

WELCOME TO ALL who are guests this morning. We hope you feel warmly received and experience a time of worship. Please feel free to contact Pastor Marv if you would like to visit.

PASTOR MARV'S OFFICE SCHEDULE THIS WEEK will be Tues., 9-12 noon, Wed. and Thurs. 2-5 p.m. due to evening meetings on Wed. and Thur. evenings. Feel free to call or stop in during these times. Other times, he can be reached by telephone at 316-283-8308. Pastor Marv has also been assigned a church mailbox. His box is the top pocket on the North end of the mailboxes.

MATT REGIER HAS A NEW ART EXHIBIT on display between April 9-June 5 at The Gallery at Pioneer Bluffs. Plan a lovely drive and check it out!

THE FLORAKANSAS SPRING PLANT SALE will be held April 22-25 at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Kansas' largest native plant sale offering many species of wildflowers and grasses many of which are rare in cultivation. A large selection of adaptable perennials is also available. For more information, call 620-327-8127 or visit www.dyckarboretum.org.

THE CENTER FOR MENNONITE BRETHERN STUDIES at Tabor College is sponsoring two events on Saturday, April 23, 2016. A local Mennonite Heritage Tour and lunch, Sat. Apr.23, 12:15 to 5:15 p.m., will begin at Tabor's Historic Church and circle through the Marion County region, visiting various Polish, Russian and Swiss Mennonite sites, including Alexanderfeld (cost \$30). The CMBS Annual Spring Dinner Meeting, Apr.23, 6:30 p.m., Tabor's Wohlgemuth Lobby (cost \$16) will feature "Beginnings and Distinctives of the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite" by Minister Linford Holdeman, Halstead, Kansas. Please RSVP to Peggy Goertzen, CMBS, (620) 947-3121 ext.1211/1212 or peggyg@tabor.edu by April 18, 2016.

THE WOMEN OF THE TRINITY MENNONITE CHURCH have invited the FMC women to a spring luncheon on Saturday, April 30. They plan to begin at 10 a.m. with a "variety program" followed by a salad luncheon. They invite us to bring salads but that isn't required. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please consider joining the Trinity women for this special event.

A SUMMARY OF PASTOR SUSAN'S sabbatical activities is on the bulletin board outside the Pastor's office.

IF GOD WILLS IT, the next issue of *First Threshings* will be in your mailslots May 1. Pentecost Sunday is May 15. Please submit any thoughts, prayers, articles, etc. regarding this momentous commemoration, or any news of interest to our church family, no later than Friday, April 22. Thanks, Pat

TODD LEHMAN, FORMER YOUTH PASTOR at FMC Hillsboro, is being ordained on April 23 at 3 p.m., Hesston Mennonite Church. He is very excited for this special event and wants to extend an invitation to our congregation to join him for his ordination. He is currently pastoring at Hesston College.

HELLO FROM EBENFELD, A few Ebenfelders are interested in starting a co-ed softball team this summer within their church. They could easily have enough players to just play against other Ebenfelders, but wondered if there would be interest in other area churches who would want to form a team? Get with Becky in the office if you have any interest in this.

ASSOCIATE CONFERENCE MINISTER (KS-based): Western District Conference is pleased to announce that Kathy Neufeld Dunn has accepted an invitation to serve as Associate Conference Minister (KS-based) beginning July 1, 2016. In this 3/4 time position she will serve as staff liaison to WDC Resource Commission and work with the Resource Library Director to equip congregations in ministries such as faith formation, worship, witness, peace & justice, healthy community and prevention of sexual abuse. She will also assist the Conference Minister in relating to pastors and congregations in NE, KS and OK; and coordinate planning of annual assembly when it takes place in the north section of WDC. Kathy will serve as Interim 2016 Assembly Planning Director beginning in April, until she begins her new position in July. Kathy has been pastor at First Mennonite Church in McPherson since 2006, and is concluding a term as chair of the WDC Ministerial Leadership Commission. She was previously intentional interim pastor at Peace Mennonite Church (Lawrence, KS), and pastor at Shalom Community Church (Ann Arbor, MI), has served as a pastor-review consultant in WDC, and done training in mediation and conflict transformation. Please pray for Kathy as she prepares for this transition to new ministry.

I NEED SOME HELP! After coordinating the carrying in of the Bible, prayer shawl, and lamp for over 5 years, it would be great to share that responsibility with others. Please contact me or the church office if you are interested in being part of a team to coordinate that important part of worship preparation. Thanks, Susie Kliever

KMRS RESULTS: The unaudited sale total was \$559,743.25. (Last year brought \$550,000.) The general auction totaled \$130,000. The quilt auction (more than 200 sold) totaled \$150,000. (Highest price was \$11,900!) Many from FMC contributed to this event. Not sure of the MY Coins Count total at this time. Good weather, smiling faces...all contributed for the cause of MCC!!!

SWAP NEEDS SUMMER STAFF! Summer will be here before we know it, and Mennonite Central Committee's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) program is seeking summer staff for three month assignments in Kentucky and West Virginia. Job site coordinators utilize volunteer labor to accomplish quality home remodels and repairs, while meals coordinators plan balanced, nutritional meals for volunteers. Summer staff are a critical component of SWAP's successful ministry, as they help facilitate the weekly SWAP service groups working on housing repair for low-income persons. Summer staff vary in age from 19 to 70+, and they receive meals, lodging and a weekly stipend for their service. For more information, go to swap.mcc.org or call Angela at 606-633-5065.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

BETHEL COLLEGE:
TODAY'S CONCERT by the Bethel College Women's Chorus **HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

Thurs., April 21 – Reception for Student Art Exhibit, 6-8 p.m., outside the *Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center* at Bethel College

TABOR COLLEGE:
The Tabor College Symphonic Band will perform two concerts this spring. The first event will be held **today** at Cornerstone Mennonite Brethren Church in Topeka at 6:30 p.m. A home concert will be on **April 24** at 4:00 p.m. at Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church at 300 Prairie Pointe in Hillsboro.

CALENDAR

- April 17 KS Menn. Men's Chorus Concert, 7 p.m. at Presser Hall, Bethany College, Lindsborg, KS
- April 20 FMC Hi-FY Variety Show
- April 21 7 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting
- April 24 KS Menn. Men's Chorus Concert, 7 p.m. at Central Community Church, Wichita, KS
- April 30 10 a.m. Women's Spring Luncheon at Trinity Mennonite Church

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Tuesday: Kyle Bartel
Wednesday: Ashley Peters
Friday: Cheryl Bartel, Abi Funk, Kevin Jantz
Saturday: Virginia Martens, Amanda Abrahams
Driver: Don Penner **Next Week:** Susie Kliewer

TREASURER'S REPORT 4/10/2016

FMC Ministries\$4,049.84
 AMBS \$745.00 (other income)
 Year to Date Budget Income.....\$49,552.91
 Year-to-date Budget Expenses\$40,625.80
 FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....\$8,927.11

Last Week Attendance: 82

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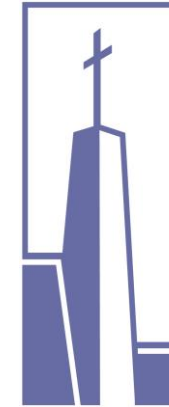
The church building is open from 9 am to noon Mon. – Fri. except for holidays. For assistance outside of those times, please contact Tim Unruh at 620-947-1585. Please schedule all meetings & events at FMC through the church office.

John 10:22-42

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

³¹ The Jews took up stones again to stone him. ³² Jesus replied, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?" ³³ The Jews answered, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God." ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, you are gods'? ³⁵ If those to whom the word of God came were called 'gods'—and the scripture cannot be annulled— ³⁶ can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, 'I am God's Son'? ³⁷ If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. ³⁸ But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father." ³⁹ Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands.

⁴⁰ He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there. ⁴¹ Many came to him, and they were saying, "John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true." ⁴² And many believed in him there.



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
 Making Disciples through
 Loving Relationships

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:35 a.m.

April 17, 2016

GATHERING

Gathering Music	Shirley Baltzer
Welcome and Announcements	Susie & Pastor Marv
Prelude to Worship	Holly & Ethan

We carry in a flame, the Bible, and a prayer cloth, trusting the Lord to guide us, the Word to teach us and prayer to knit our lives together with God in our worship.

*Call to Worship	Susie Kliewer
Because you, O Lord, are my shepherd, I shall lack nothing.	

You provide green pastures and quiet waters.

You restore my soul.
 Though the valley of death overshadows me,
I will fear no evil.

You prepare a table before me,
my cup overflows.
 Goodness and love will follow me all my days,
as I dwell in your presence forever. Amen

*Hymn	Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!	No. 278
*Invocation		Susie Kliewer
Hymn	Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us	No. 352

SHARING

Children's Story	Aleen Ratzlaff
(children dismissed to Children's Time)	
Sharing and Prayer	Pastor Marv
Prayer Song	Jesu, Jesu Grey Sgbk 4
Offering	Shirley Baltzer

LISTENING

Scripture Message	John 10:22-42 (back of bulletin) "Who Is This Man?"	Susie Kliewer Pastor Marv
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RESPONDING

*Hymn	Mighty to Save	Grey Sgbk 62
*Benediction		Pastor Marv