

## LISTENING

Scripture Susie Kliewer  
Isaiah 54:10, John 15:16a, John 15:26,  
John 16:17-18, 20-22

Message Pastor Susan

## RESPONDING

\*Hymn Ancient words Grey Sgbk 68  
\*Benediction Pastor Susan

**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.*

**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!

**ADAM MILLER, SON OF DOUG MILLER**, will be sharing in Sunday School on August 28. He was injured in the Hesston events at Excel this past February. Judy and Keith Harder are preparing the August 28 worship service which will follow. Be in prayer for this and all our worship times together.

**NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 28:** "Holding on to Hope" will be the focus of our worship service led by Keith and Judy Harder. Come prepared to offer prayers for healing and light candles of hope.

**PASTOR SUSAN OFFICIATES** at an out-of-state wedding next weekend, August 28.

**HANK UNRUH HAS SPENT** the last week at Anabaptist Biblical Seminary in Indiana for the opening week of the seminary schedule. We give thanks for Hanks beginning of seminary study!

**BECKY GAGE HAS BEEN WITH US** one year as FMC Office Secretary! She began on August 24, 2015. We encourage you to express your thanks to her. And, we give thanks to God for her presence and service to us.

**PARKSIDE HOMES IS HOSTING** a German Buffet Fundraiser on August 26, 5-7 p.m. Proceeds from the meal will go to resident medical equipment! \$12 Advance or \$15 at the door. Call 620-947-2301 to make your reservations!

**TABOR SUNDAY:** Following discussion in Worship Committee and in Ministries Council, we have decided to extend an invitation to Tabor Students in 2017 for worship, but not this fall. Our hope is to find a Sunday when we can host and interact in a way that does not seem possible on this 2016 Labor Day weekend. This fall, First Mennonite continues its role in the ministry to Spanish-speaking Tabor students. Although we are waiting to meet students when they arrive, the first Spanish gathering this fall is planned to be in our Fellowship Hall on September 18, 5:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE** is **different** this year. For one thing, after the meal there is more time for adults for clean-up (rotating cook schedule) and visiting. Take a look: 6:15 – Supper  
7 to 7:45 p.m. – Children's activities  
7 to 8:30 p.m. – Youth activities  
7:15 to 8:15 p.m. – Adult session (those with children/youth would be free to leave at 7:45 p.m.)

**SABBATH.** What does it mean for us as individuals and community? How is God the God of Sabbath and not the God of constant work? What are the characteristics of a Sabbath community?

We will be exploring Sabbath themes for the month of September during worship and adult Wednesday night classes. We will draw from the book "Sabbath as Resistance" by Walter Bruggemann. Copies will be available in the library, or it is available for less than \$10 online. It's only about 80 pages, so a quick read. Wednesday night classes will be led by the Fries.

**TRANSITIONS: WE INVITE EACH OF YOU** to come to Fellowship Hall Wednesday, August 31 for a time of sharing with Katherine and Derek Hamm who have moved to Matfield Green, and Carolyn and Don Penner who will be moving September 10 to a Kidron Bethel duplex in North Newton. While these faith friends will still be present some Sundays, we want to take time to speak our memories and appreciations to them, and to pray together. Come and join us. Cool refreshments will be offered.

**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

**SATURDAY EVENING PRAYERS WILL BE** offered at 6:30 p.m. during the month of September starting with September 3. This brief prayer in the sanctuary will also be available in print and on the website to pray at your home if you are unable to be physically present. These prayers prepare our hearts for Sunday worship with each other and deepen our capacity to "Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy."

**REVEREND AWAD** is an evangelical Christian Palestinian leader who has worked with Mennonites in education ventures for over 30 years (Hope Mennonite School and Bethlehem Bible College). Reverend Awad will be speaking in Newton, Elbing, Wichita, Hesston, and here at Tabor College (Tuesday, September 6). This visit from Reverend Awad is in response to the Mennonite Church USA resolution in Kansas City to further study the Israel/Palestine situation. To attend, see details on the bulletin board by the pastor's office.

## AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We give thanks for a successful surgery for Marvin Funk. Prayers for Marvin and Elfrieda as he heals.

We lift in prayer: Susie Kliewer, Doug Bartel,  
Ruth Ann Penner and Marcella Ediger,  
Keith and Judy Harder, Elsie Phillips

Lester and Donna Funk's granddaughter, Skye Rivera gave birth to a precious baby girl on August 16 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. Baby Rowyn was delivered 7 weeks premature at 3:18 a.m. She weighed 4 lbs. 15.9 oz. at birth and measured 17.5" long. Rowyn is receiving special care but mother and baby are both doing very well! Tia and Kaleb are aunt and uncle. The family appreciates all of the prayers for a healthy delivery, mom and baby!

We give thanks for the start of another school year and lift our teachers, students and all staff in prayer.

We want to thank you so much for being a part of the Summer Food 4 Kids program. Tammy and Victoria Wintermote's daily commitment to cook and serve represented First Mennonite well in this multi-church effort. We touched the lives of 137 people who were at risk economically this summer. There was an average of 31 children a day who benefited from your food, cookies, and financial donations. It was great to be in partnership with you in this ministry. ~Trinity Summer Food 4 Kids

**BETHEL COLLEGE:**

Bethel College is offering many of its classes for community audit. You pay \$50 per credit hour (compared to the normal audit rate of \$85 per hour) **OR**, if you're age 62 and older, a flat rate of \$30. For more information, go to [www.bethelks.edu/audit](http://www.bethelks.edu/audit), where there is also a "fall course schedule" link. Enrollment deadline is **Aug. 30**.

**MCC:**

**Running Low!** The Material Resource Center at MCC Central States is running low on the following items: large bars of laundry soap, infant gowns/sleepers (size 3-9 months), and good quality sewing scissors. These items can be brought to 121 E. 30th St., PO Box 235 in North Newton, Kan., purchased online via Amazon Smile or other retailers and shipped to MCC or we welcome your monetary donations designated Kit Supplies. If you have questions, please call 316.283.2720 or visit [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits) for more information.

**CALENDAR**

August 28 SS Teacher In-Service after church  
Sept 4 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
Sept 7 First Wednesday activities  
Sept 11 First day of Sunday School  
Sept 17 Arts and Crafts Fair

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Today:** Tim Frye  
**Monday:** Jan Schroeder  
**Tuesday:** Susie Kliewer  
**Wednesday:** Eric Bartel  
**Friday:** Asia Frye, Eydie Graber, Loren & Lois Groening  
**Driver:** Don Penner **Next Week:** Susie Kliewer

**TREASURER'S REPORT 8/14/2016**

FMC Ministries .....\$1275.00  
Mennonite Church USA .....\$785.10  
Missions .....\$5000.00  
Other Income  
From Mennonite Foundation for Missions.....\$113.89  
Year to Date Budget Income.....\$92,573.71  
Year-to-date Budget Expenses.....\$90,983.52  
FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....\$1590.19

**Last Week Attendance:** 71

**SCRIPTURE**

For the mountains may depart  
and the hills be removed,  
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you . . . **Isaiah 54:10**

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go  
and bear fruit, fruit that will last . . . **John 15:16a**

When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the  
Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will  
testify on my behalf. **John 15:26**

Then some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he  
mean by saying to us, 'A little while, and you will no longer see  
me, and again a little while, and you will see me', and 'Because I  
am going to the Father?'" They said, "What does he mean by this  
'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about."

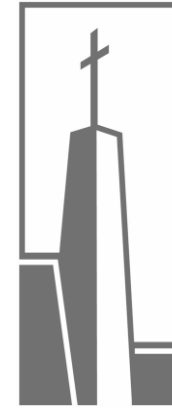
"Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will  
rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a  
woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But  
when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish  
because of the joy of having brought a human being into the  
world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your  
hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.  
**John 16:17-18, 20-22**

**CHURCH OFFICE**

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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.

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

August 21, 2016

**GATHERING**

Gathering Music Shirley Baltzer  
Welcome and Announcements Susie & Pastor Susan  
Prelude to Worship Shirley Baltzer

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

Come into the presence of God,  
Sovereign Creator of earth and sky.

**We worship you in this place.**

**We worship gathered, side by side.**

Come into the presence of Jesus,  
the Savior always with us.

**We await the movement of the Spirit,  
sweeping over the waters,  
renewing our hearts today.**

**ALL: Surround us with your grace.**

**Fill us with love and praise,  
until we worship you with our whole lives.**

\*Hymn Holy Spirit, come with power No. 26

\*Invocation Susie Kliewer

Hymn My life flows on No. 580

**SHARING**

Children's Story Amanda Abrahams  
(children dismissed to Children's Time)

Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan

Offering Shirley Baltzer

Special Music Holly, Laurel, Susan, Ethan

One Voice by Ruth Moody