

Scripture Acts 3:1-10 Acts 9:1-20 Deryll Amstutz
 Message Pastor Susan
RESPONDING
 *Hymn Amazing Grace No. 143
 (verses 1, 2, 3 and 6)
 *Benediction Pastor Susan
 ** Call to Worship adapted from Sing the Story 181

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 Susan if you would like to visit.

THANK YOU for your participation, attendance, and applause at the Variety Show this last Wednesday. Thank you for your continued support -- the youth appreciate your commitment and interest in their lives. We are so grateful for the funds raised \$1,285.00. Kansas City, here we come!

FMC WOMEN. On April 29, we are invited to a salad supper at Trinity Mennonite Church. The sign-up sheet is on the whiteboard. Today is the deadline to sign up. Stay tuned for a Women's Night Out event In May.

SPANISH GATHERING group has given a small gift to Spanish-speaking students at Tabor, some of whom are in their last semester. The little flashlight with a Spanish Bible verse was also given to Spanish-speaking families in Hillsboro that have been part of our gatherings. Part of the funds for this outreach came from our congregation's Mission and Service fund. This year's activities for the Spanish Gathering group ended with an afternoon meal at John and Juana Pritchard's home. Plans are being made for more fall activities, one or two of which may be here at First Mennonite. Keep Spanish-speaking people at Tabor and in our community in your prayers. Thank you to those of FMC who are participating in this ministry. Talk to Pastor Susan if you have questions.

THANKS TO ALL who participated in the listening groups Sunday evening, April 12. We heard much affirmation, some concerns and lots of ideas. The input will continue to be processed by the Vision Council and other church committees. Continue to pray that we will all be alert to the promptings and leading of the Holy Spirit as we seek to enrich our life together. ~Vision Committee

TRINITY MENNONITE and First Mennonite have three opportunities to nurture relationships between our congregations: the women's salad supper this coming Wednesday, our Sunday School picnic on June 7, and the cooperative vacation Bible school that will be at our church this year, Sunday August 2 to Thursday, August 6. The Hillsboro United Methodist Church is also a part of the VBS venture. May the Spirit dwell among us as we spend time with our sister congregations.

MCC RELIEF SALE CONTRIBUTORS: THANK-YOU for each and every item, work effort, and prayer that made First Mennonite Church's contribution to this year's sale, a strong link in the many links of churches and groups, that enable such an event to be possible and to go so well. We are also grateful to all those who are already thinking and planning as to how they would like to be a part of the 2016 relief sale. It is certainly one way to make, Many Commitments Count.

~ MCC liaison committee members

SURVEY COMING TO YOUR MAILBOX. As part of her doctoral dissertation research, Robin Ottoson is seeking information from those living in Marion and Harvey counties during the Vietnam War (1961-1975). She is interested in the climate of these towns and of the three Kansas Mennonite colleges, and attitudes among those in the Historic Peace Churches. If you can assist in this research, Robin will be very grateful.

CARRY-IN MEAL MAY 3. Next Sunday, we will have a carry-in meal after the service in order to celebrate the marriage of Casey and Mieka Bartel. We will also host a farewell for Andrew Sensenig and Erica Buller who will be moving in July. We will have a card in the office the week before as well as at the shower for the Bartels if you would like to give them money. Or you can bring them a gift of groceries. We will also be giving Andrew and Erica a gift from our congregation and there will be a card to sign. Come join us in celebrating them.

ELLSWORTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. This coming Saturday, several from our congregation are driving to Ellsworth, Kansas, to see Dawn Abraham's drama work at the Ellsworth Correctional Facility. May God bless Dawn's ministry as she shares her gifts.

ON MAY 13, we are privileged to have Glen Miller, author of *Living Thoughtfully, Dying Well*, will be here to speak with us about his book at 7 p.m. Please plan to come and bring along a friend. Mr. Miller is not only a well-known author, but he is a relative of our own Jess Klanderud.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

The family of Joyce Ediger Funk gathered for a committal service at Haven of Rest Cemetery this past Tuesday afternoon. Pastor Susan officiated. Let's continue to remember the family in prayer.

Lou (Lenora) Woelk began kidney dialysis this past week. Following some training, this treatment will be done out of her home. Son, Jim, has been here in Hillsboro this past week and his family will join them in the upcoming week. Prayers are welcome for Harold and Lou at this time.

Nadine Friesen's interview toward ordination with the Western District Conference (WDC) of Mennonite Church USA took place on Friday, April 17. The interview resulted in affirmation of Nadine! An afternoon service of celebration here at First Mennonite is scheduled for June 21.

Willis Penner is in House 5 at Parkside. Prayers for Willis and Ruth Ann as Willis works to regain strength.

Ray and Sylvia Abrahams, and their family are grateful to you for prayers on their behalf.

Continue to pray for Robin Ottoson for strength and clarity as she continues to finish her degree.

We lift Geneva Becker and her daughter, Angie Becker, in prayer as they both receive cancer treatments.

~Brothers and sisters in Christ, we praise the Lord for the many years we have worshipped together at FMC. We look forward to our move with many emotions, some of anticipation, some trepidation and some reflective. Thank you for your prayers, support and help in this time of transition for us. Our move will not take us that far away, and we hope on occasion to worship with you at FMC. Clark will continue as cemetery co-sexton for the near future. Our cell numbers remain the same. Our new address is 31 Lakewood Circle, N. Newton, 67117. We will miss you, Clark and Anna Marie.

Prayers for:
 Ray Abrahams
 Dawn Abrahams
 Nancy Klaassen

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION for Camp Mennoscah is due by May 1. Please notify Glen Diener if your child is attending so that he can help you with a camp scholarship.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the 47th Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale a huge success! You are all invited to celebrate this success at the KMRS annual meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 6:30 pm at Buhler Mennonite Church, 220 West Avenue B, Buhler. The meal is \$12 a plate and you will pay at the door. Please RSVP to Douglas and Nancy Graber or Jan and Deryll Amstutz by May 7. Or, contact Barb Reeves at 620-543-6863 or bj.reeves@live.com.

MARK JUNE 12 AND 13 on your calendar for the Anabaptist Faith Formation event sponsored by Western District at Bethel College in No. Newton, Kansas. Check out details in your WDC Garden in your mailboxes. This event is a flat-rate per congregation -- each of you are welcome and strongly urged to take advantage of this resource!

THURSDAY, MAY 14 – Glen E. Miller, MD, author of “Living Thoughtfully, Dying Well: A doctor explains how to make death a natural part of life.” Public invited. 7 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston. Hosted by Schowalter Villa, a Bluestem Community.

JUNE is Bible School month, so ANY adult looking for an opportunity for spiritual growth, renewed discipleship, and a chance to dive deeper into the Bible is invited to participate in an Adult Bible School focusing on the Sermon on the Mount. This continuing education opportunity is hosted by AMBS-Kansas Center and will be taught by Jerry Truex. It will meet June 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 7:00-9:30pm at the Hesston Mennonite Church in Hesston, KS. Normally continuing education opportunities such as this cost \$200. However, this event has been sponsored by South Central and Western District Conferences. Due to their generosity, the cost per person is only \$50. Early Registration is due May 11 for this reduced rate.

TREASURER’S REPORT 4/19/2015

FMC Ministries\$1,255.75
 Hi-Fy Variety Show\$1,285.00
 Year-to-date Ministries Income\$39,206.09
 Year-to-date Ministries Expenses\$40,476.88
 Ministries Fund Balance-\$1,270.79
 Attendance: 76

Come bring your burdens to God (x 3)
 For Jesus will never say no.

Come, bring your pray before God (x 3)
 For Jesus will never say no.

Come, bring your lives before God (x 3)
 For Jesus will never say no.

Lost Found

Blind Now I see

CALENDAR

April 29 8 p.m. Worship Committee
 May 3 Carry-in meal
 Shower for Casey & Mieka Bartel
 Farewell for Andrew Sensenig & Erica Buller
 May 7 8 p.m. Stewardship
 May 17 Last day of regular Sunday school; Pentecost
 May 20 7 p.m. Last Day of School Party
 May 27 Care Committee
 June 7 S.S. Picnic with FMC and Trinity
 June 21 Nadine Friesen’s Ordination Service

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Today: Andrea Bartel, Julie Kaiser, Linda Peters
Tuesday: Ron Heidebrecht
Wednesday: Jim Martens, Hilda Schmidt, Callie Serene
Saturday: Scott Schultz

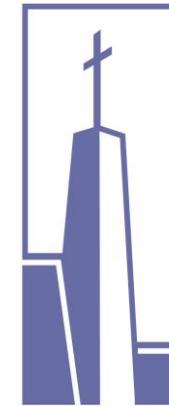
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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
 Making Disciples through
 Loving Relationships

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

April 26, 2015

GATHERING

Gathering Music Shirley Flaming
 Welcome and Announcements Deryll & Pastor Susan
 Prelude to Worship

We light a candle
 symbolizing our faithfulness
 to God the Three-in-One

*Hymn Brethren, we have met to worship No. 8
 *Call to Worship Deryll Amstutz

We believe in a bright and amazing God,
who has been to the depths of despair for us,
who has risen in splendor and majesty.

Jesus is the light of the world.

Jesus is our light.

We come to worship,
 to commit ourselves to Jesus once again.

ALL: We commit ourselves to each other.

**We commit our lives to God’s business
 of love and healing.**

**We praise you, O God,
 for the wonders of your ways!**

We glorify your name!

Hymn Praise, I will praise you, Lord No. 76
 Invocation Deryll Amstutz

SHARING

Children’s Story Laura Paulus
 (children dismissed to Children’s Time)
 Prayer Song (words on back of bulletin)
 Come, bring your burdens to God
 Prayer and Sharing Pastor Susan
 Offering Shirley Flaming

LISTENING