

Congregational Reading – **Left Side** (Hebrews 11:8-9)
By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

Congregational Reading – **Right Side** (Hebrews 11:10-12)
For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old - and Sarah herself was barren - because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

SHARING

Children’s Story Carolyn Penner
(children dismissed to Children’s Time)

Sharing and Prayer Doug Miller

Prayer Song If you believe and I believe Grey Sgbk 49

Offering Shirley Flaming

*Special offering today is for Mennonite Church USA unless otherwise designated.

LISTENING

Scripture (back of bulletin) Kelly Linnens

Hebrews 11:23-28, 13-16

Message By Faith I Know Jeff Wintermote

RESPONDING

*Hymn Guide my feet No. 546

*Benediction** Jeff Wintermote

Go from here, sure of what we hope for
in a world that is not sure of anything.

Go, certain of what we do not see,
into a world where “seeing is believing.”

Go, living by faith,
in a world created and loved by God.

Go in peace as brothers and sisters! Amen!

*Adapted from Sing the Story 164

**Adapted from Words for Worship 2 163

WELCOME TO ALL who are guests this morning.
We hope you feel warmly received and experience a time of worship.

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS PRAY before the service begins, usually shortly after 10 a.m. You are free to join us, or free to pray for us on your own time. God is with us and leads us!

DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL NEXT WEEK, Nancy Graber will share about Yoga.

THE SUNDAY MESSAGE FOR AUGUST 21 will be given by Pastor Susan.

NO SOONER IS AN ISSUE OF FIRST THRESHINGS out than it's time to start thinking of the next one! If you've had any summer experiences you'd be willing to share with your church family, please get in touch with me: if you're not a writer - or don't want to spend the time - I'm willing to visit with you and record your thoughts. The deadline for the September issue is Friday, August 26. Thanks, Pat

SEVERAL AMONG US AT FMC are anticipating transitions in the near future. We will be offering a time in the last half of August for our congregation to speak words of appreciation to these people as well as an opportunity to share with each other as we experience these losses. Stay tuned for details.

MCC STILL HAS A STRONG NEED for **school kits**, especially the notebooks. The collection bin is in the narthex (the hall at the back of the sanctuary). Thank you to everyone that has already added items to the bin! Keep 'em coming!

CARRY-IN MEAL WILL BE SEPTEMBER 4, Tabor Sunday for our congregation! Tabor students will be encouraged to come and worship with us then join us for a meal following the worship service.

REQUESTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS. FMC desires to support FMC members and members' children who attend a Mennonite college or who choose to receive a seminary education. If you are interested in applying for such financial support (tuition) for the 2016-2017 academic year, contact Doug Miller.

WE WOULD WELCOME ANY QUILTERS at Velda Hiebert's home 218 S. Adams in the afternoons or evenings. Ring the bell, open the door, tell her your name and go on in. Velda's phone number is 620-947-5585.

REMEMBER TO ASK YOUR AUNT, uncle or cousin if they have a good recipe or two for quantity meals! You will be hearing soon about a sign up for this fall's Wednesday evening meals. We look forward to another season of this Wednesday ministry of deepening our community by serving and eating together.

GOOD VIBRATIONS! SUNFLOWER FAIR: Your 2016 premier health and wellness event! Tuesday, September 20, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Salina Bicentennial Center, Salina, KS. There will be experts and speakers, exhibits, auctions, honorees, prizes, health screenings and a tractor show. All this and lunch for just \$20 before September 12. \$25 at the door. Call today! 800-432-2703

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift in prayer:

Keith Harder and family

Doug Bartel

Susie Kliewer

Marvin Funk

Ruth Ann Penner and Marcella Ediger

MCC:

The annual **MCC Flatlander Bike Ride** will be held on Saturday, September 17, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) offices, 121 East 30th Street, North Newton, KS. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Mozambique. Rides of approximately 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned. Informational brochures are available on the tables in the Narthex. The brochure is also available on the MCC website, mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride. Or you can register on-line 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.

CALENDAR

August 17 7 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
August 18 7:30 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting
August 28 SS Teacher In-Service after church

Sept 4 Tabor Sunday with carry-in meal
Sept 11 First day of Sunday School
Sept 17 Arts and Crafts Fair

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Wednesday: Richard Nickel
Thursday: Deryll & Jan Amstutz
Friday: Clark & Anna Marie Wiebe
Saturday: Victoria Wintermote, Don & Carolyn Penner
Driver: Lee Albrecht **Next Week:** Don Penner

TREASURER'S REPORT 8/7/2016

FMC Ministries\$620.00
Year to Date Budget Income.....\$91,298.71
Year-to-date Budget Expenses.....\$90,711.02
FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....\$587.69

Last Week Attendance: 48

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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.

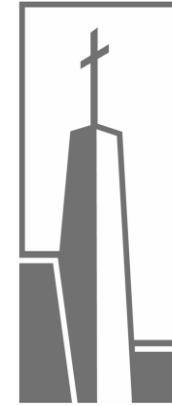
HEBREWS 11:23-28 (NIV)

²³ By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

HEBREWS 11:13-16 (NIV)

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

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

August 14, 2016

GATHERING

Gathering Music Shirley Flaming
Welcome and Announcements Kelly Linnens
Prelude to Worship Holly Swartzendruber

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 Kelly Linnens

We come to worship God!

God hears our cries.

God hears what is too deep for words.

You, O God, see the buried hope
beneath our prayers of longing.

You, O God, know our questions.

**You, O God, hear our singing
even as we struggle to pray.**

ALL: It is you, O God, that we come to worship!

*Hymn In Christ Alone Grey Sgbk 66

*Invocation Kelly Linnens

Congregational Reading – ALL (Hebrews 11:1-3)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

Hymn Here in this place No. 6