

WEDNESDAY SESSIONS will begin again on January 6, with a 6:15 p.m. meal and planned game activities. Age-specific classes will begin January 13. The adults will begin with a participatory discussion on possible shapes of Mission Committee at First Mennonite. January 20, 27 and February 3 adults will be led in learning by Aleen Ratzlaff on the topic of how Culture, Communication and Faith come together for us here at First Mennonite. During the season of Lent, Pastor Susan will lead the adult Wednesday evenings in a study of communion.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday: Loren Groening
Monday: Julie Linnens, Doug & Pam Bartel
Tuesday: Van & Linda Peters

Driver: Doug Bartel **Next Week:** Elfrieda Funk

CALENDAR

Dec. 31 New Years Eve (Office Closed)
 Jan. 1 New Years Day (Office Closed)
 Jan. 14 7 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting
 Jan. 24 Carry-In Meal & Annual Congregational Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 27 Easter Sunday
 April 17, 24 Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus Concerts

TREASURER’S REPORT

Offerings for 12/20/2015

FMC Ministries.....	\$2,581.10
Mennonite Mission Network.....	\$50.00
MCC.....	\$10.00
Quilt Project.....	\$112.00
Year To Date Ministries Income.....	\$148,237.88
Year To Date Ministries Expenses.....	\$150,235.62
FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....	-\$1,997.74

Last Week Attendance: 112



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.

WORSHIP THIS MORNING will be a time of singing and open sharing. Come ready to listen or share how Jesus has come to you in community, how your feet have been guided in the way of peace, or any sharing you would like to offer.

FMC PHOTO BOARD: We have several photos on our FMC community board. Bring a printed photo, no larger than 4x6. Go ahead and post your photo – labels are on the board. Thank you in advance!

PASTOR SUSAN will be taking time off this week.

THE FMC OFFICE will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

RESPONSE TO REFUGEE CONCERNS: Two WDC congregations, Zion Mennonite Church (Elbing, KS) and Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church (Wichita, KS), joined a local Presbyterian congregation to host a holiday meal on December 5 for refugees resettled by International Rescue Committee in Wichita, KS. The churches prepared the meal of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, salads, and pies, and congregation members served and visited with the guests. The greatest part of this day was seeing two people recognize each other after being separated for years. Neither one knew the other was in Wichita till this meeting! LAMC is also collecting a specified list of items to take to IRC to distribute to refugees as they set up housekeeping, such as laundry and dish detergent, aluminum foil and plastic wrap, paper towels, toothpaste, shampoo, bar soap, facial tissues, toilet paper, kitchen/bathroom cleanser. Zion has been collecting gloves, hats, coats, and socks for refugees, many of whom come from warmer climates. During December Zion selected a family of 7 from the Congo who arrived this year, to purchase Christmas gifts for them. Several individuals from Zion have also volunteered teaching English, helping write resumes, and mentoring. For more information about opportunities to support refugees in the Wichita, KS area, contact the International Rescue Committee at rescue.org/Wichita or 316-351-5495, or Episcopal Wichita Area Refugee Ministry at ewarm.org or 316-977-9276