THIS WEEK @ FMC - November 4-10, 2026

On this election day (Nov 3, 2026), my thoughts kept returning to Michael Wear's book The Spirit of Our Politics: Spiritual Formation and the Renovation of Public Life (2023 Zondervan Books). In particular, these paragraphs have stuck with me, and I offer them today for our reading and reflection, with the encouragement to go vote, if you have not already!!

> "Christians care about politics because we care about our neighbors and communities. And political decisions impact the well-being of our neighbors. As a citizen, you do not choose to have political influence; you already have it. Politics is within your kingdom ("*Everyone has a kingdom, and God invites us to be faithful to him with that which is within range of our effective will" …* pg.96).
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> Therefore, sitting out of politics does not absolve you of blame for the state of our politics; your sitting out is your choice about how to steward the responsibility you have been given. Faithfulness is not confined to any one sphere of life. While faithfulness may look different in different arenas, it is for a*ll of life*, including the political. A holistic pursuit of justice and the well-being of our neighbors is inconceivable without political involvement. ***Politics is one of the essential forums through which we can love our neighbor.***
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> To love our neighbor is to will their good. This is what drives Christians to politics. We don't go to politics to seek affirmation or to find our primary source of identity. Christians go to politics to affirm human dignity and advance justice. Our spiritual and emotional needs are met elsewhere." (98-99)

-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, NOVEMBER 8
Swords into Plowshares

Scripture: Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; 2:1-4
Preacher: Tonya Ramer Wenger
Worship Leader: Jon Miller
Pianist: Peggy Stucky
Song Leader & Children's Time: Bryan Kehr
Scripture Reader: Randy Rempel
Prayers of the People: send prayer concerns to Pastor Tonya @ 620-513-2828
Ushers: Bryan & Anita Kehr
Nursery Attendant: Susan Combs
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) using a credit card or your banking account. You are also welcome to send a check to 52 Rambler Rd Hutchinson KS 67502.

Offerings on Mission Festival Sunday (November 15) will be received to support the Transformative Justice Program of Mennonite Central Committee. If you wish for your contribution to go to another cause, please designate so.

CALENDAR – LOOKING AHEAD
November 10 – 1-2pm Tuesday LPC (Listening-Prayer-Conversation) Group meets
November 11 – 6:30-7:30pm Wednesday LPC Group meets
November 15 – Mission Festival with guest speaker from Central States Mennonite Central Committee
November 18 – 5-7pm *"We'll Leave Our Lights On"* Thanksgiving fundraiser for Food Bank of Reno County
November 28 – FMC serves at the Soup Kitchen Ministry – sign up in the foyer to help!
November 29 – First Sunday of Advent – *Carols for Coming Hope* (5th Sunday – No Sunday School)
December 6 – Winter Sunday School Quarter begins; Annual Congregational Meeting (including lunch)
December 13 – FMC leads 10am Worship at MFC – talk to Pastor Jim if you can help!

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). This study ends on

November 22. During the winter quarter, adults will return to the ***Salt & Light*** Bible study. Our winter theme is "Power to the People." The guide provides a spiritual practice, thought-provoking commentary, and discussion prompts that draw on the biblical story and Anabaptist theology and practice. Plan to join us for the beginning of this study December 6.

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 with 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. Coming up:

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

2026 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP– 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. 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). Worship themes are as follows.

November 29 – Advent One: ***Carols for Coming Hope***
December 6 – Advent Two: ***Carols for Coming Peace***
December 13 – Advent Three: ***Carols for Coming Joy***
December 20 – Advent Four: ***Carols for Coming Love*** (including Lessons and Carols)
December 21 – Longest Night/Blue Christmas: ***Carols for Coming Comfort***
December 24 – Christmas Eve: ***Carols for the Coming Christ***
December 27 – Sunday after Christmas: ***Carols for Coming Justice***
January 3 – Epiphany: ***Carols for Coming Light*** (with 2026 Star Word reflections, and new 2027 Star Words)

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

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

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) – TBD

FMC BOOK GROUP fall study of Kate Bowler's book, JOYFUL, ANYWAY
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: November 4 – chapters 36-40, November 11 – chapters 41-44, November 18 – chapters 45-48.

PLAYGROUP for toddlers & preschoolers – call Joy for dates and information (717)471-4503.

***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!
November: Canned fruit
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 annual Thanksgiving "We'll Leave Our Lights On" fundraiser for the Food Bank is November 18 between 5-7pm. Bring donations to our church or any participating church. The list is on the poster in the foyer and the front door of the church.***

CENTRAL KANSAS INTERFAITH JUSTICE ORGANIZATION
This fall ***over 25 congregations in Central Kansas*** (including First Mennonite) are organizing 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 yearly financial donation of $200 to support the work:

OCTOBER 31 Covenant Assembly: attended by over 600 leaders (team members, clergy and more – including some of you!!) from member organizations, we discerned a new permanent name (Heartland United) and voted to focus this year on ***Mental Healthcare and Affordable Healthcare.*** We also approved bylaws and leadership for the organization. Pastor Tonya will continue to serve on the Executive Committee, but with a new role as the Clergy Caucus Leader. FMC will have at least one representative on the board, and that person is being discerned right now.

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. The kick off for this process is Tuesday evening Dec 1 on Zoom. 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).

RENO COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK update

The WALK on October 11 raised a total of $6842.89, of which members of FMC donated $540!!!!. The funds will go "local" and "global."

- Local: About $800 will again go to each of our two local hunger-fighting agencies: The Food Bank of Reno County and the Christian Soup Ministry.
- Global: With the remaining 75% of our donations, CWS will provide livestock and training to families who cannot provide for their children. CWS could give 5 chickens to each 160 Kenyan families, a pig to 60 Tanzanian families, or a goat to 30 Haitian families!!! Those families will share livestock offspring and training with their neighbors, enhancing community well-being!!

WALK. DONATE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

That's what Church World Service is trying to do in more than 1000 CROP Hunger Walks across the nation! That's what we've done in Reno County!

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE announcements

Join us for dinner, fellowship and live music on Saturday, November 21, in support of WDC's Hispanic Transitional Ministry Resource initiative! The meal will be by donation, served in the Fellowship Hall of First Mennonite Church, 429 East 1st Street, Newton, KS, by volunteers from Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania and other WDC congregations. Dine-in meals will be available between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm and will each include several tacos dorados ("golden" crispy tortillas with chicken or beans, plus toppings and condiments), sopa (chicken broth with noodles and vegetables), and arroz con leche (sweet rice pudding). Tacos will also be available to order by the dozen for carry-out from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. **Please place orders by November 14, using the online form** HERE**, or by contacting WDC at** 316-283-6300 **or** wdc@mennowdc.org. Donations may be made online with your order, or by check to WDC (with "Hispanic Transitional Ministry Fund" in the memo) and brought to the event on Nov 21 or sent to the WDC office at PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. All donations will go towards equipping Hispanic church communities and leaders in WDC with culturally relevant resourcing for pastoral and congregational transitions, a special project being led by Fernando Pérez and Rebeca González. Special thanks to Everence, which has made this event possible through Everence Mustard Seed Grants received by several WDC staff members!

Western District Conference seeks a part-time Fund Development Coordinator. 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**.

CAMP MENNOSCAH . . . annual meeting, November 7

Camp Mennoscah's annual meeting will be November 7, 6:00pm at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton.

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH (McPHERSON) . . . fundraiser verenike sales

Selling frozen verenike**.** Orders are due by Friday, November 13. Pick up date is Saturday, December 5 from 11:00am to 5:00pm at the church (1161 E A Ave). Pay at pick up with cash or check, $12.00 for 1/2 dozen and $24.00 for 1 dozen. Text your order to 620-242-7983.

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!

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH of HALSTEAD . . . Annual Mission Supper – November 21

Serving 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. in Stauffer Hall in the church (427 W. 4th, Halstead). The meal consists of German sausage, fried potatoes, green beans, chicken borscht, sauerkraut, zwieback and pie. Cost is by donation and proceeds from the supper will benefit Care Portal and the church's mission partner families: the Woodward-Breckbill family, who serve in Paris, France; and the Givens family, who serve in Calais, France. Both dine in and carry out.

MENNONITE FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITIES invites additional contributions toward $1k match

Mennonite Friendship Communities extends a huge THANK YOU to all who supported our Evening at the Burt event. Part of that fundraising event was a generous gift from an anonymous donor who pledged to match any donation dollar-for-dollar up to $100,000. That goal has not yet been met. Additional contributions are invites to maximize the match and multiply each gift. There is still time to send in a check to Mennonite Friendship Communities, 600 W. Blanchard Ave, South Hutchinson, KS 67505. If you have questions, please call Susan at 620 663 7175 or contact your board member to see how you can help reach this goal.

BETHEL COLLEGE announcements

Life Enrichment, the series at Bethel College for adults age 60 and older, on November 4 (9:30am), will feature Ken Spurgeon, "From Trading Post to Peerless Prince of the Plains." At 10:50 a.m., "Lessons Learned from a 45-Year Coaching Journey," Ray Bechard. Details here, along with a link to the complete fall schedule. This gathering is held in the Fine Arts Center.

Tues., Nov. 10 – Bethel College Organ Recital Series presents Dr. Cynthia Neufeld Smith with a program titled "Known or Unknown – Familiar Hymns Arranged by Less Familiar Composers," 7 p.m., *Administration Building chapel* or via livestream.

Sun., Nov. 15 – The Humanities Kansas traveling exhibit "Declaration of 1776: The Big Bang of Modern Democracy" opens at Kauffman Museum, 1:30 p.m., with a presentation by Sara Reimer Farley, "Celebrating the Sestercentennial of America's Patchwork of People, States, Ideals," 3 p.m., *Kauffman Museum auditorium*; reception to follow.

Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College – "Truth and the Self Are One: Self-Portraits by Artists" (from the Jake [J.] Friesen collection), through Nov. 20. Regular gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

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

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

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.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA announcements & opportunities

Successful appeal clears the way for MC USA to again seek protection for churches in "sensitive locations" lawsuit. Mennonite Church USA and its 26 co-plaintiffs won an important ruling on Oct. 20, 2026, putting them on the path toward injunctive relief in the "sensitive locations" lawsuit, Mennonite Church USA et al., v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security, et al. The case will return to the lower court, where MC USA and its co-plaintiffs can again ask for a preliminary injunction to protect their congregations while the lawsuit continues. Read more here. https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/successful-appeal/

AMERICAN RED CROSS Hutchinson Community Blood Drive

First Presbyterian Church – 201 East Sherman, Hutchinson

- Monday, November 16, noon – 6:30pm
- Tuesday, November 17, 11:00am – 5:30pm
- Wednesday, November 18, 7:00am – 1:00pm

Call 800.RED CROSS to schedule an appointment. (Fliers on the table in the foyer.) Every 2 seconds, someone needs blood in the US. Every pint of blood collected can save more than one life and can give patients more hugs, birthdays, and holidays with those they love.

ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY announcements

Try an AMBS Short Course! Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture runs Feb. 3 – March 16 with Laura Brenneman-Fullwood, Ph.D., and David Cramer, Ph.D. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register today!

Take a spring seminary course! Jan. 12 – April 30: Distance-friendly AMBS courses include Introduction to Peace Studies and Nonviolence; The Power of Empathy in Faith Communities; Public Faith and Christian Nationalism; and many more. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first two courses for credit! Learn more here.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK announcements

A generous donor has committed to matching contributions up to $300,000 made by December 31, 2026, in support of Mennonite Mission Network's **Mobilize for Peace Fund**. The matching gift challenge is to inspire individuals, congregations and partners to invest in active peacemaking efforts across the United States and around the world. Donations to the Mobilize for Peace Fund support our general fund, which finances the full scope of Mission Network's initiatives, and allows the flexibility to apply funds where they are needed most. This fiscal year, Mission Network aims to raise an additional $1 million above its annual budget to meet increased needs.

The Mobilize for Peace Fund helps:

- build emerging faith communities
- equip grassroots peacemakers
- support ministries of reconciliation and Anabaptist education

Mission Network partners with people and agencies in more than 50 countries and across the U.S. to embody Christ's call to peace, justice and mutual transformation. Mission Network helps individuals and congregations discover, develop and fulfill what God has called them to do as peacemakers.

If you plan to mail a year-end gift, allow extra time and keep proof of the mailing date.

As the end of the year approaches, we want to remind you about a change that the United States Postal Service (USPS) made to how postmarks are applied that may affect your 2026 taxes.

USPS generally applies postmarks at regional distribution centers rather than at each local post office. So, a check mailed on December 31, 2026, may not receive a postmark until January 2027. If that happens, that gift cannot be claimed on your 2026 taxes.

To document your year-end gift, here are three suggestions:

1. Mail your check at least a week before Dec. 31.
   Mennonite Mission Network, PO Box 370, Elkhart, IN 46515-0370
   Check memo: Mobilize for Peace
2. Visit a USPS retail counter and request a manual postmark when you hand over your envelope for mailing.
3. Give online at www.MennoniteMission.net/Mobilize

Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples Just Peace Pilgrimage to Navajoland, near Bluff, Utah

Focused on contemporary Indigenous realities, the histories of Indigenous Peoples, and the complexities of Indigenous-settler relations, this pilgrimage is co-hosted with the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery and led by Coalition Executive Director Sarah Augustine and Joe Hubbard of the Coalition.

- Dates: May 10-14, 2027.
- Registration deadline: March 1, 2027
- Contact Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net or visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace to learn more!

Want **to stay connected to the heart of the mission in a powerful way?**

Subscribe to Mennonite Mission Network's Prayer Vine, a monthly newsletter containing daily prayer requests for our workers, participants, and partners. Thank you for your prayers! Visit **MennoniteMission.net/Prayer** to subscribe and see all our prayer materials. Let's lift them up together!

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE announcements

IN TOUCH – a monthly newsletter of Mennonite Central Committee. Read the November *In Touch* here: https://sl1nk.com/8tj9u03 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

EASTERN MENNONITE SEMINARY online conversation with authors of *The Future is Peace*

Eastern Mennonite Seminary nurtures agents of justice and peace by opening spaces for theological learning and practice rooted in Jesus' radical ministry of beloved community. Join us for a special evening with Aziz Abu Sarah and Maoz Inon, authors of *The Future Is Peace*. Drawing from their personal experiences as a Palestinian and an Israeli, Abu Sarah and Inon share a message rooted in dialogue, reconciliation, and the belief that a different future is possible. The authors will share insights from their book and their work together November 17, 7:00pm online. Register here

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE (MDS)

Our October edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares his gratitude for 23 years of volunteers bringing people home, a volunteer shares her inspirational story of how God called her to serve with MDS, and a local community says "Thank you" to MDS Summer Youth volunteers. Plus we have the latest information about the Annual Celebration coming in February.
Click on this link to read more: https://conta.cc/4s67Qtq

CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WIDER CHURCH

MCC gifts that change lives. This Christmas season, give gifts that bring joy and comfort to your loved ones and your neighbors around the world. Plus, send a customized e-card to surprise and delight your friends and family. Consider a life-changing gift from clean water to goats. Visit https://sl1nk.com/fzkqgum