

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.

WE WELCOME SHARING from Orlando this morning. Nation-wide gatherings of Mennonite Church USA and weeks at Camp Mennoscah compliment the relationships and discussions that our youth have year 'round here at First Mennonite. We praise God for the larger body of Christ. We thank you, First Mennonite, for your support of the youth, year in and year out, which makes attending these events possible.

FOOTWASHING WILL BE PART of our worship next Sunday. We as a congregation will participate by *observation* only. Deryll A. and Doug M. will wash each other's feet near the altar, as will Susie Kliewer and Holly Swartzendruber. This is a sign of the end of our summer, a time that included good visioning conversations together. Footwashing reminds us that we value and serve each other as brothers and sisters as we go forward into the coming months.

THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OFFERING, when all was said and done, totaled \$922.98!! Half of this amount will go to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and the other half will go to Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS), both for tools to help work in our United States region. Thanks to all for your generosity in supporting these real live superheroes.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL and activities begin September 6, the first Wednesday after Labor Day. We look forward to good fellowship and learning so consider yourself heartily invited. Our last Fall Wednesday evening activity night will be November 15.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for the Womens/Girls Retreat (3rd grade and up) at Camp Mennoscah September 8-10. Our theme is "Together: Rooted and Reaching" with Barb Krehbiel Gehring as our featured speaker. Retreat schedules and registration forms are available to print at: <http://mennowdc.org/calendar/>. We will celebrate 100 years of Mennonite Women organizations through stories and a hymn sing Friday evening. There will be no separate girls programming this year, so girls should register for Saturday morning and afternoon activities and seminars. Hope to see you all at Camp Mennoscah!

THE MCC SCHOOL KIT bin is in the foyer ready for your contributions. Lists are next to the bins.

PLEASE BE DILIGENT about checking that FMC doors are securely closed and locked if you are at the end of meetings. There is some milling around in the evenings in this area of our church. Thanks to each of you.

NEED TO RAISE FUNDS for a worthy cause? Hillsboro Arts and Crafts Fair, September 16th may be your answer! The Kaffee Haus hosted in the city building will again be offering quality baked good for sale to fairgoers. Spaces are available to persons/groups at no cost, and 100% of the proceeds are retained by you. For more information on best-selling items and to reserve a table, please contact Marcella Mohn at [620-947-3336](tel:620-947-3336) or Brenda Walls [620-381-3168](tel:620-381-3168) by September 8th.

TIM SCHELLENBERG WILL BE OFFERING a Grief Share Group starting Tuesday, September 19 at 3 p.m. in the Parkview Church Conference Room. For more info call Tim at 947-0217.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift these friends in prayer:

Paul and Elaine Jantzen
Jeff Jensen
Stan Funk
Joel Klaassen
Gerald Ediger, father of Becky Gage
Groenings

Jeff Jensen's surgery is now scheduled for **tomorrow**, August 14 after an unexpected delay while he was being prepared for surgery. Thank you for holding Jeff and Deb in prayer.

We hear Stan Funk is happy with his new living arrangements in Newton. Thanks be to God!

Deryll Amstutz has made his annual trek to the Society of Biblical Storytellers on the east coast. Each year, there is an "epic telling" of one of the parts of the Bible – this year it was the Gospel of Luke. Deryll was one of three delivering the fifteenth chapter of Luke. Thank you, Deryll, for keeping the telling of the Bible story before us as a congregation.

Aaron Wintermote will be a full-time student at Kansas State this fall. We pray for this transition. His new address is: 2016 Tunstall Circle, Apt. #301
Manhattan, KS 66503

Lois Groening's sister, Noreen Hein, has passed away. Let's keep the Groenings in prayer.

Gerald Ediger, father of Becky Gage has returned home and will continue outpatient therapy.

MCC:

Searching for an exciting way to serve? MCC is urgently searching for a Canner Operator, with CDL truck driving experience, to travel with the mobile cannery before the season begins in October. Canner Operators travel to 30 different locations in the United States and Canada, canning meat, which is then sent around the world to hungry people. Come serve in this exciting way! Meet new people, and take advantage of experiences you'll never forget. For more information please contact John Hillegass at johnhillegass@mcc.org or [\(717\) 859-1151](tel:717-859-1151).

BIKERS AND CONTRIBUTORS NEEDED!

The annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, September 16, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) offices, 121 East 30th Street, North Newton, Kansas. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in India. Rides of approximately 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned. An informational brochure is posted on the bulletin board. The brochure is also available on the MCC website: mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride. Or, you can register online at that website. Both bikers and contributors are needed! Contributions for this MCC project from non-bikers should be made payable to MCC, "Flatlander Bike Ride" written on the memo line; and sent to: MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117.

Jordan Penner joins MCC Central States as the new Donor Relations Associate, working from Denver, Colorado! Prior to accepting this position, Jordan, along with his wife Jenny, served with MCC in Bolivia. We are excited to have Jordan join our staff and hope you get to meet him soon!

CALENDAR

Aug. 17 7 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting
 Aug. 30 Safe Sanctuary Teacher Training
 Sept. 6 First night of Weds. evening meal & activities
 8 p.m. Care Committee Meeting
 Sept. 10 Sunday School Begins
 Sept. 23-24 FMC Retreat at Mennoscah
 Nov. 15 Last night of Weds. evening meal & activities

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Today: Mike & Debbie Brandt, Douglas & Nancy Graber

Thursday: Richard Nickel

Friday: Deryll & Jan Amstutz

Saturday: Clark & Anna Marie Wiebe

Last week's attendance: 47

1 John 3:16-18

¹⁶ We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷ How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

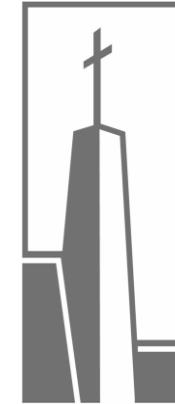
¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

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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.



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
 Making Disciples through
 Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

August 13, 2017

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Ethan & Laurel Koerner

Youth Pastor Hank &
Pastor Susan

*Call to Worship

We come to worship you!

You are God of the Universe!

We come to find refuge!

You are God of the Heart!

We come to thank you!

You are fullness of joy and maker of good!

We come to share our burdens!

You know the pain that we feel.

We come to let you lead us on!

You are God of life! You are God of all beings!

ALL: Welcome, then, to sacred space!

Welcome, then, to hallowed ground!

May this be a place where God is found.

Songs of Praise

Ethan & Laurel

Be Thou My Vision

No. 545

In Christ Alone

Grey Sgbk 66

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

No. 237

(offering will be collected during this last hymn)

*Special offering today will go to Mennonite Church USA unless otherwise designated.

Children's Story

Alisa Schmidt

Sharing and Prayer

Pastor Susan

Scripture

1 John 3:16-18

Video Sharing from Orlando

Hank & Youth

Songs of Response

Ethan & Laurel

Lord, Listen to Your Children

No. 353

Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)

Grey Sgbk 69

Benediction "Seeds" Sending Song

Ethan & Laurel

(3 x through, congregation joins on second/third time)