations accepted. For more information, visit the chorale website at www.centrankansasmasterchorale.org.

CAMP MENNOSCAH announcements

Still space at the Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat on October 2-4!

[Register here!](https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com) (<https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com>)

Dam removal on October 18 at 2:30pm! Spectators and helpers are welcome. This task involves heavy boards and rushing water, so younger ages should plan on watching the process, not helping. Wear appropriate clothing for the task and weather. Watch Facebook for any changes or text/call [316-293-7313](tel:316-293-7313).

Camp Mennoscah will have a booth at Bethel College's Fall Fest, October 17, through mid-afternoon. There will be a silent auction for a Camp Mennoscah tee shirt (tied) comforter. Timothy Schrag, the new Development Director, will also be there to meet you.

ANABAPTIST DISABILITIES NETWORK . . . two webinars

Children as Docents in a World of Wonder

Webinar on Wednesday, October 14, 1:00pm on Zoom; Dr. Benjamin Conner, presenter.

How might our engagement with children of all abilities and animals (specifically horses in this presentation) awaken in us wonder? In what ways can engaging in wonder enrich our ways of knowing and our ways of witnessing to the ongoing creative and redemptive work of God in the world? Information here: <https://www.anabaptistdisabilitiesnetwork.org/resources/education-awareness/webinars/>

Thy Tender Care: What Caregiving and Disability Can Teach Us about the Kingdom of God

Webinar on Wednesday, October 28, 10:00am on Zoom; author John van Sloten, presenter.

In this intimate portrait of parenthood, a driven father discovers the life-transforming presence of God through his relationship with his son Edward, a young man with Down syndrome who is also nonverbal.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE announcements

Sign up to participate in the **Conscientious Objection: understanding the legacy and what it means today** webinar, **Tuesday, October 6 at 7 p.m. CDT/6 p.m. MDT**. This webinar will provide space to reflect on what it means to be a Conscientious Objector (CO), remember its history, learn about how to declare CO status, and how to connect with MCC Central States and other churches around the topic of CO. Register at mcc.org/co-today and contact beckyteiwes@mcc.org for more information.

Thank you for taking part in this year's MCC School Kit Challenge! Thanks to the work of people like you throughout the U.S. and Canada, we went well above our goal of 30,000 school kits for the 2026 challenge. Working together, you, your community and other devoted supporters packed **46,481 school kits!** Each of the 46,481 school kits you shared will be a gift and treasure for a student dreaming of a bright future — and for the loved ones, teachers and community members dreaming alongside them. Thank you for being part of this year's School Kit Challenge. We hope you'll join us again next year!

IN TOUCH — a monthly newsletter of Mennonite Central Committee. Read it here:

<https://mennonitecentralcommittee.cmail20.com/t/i-e-vjykyk-ihykyuril-jk/>

The fall 2026 issue of *Intersections* on "Reproductive Health," compiled by MCC health program lead, Laena Maunula, is now on the MCC website. See the link to the issue [here](#). MCC staff reflect on learnings from MCC-supported reproductive health efforts in Chad, Kenya, Burundi, Indonesia, Egypt, Nigeria, and Bolivia.

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

ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY announcements

Online Short Course: Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology: Oct. 28 – Dec. 15. Join Jamie Pitts, PhD, to explore the birth and development of the Anabaptist movements in the 16th century in this six-week online short course of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. You'll be challenged to draw connections between the 16th century and your own life or ministry. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 7 to save \$50! ambs.edu/short-courses

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 Winter 2027 cohort begins Jan. 22; those who apply by Nov. 13 can save \$100! ambs.edu/journey

Anabaptist Missiology Revisited . . . *Anabaptist Witness* 13.1 available for free online!

Edited by James R. Krabill, PhD, this issue tells the story of the Association of Anabaptist Missiologists (AAM) and brings together the four papers presented at the initial AAM gathering in 2000 for the first time. Contemporary Anabaptist voices from the global faith family offer responses to each paper. Book reviews discuss intercultural congregations and Muslim-Christian relations. *Anabaptist Witness* is a publication of AMBS, Mennonite Central Committee (U.S. and Canada), Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Mission Network.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA announcements

What does it mean to "hold space" for someone? In her Menno Snapshots blog, spiritual director Jane Hooper Peifer explores what it means to "hold space" for someone living with deep trauma. She reflects on how compassionate presence, listening and trust can help create room for healing. Read "A 'holding space' story" here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/holding-space/>

Now available: Fall issue of Equipping. Check out the fall issue of Equipping, Mennonite Church USA's quarterly digital resource digest for upcoming events, congregational resources and learning opportunities. Read it (and subscribe) here: <https://bit.ly/4qzriOB>

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE . . . On the Level – September issue

Our September edition of On the Level is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares his personal trauma following a biking accident, learn about three generations of MDS volunteers, meet the new year-long volunteers, and read about some recipients of the "Golden Hammer" award. Plus we have new information about the Annual Celebration coming in February. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/4iqKRgo>