

First Mennonite and Trinity Mennonite Annual Sunday School Picnic
June 7, 2015

Doug and Pam Bartel's home
(congregations alternate hosting)

Welcome Pastors Susan Jantzen and Norma Duerksen, Bartel family

Words of Praise (from Psalm 113 and 103) Pastor Susan

Blessed be the name of the LORD,
from this time forth and forevermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting down,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.
For as the heavens are high about the earth,
So great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
*ALL: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.*

Opening Prayer Pastor Susan

Singing led by Holly Swartzendruber and Bethany (Amstutz) Schrag

Children's Time Deryll Amstutz

Sharing and Announcements Pastor Susan and Pastor Norma

Signing the Lord's Prayer Susie Kliwer

Stories New and Old Deryll Amstutz

Singing led by Holly Swartzendruber and Bethany (Amstutz) Schrag

Benediction and Blessing of the Meal Pastor Susan and Pastor Norma

Our Common Life

Mennonite Church USA Convention begins in three weeks, June 30 in Kansas City.

Vacation Bible School is coming, Sunday, August 2 through Thursday August 5

Hosted this year by First Mennonite Church – Ash and Grand

Sponsored by three Hillsboro congregations: Hillsboro United Methodist
Trinity Mennonite Church
First Mennonite Church

MCC News: Maynard Knepp, MCC Central States Director, received the check in the amount of \$580,000 on MCC's behalf. This amount includes proceeds from Sale weekend and other events/donations.

Maynard shared no other agency has tens of thousands of people gathering together to raise funds for service projects. A special fund is set up for urgent needs like the Nepal earthquake work. When donations come in earmarked for a specific need, it must go into that account. That is why MCC Sales are so important to support the general budget. Maynard shared about the working in Nepal after the devastating earthquake. Go to www.MCC.org for pictures and stories of the work.

Song on the Lawn, an annual outdoor mini-music festival (6 music groups) and meal will be held on June 14, 5:00-8:00, at Willow Spring Downs (Maynard and Carol's farm), 1582 Falcon, Hillsboro. Come for great music but plan on eating too! Bring table service, lawn chairs and friends for a fun evening. Proceeds (free will donations) will go to Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. Check out the website at <http://mcc.org/get-involved/events/song-lawn> for more details and directions.

New Meat Canner is being built and will be all stainless steel. Labor is being donated but will still cost around \$600,000.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) has an urgent need for volunteers, May 24 - June 18. All skill levels are welcome. Please consider coming to Pilger, Nebraska, for one day or more, or consider a week or longer. Your efforts will help four families who survived the June 2014 tornado get back home by the end of the summer. Meals and overnight accommodations are provided for volunteers. To schedule, or for more information, phone (800) 241-8111.

Shine On! Curriculum enters year 2 this fall. Shine! is based on three theological convictions (being known and loved by God, becoming as children, shining Christ's light together) and three scripture passages (Isaiah 9:2, Matthew 5:14-16, and Romans 12:2). The coming year includes lesson on Judges, Kings and Prophets, then follows the stories of Jesus in Luke. We praise God for this Anabaptist faith formation resource.

Susan and Norma plan to "watch" the **Bike Across Kansas** folks this Thursday from 8 to 10 am at a shady place along "D" street. They will have a sign that says "Greetings from Trinity Mennonite and First Mennonite Church" with the green MCUSA logo. Anyone is welcome to join them if you are free!