

THIS WEEK @ FMC - October 14-20, 2026

Receive this blessing, part of the *“Love One Another – replacing ‘othering’ with ‘neighboring’*” Worship Resources from Worship Design Studio, created to accompany us through this election season:

**“God, who created you ready for relationship,
be with you as you seek to love in the midst of difficulty.**

**Jesus, who showed you the way,
be with you as you seek to love like him.**

**The Spirit, who will never leave you lonely,
give you capacity for love that surprises even you.**

**In the name of the Three-in-One,
go out to be Love-in-Action
this week and for all time. Amen.”**

-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, OCTOBER 18

COVENANT and COMMANDMENTS (Narrative Lectionary)

Joshua 24:1-15 [16-26]

Preacher: Tonya Ramer Wenger

Worship Leader: Randy Rempel

Musicians: Joanna Wenger, Pauline Buller

Song Leader: TBD

Children’s Time: Deanne Goering

Scripture Readers: Hilda & Lucia Iwashige

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

Ushers: Jon & Martha Miller

Nursery Attendant: Donna Davis

Sound Tech: Ryker Wiens

Livestream Tech: Jonathan Wenger

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

October 14 – Book Group, 1:30pm; *Joyful, Anyway*, Kate Bowler
October 14 – WNAF (session 3), dinner 5:30pm, program for children & adults 6:30pm
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
October 31 – Justice Ministry: 10:00am Community Problems Assembly in Salina
October 31 – Donuts on the Lawn – talk to Jonathan if you can help
November 15 – Mission Festival with guest speaker from Central States Mennonite Central Committee
November 29 – First Sunday of Advent
December 6 – Annual Congregational Meeting

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 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 November 10 @ 1:00pm
 Wednesday November 11 @ 6:30pm

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

The fall Sunday School quarter has something for all ages!

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 – FALL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

All adults are invited to participate in the **Confessional Bible Study (CBS)** during the Sunday School hour this fall. 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 @ FMC

This fall we are picking up with the story of God as traced by the Narrative Lectionary, which begins each fall with creation and follows of the story of ancient Israel through the advent of Jesus, his life and ministry (this winter we'll listen to Matthew's account of the Jesus story), continuing through Holy Week and Easter, and ending with the formation of the early church and a celebration of Pentecost. Last Sunday we picked

up the story of the people of Israel three months into their wilderness wandering learning to live as God's people after being freed from a life as slaves under Pharaoh. Coming up:

October 18: Joshua Renews the Covenant (Joshua 24:1-15) – Tonya preaching

October 25: Elisha heals Naaman (2 Kings 5:1-15a) – Jim preaching

November 1: All Saints Sunday, with an opportunity to remember loved ones who have died.

November 8: Swords into Ploughshares (Isaiah 36: 1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; 2:1-4) – Tonya preaching

November 15: Mission Festival (guest speaker: Talibah Aquil, Transformative Justice Program

Coordinator Mennonite Central Committee | MCC Central States)

November 22: Faith as a Way of Life (Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3:[3b-6], 17-19) – Tonya preaching

A SNEAK PEEK AT ADVENT WORSHIP PLANS – CAROLS FOR THE COMING CHRIST

Like notes on a music staff, we are called to join together to sing songs that proclaim the renewed creation of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. This year throughout the Advent and Christmas season, we will encounter familiar and new ***Carols for the Coming Christ*** and pause to consider their messages in fresh ways. As a popular quote attributed to Hans Christian Anderson says, "Where words fail, music speaks." Song poets have long helped us "speak" when our own words fail in the face of our human struggle. The promise of the Coming Christ is that our hearts can hold the world and that the songs in our hearts can heal our weariness.

This series, created by Worship Design Studio and used by permission, is inspired by a [new Advent devotional book](#) by Adam Tice (published by Herald Press). Tice is a Mennonite hymn writer with numerous contributions published in our *Voices Together* hymnal, many with powerful justice themes. Tice's devotional book weaves daily reflections about songs of the season and invites us to our own reflection. Each worship service features two carols/hymns (Tice uses these terms interchangeably) featured in the devotional book—one familiar to our traditions, and one by a newer composer. We're looking forward to exploring these carols/hymns together when Advent begins on November 29.

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

- *UPPER ROOM* – November-December issue is here
- *Rejoice!* – September-November issue

STRENGTHENING Community Connections...

CHURCH OFFICE REGULAR HOURS

- Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am – 2:00pm
- Wednesday 12 noon – 3:00pm (No Wednesday hours on October 28)

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) – October 28

FALL WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT FIRST (WNAF) BEGAN 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 include:

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

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

New participants are invited to join us for our fall read . . . Wednesdays at 1:00pm in Common Grounds Room. It's not too late to join! Each participant buys or borrows their own book. If you need help, check with the church office. Here is our reading/discussion schedule:

- 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

CHANGE of DATE for PLAYGROUP for toddlers & preschoolers – call Joy for information

Playgroup for toddlers and preschoolers will usually 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).

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 has increased substantially! Let's help restock the shelves!

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. And many of you have agreed to be part of our Justice Ministry Network, attending the upcoming events and considering making a financial donation to support the work:

OCTOBER 31 Covenant Assembly: attended by over 400 leaders (team members, clergy and more – including some of you!!) 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-APRIL 2027: we'll be in a **RESEARCH PHASE** where two committees of lay leaders and clergy will meet to shape solutions to the identified problems. If you are interested in serving on one of these research teams, let one of our Justice Ministry Team leaders know!

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.

MAY 1, 2027: we'll 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. ***Cindy Kroeker is taking Pastor Tonya's place on the board.*** 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).

ET CETERA ANNOUNCES NEW GENERAL MANAGER

The Et Cetera Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Sheila Bartley as the new General Manager, effective Tuesday, Oct 6. Sheila replaces Delon Martens who has been manager for the past five years and has moved to Kidron Bethel Village in North Newton. Sheila comes with a diverse background in administration and volunteer work. Raised in Hutchinson, Sheila remains committed to her community and family. She has been married for 33 years to Thad Bartley. They have one daughter, Dr. Megan Bartley. Sheila is active at Journey @ South Hutch Church and also participates in JAM (Jesus And Me). She enjoys volunteering with various organizations, particularly Clothed In Compassion, Inc. She also enjoys gardening and other outdoor activities. Sheila is eager to meet Et Cetera and Seconds on 2nd staff and volunteers. She will spend the first few weeks getting to know everyone, the various areas of our organization and behind-the-scenes operations at both facilities. She and Delon will be working closely over the next weeks to ensure a smooth transition. You are invited to stop by Et Cetera and meet Sheila as she takes on the role of General Manager.

BETHEL COLLEGE announcements

Bethel College is offering a new Math Problem-Solving & Test Prep Series for high school juniors and seniors looking to prepare for the ACT, build confidence, master new strategies and tackle tough math challenges. Fall dates are **Sat., Nov. 7 and Dec. 5, 9:30-11:30 a.m.**, with different topics and activities each time and with lunch provided after. There is no cost to attend (one, two or all three) but [registration](#) is required.

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 jvklaaassen@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.

Thurs., Oct. 15 – Bethel College Jazz, 6 p.m. on the Main & Broadway stage at Taste of Newton, downtown Newton

Fri., Oct. 16 – Reception for Bob Regier and “This is Bob: Student, Teacher, Artist,” 6-7 p.m., *Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.* The exhibit is open through Oct. 17. Regular gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m. (closed Oct. 11-13 for fall break; open extended hours during Fall Fest, Oct. 16-17).

Fri., Oct. 16, 7 p.m., Sat., Oct. 17, 3 p.m., Sun., Oct. 18, 2 p.m. – The Bethel College music and theater departments present the musical *The Spitfire Grill* by James Valcq and Fred Alley during Fall Fest, *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.* Ticket purchase required, in Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center weekdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m., [online](#) or at the door. (Friday performance interpreted for the D/deaf community.)

Sat., Oct. 17 – Kauffman Museum Fall Fest Bird Walk, 8 a.m. start time in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and [27th streets \(2801 N. Main St., North Newton\)](#). Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail (terrain is mostly wood-chip path and sometimes uneven/sloping).

Sat., Oct. 17 – Fall Fest programs at Kauffman Museum (in the museum auditorium): recital on the Teschemacher parlor organ **with Rosi Penner Kaufman and Donna Hetrick, 10 a.m.;** “A Tactile Cogitation,” **with artist Karen Reimer, 1 p.m.**

Tues., Oct. 20 – Bethel College Chamber Orchestra concert, Dr. Kelly Poquette, director, 7 p.m., *Ad Building chapel* **(NOTE CHANGES from some printed calendars)**

Thurs., Oct. 22 – The biennial Senses & Aging Symposium, “Charles Bonnet Syndrome,” with presenters Daniel Kish and Jaymes Squires, 6-7:30 p.m., *Kidron Hall at Kidron Bethel Village* ([3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton](#))

Sun., Oct. 25 & Mon., Oct. 26 – Annual Menno Simons Lectures, with Dr. Gerald Mast, Bluffton University. The overall theme is “Anabaptist Hermeneutics, Figural Reading and the Gospel of Peace.” **First lecture: Sun., Oct. 25, 7 p.m.,** “The Holiness of War and the Victory of Peace in Anabaptist Figural Bible Reading”; **second, Mon., Oct. 26, 11 a.m.,** “The Violence of the Bible and the Gospel of Peace”; **third, Mon., Oct. 26, 7 p.m.,** “The Bride of Christ and the Unity of the Church in Anabaptist Figural Bible Reading.” All in *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College*, with audience discussion following each lecture. Free and open to the public.

Mennonite History Tour to Poland planned for July 2027

Poland provided a refuge for Mennonites for centuries. Mennonites lived there before migrating to Russia and the United States. Most Mennonites of the Great Plains and the prairie provinces of Canada thus can trace their roots to the Vistula River valley. The Mennonite Experience in Poland Tour, July 9-20, 2027, will trace this history as well as explore Polish history, culture and cuisine. Special features include a tour of the Malbork castle, headquarters of the Teutonic Knights, and a boat ride on the grass via the Elbląg/Elbing canal that uses a rail lift system instead of locks. We will also identify and visit specific villages where your ancestors lived. The tour is sponsored by the Mennonite Polish Studies Association and led by Dr. Mark Jantzen '85, Bethel professor of history, and John D. Thiesen '82, co-director of libraries and archivist for

the Mennonite Library and Archives at Bethel. All tour details and much additional information about Mennonites in Poland and Prussia can be found at this link:

<https://mla.bethelks.edu/information/mpsa.php>

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HESSTON COLLEGE announcements

Request for singers - Masterworks concert

Community singers are invited to join Hesston College for “Let All the People Praise,” an evening of thanksgiving for choir, brass, organ and percussion, featuring John Rutter’s “Gloria.” There will be four rehearsals leading up to the Masterworks concert on November 21 at 7 p.m. For more information visit hesston.edu/masterworks

Prints and Mixed Media art exhibit by Susan Fox open at Hesston College

A prints and mixed media exhibit by Newton artist Susan Fox is featured in the Regier-Friesen Gallery located in Hesston College’s Laban Peachey Center ([325 S. College Dr., Hesston](#)) from October 1 through 30. A reception with the artist is scheduled for October 14. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and admission is free.

Larktoberfest: Fall Fun at the Diamond, October 30

Hesston College Softball is excited to announce a new event, Larktoberfest: Fall Fun at the Diamond on Friday, October 30. Come for a softball scrimmage versus Fort Hays Tech Northwest at 5 p.m. and stay for this family-friendly fall festival for the entire community featuring a bounce house, games, food, trunk-or-treat and face painting.

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

Join us for an elegant evening of philanthropy and celebration at the Crystal Ballroom at The Burt (3 West Avenue B). This is a wonderful time for the community to gather for a delicious catered dinner, good fellowship, silent auction and a presentation by Trooper Ben Gardner. Single tickets are \$200 and a table for eight is \$1,500. For more information, please talk with the board members from our church (Russ Wedel or Jonathan Wenger) or contact Susan Mueller at [620-663-7175](tel:620-663-7175). Your support will help fund renovation in the south healthcare neighborhood – carpeting, wall covering and redesign of the central nurse’s station.

KANSAS INTERFAITH ACTION conversation on Data Centers

Join Kansas Interfaith Action and partners on October 18 at 2pm at the Blue Dragon Room in the Parker Student Union at Hutch Community College for *Data Centers: Opportunity or Nightmare? A Series of Faithful Conversations*. As people of faith and conscience, we must consider the implications of large-scale data centers on the earth and on those who are most vulnerable in our communities. A panel of experts will share their perspective and guide a thoughtful and nuanced discussion of where to go from here. Learn more and register at <http://bit.ly/hutch26data> There’s more information about the event on our [website](#) and on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH IN HALSTEAD . . . Hog Roast, Sunday, October 18

First Mennonite Church in Halstead invites you to their annual **Hog Roast** on Sunday, October 18, from 5-7 p.m. at the gazebo in Scout Park ([327 Locust St., Halstead, KS](#)). Bring your lawn chair and enjoy an evening of music from Eric Schrag & family along with a pulled pork meal and sides. Cost is by donation with proceeds going to Camp Mennoscah.

HOFFNUNGSAU MENNONITE CHURCH . . . Annual Mission Supper, Saturday, October 24

Hoffnungssau Church, 43 13th Ave, Inman, invites you **Saturday, October 24, 5:00 – 6:30**, curbside pick up with tables outside and inside available if you want to stay and eat. Please text or call Barb at [620-543-6863](tel:620-543-6863) to order a meal of German sausage, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, zwiebach and pie. Payment is by donation with all proceeds going towards Safe Hope in Harvey, McPherson and Marion Counties.

HOPE MENNONITE CHURCH . . . Craft Bazaar and Peppernut Sale, Saturday, November 14

Join **Hope Mennonite Church** for their annual **Craft Bazaar and Peppernut Sale** on Saturday, November 14, 2026 from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. This will take place at the church building at [868 N. Maize Road, Wichita, KS](#). All proceeds from the event will help support Hope Mennonite Church service projects: MCC, Camp Mennoscah, Family Promise and the Kansas Food Bank. Come enjoy a bake sale featuring peppernuts, local vendors selling homemade items, Quilter's Corner, and breakfast and lunch – Cinnamon Rolls, German Sausage, Bierocks, Pie, and more. All are welcome — entry is free!

JUST CAUSE FAIR TRADE SHOP . . . October 23 & 24, Hesston Mennonite Church

Paula Brunk Kuhns, owner of ***Just Cause, a fair trade store*** based in Portland, OR, will be setting up her store at Hesston Mennonite Church for a 2-day event, October 23 & 24 from 9am-6pm. Find beautifully crafted baskets, jewelry, home decor, kitchenware, metal art, cards, Christmas nativities and ornaments, and so much more from over 30 countries around the world. When you shop Fair Trade, you're not just buying a beautifully crafted item. You're partnering with artisans around the world as they preserve their craft, support their families, and build a sustainable future. Each piece holds a story, and you become part of it. In addition to supporting Fair Trade artists, this is also a fundraiser for the Hesston Mennonite Youth Groups, who will host a coffee shop while the store is open. Come join us!

KANSAS COALITION ON THE DEATH PENALTY . . . annual Abolition Meeting

Join us at **1 p.m. on Saturday November 21st to hear from persons with first-hand experience of the death penalty**. This is a virtual event so persons all over Kansas or elsewhere are welcome to join us! There is no charge to attend. We hope you can join us!

Panelists will be:

- **Celeste Dixon** is a murder victim family member. The man who murdered her mother was executed in TX.
- **Dale Baich** is a **death penalty attorney**. He witnessed 16 executions.
- **Gary Mohr** is a **corrections professional**. He supervised 15 executions.

Time: 1 p.m. conference, 2:30 annual meeting. **Location:** Zoom

Registration: <https://forms.gle/MPewj5RkuMxTfv1PA> for Zoom access.

CAMP MENNOSCAH announcements

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 on Saturday, October 17 and we'd love to see there! The booth will be located outside the Northeast corner of the Schultz Student Center. There will be a smattering of camp merchandise and folks to talk to, as well as the camp tee shirt quilt to bid on. Stop by anytime from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the chance to bid on a Camp T-shirt quilt. We look forward to reconnecting with everyone!

Camp Mennoscah's annual meeting will be combined with a Verenike Casserole Fundraiser on November 7, at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton. Starting at 5:30, everyone is welcome to come partake in a

verenike casserole meal, and stay for the annual meeting beginning at 6:00! If you would like your meal(s) to go, drive-thru begins at 5:00. The meal consists of verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zweiback, and fruit crisp. Reservations for meals can be made [here](https://forms.gle/mJmRoBn5V3qdKxHu7) (<https://forms.gle/mJmRoBn5V3qdKxHu7>) or by calling [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290). (All amounts welcome, suggested donation is \$20/meal, \$40/pan.) Your donations will help support Camp Mennoscah going into the next season of ministry! To keep this event running smoothly, volunteer help is greatly appreciated. If you have interest in helping with set-up, serving, or greeting, please reach out to timothy.schrag@campmennoscah.org.

ANABAPTIST DISABILITIES NETWORK . . . two webinars and the fall fundraiser

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.

Anabaptist Disabilities Network fall fundraiser calls us with this scripture from Isaiah 55:1: "Let all who thirst come to the water." The heart of our mission at ADN is to help every congregation to become a place where all who thirst for God find belonging. AND supports congregations to become more accessible through Barrier-Free Grants, curriculum for youth and adults with intellectual disabilities, and more. We have raised \$7,500 toward a goal of \$15,000. Send your check: Anabaptist Disabilities Network, 3145 Benham Avenue, Suite 5, Elkhart, IN 46517-1970 or give online:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=E55WVD6NEDA9A

ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY announcements

Lifelong learning offerings

- **Practical Leadership Training modules**: Upcoming short-term online modules include Discernment in the Face of Big Tech and Leadership Practices for Spiritual Vitality • Register today!
- **Online Short Course: Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology**: Taught by Jamie Pitts, PhD • Oct. 28 – Dec. 15 • Sign up by Oct. 21
- **Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program**: Encourage someone you know to apply for this distance-friendly undergraduate-level program • Begins Jan. 22 • Apply by Nov. 13 to save \$100

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK announcements

Secure your place early for the 2027-28 service term. Whether you are finishing high school, leaving college, or anywhere in between, these two programs offer young adults a meaningful way to serve, learn new skills, and grow. Visit MennoniteMission.net/Serve to learn more.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE announcements

IN TOUCH – a monthly newsletter of Mennonite Central Committee. Sign up to subscribe to this monthly newsletter and receive it in your inbox: <https://mcc.org/impact/newsletters>

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.

ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY announcements

Online Practical Leadership Training modules. Grow your leadership skills through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's affordable short-term online modules! Offerings include Discernment in the Face of Big Tech and Leadership Practices for Spiritual Vitality. CEUs available. Learn more and register: ambs.edu/plt