

## LISTENING

Scripture  
Message

Callie Linnens  
Andrew Sensenig

## RESPONDING

\*Hymn God, who touches earth No. 511  
\*Benediction Hank  
\*You are invited to stand as you are able.

**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.*

**YOUTH SUNDAY IS TODAY!** We look forward to hearing from Andrew Sensenig and being led in worship by our youth. Special Offering will be collected toward convention expenses.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is February 18. We will have a 7 pm service for Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Come join us in the Fellowship Hall for a time of prayer and reflection.

**TWELVE CIRCLE LEADERS** are ready to graduate from the initial Circles training and allies are needed to support these Circle Leaders in their journey out of poverty. A job description for an ally is posted on the board outside the pastor's office. Contact Mark Rogers of Circles of Marion County at worozo@outlook.com.

**FMC OFFICE CHANGE:** Our FMC Office is open 9 to 12, Monday through Friday. Laura is solo on Monday, Pastor Susan is solo on Tuesday. Both Laura and Pastor Susan are in the office Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. While they would love to be attached at the hip more than three days a week, they decided they may get more work than talking done if they separated more!

**PASTOR SUSAN** and Jim Paulus were part of a Hillsboro city project to complete a Housing Assessment Tool (HAT) for the state of Kansas. Completion of this assessment puts Hillsboro in the pool for possible state funds related to housing improvements. Much data was collected in the report, toward the overall question -- what is the current housing situation in Hillsboro and how can Hillsboro's housing offerings be improved? The completed report is posted on the bulletin outside the pastor's office.

**FEBRUARY 15,** 4 to 5 pm, we hope you join us for fun and thanksgiving for recent building projects and repairs. Something for everyone – all ages are welcome! In the Fellowship Hall.

**ALL ARE WELCOME** to join our Wednesday evening meal and activities. See calendar for times.

**MY COINS COUNT-** an alternative Penny Power slogan. MCC projects are established so that when people give money to support them, they can be confident that ...MY COINS COUNT. This part of MCC's program is focused on giving young and old, a very specific sense that the coins that are given, do count, do make a well, or a rabbit or goat, appear in a village, somewhere in this needy world. Please prepare yourself to join with many others these next months as we conduct this drive to ... Make coins count. Contact – FMC MCC liaison team Jan & Deryll Amstutz, Nancy & Douglas Graber

**THE MCC SALE COMMITTEE** will host a Fellowship Meal after Church on Sunday, February 22. There will be a free will offering for this, with donations to help pay for expenses of the MCC Sale. Watch for more information and sign up if you plan to come. If anyone wants to be involved in hosting or visiting another family for the scheduled MCC Fellowship meals, these will be on March 1 or 8. See Deryll, Jan, Douglas or Nancy for the forms and details. The forms need to be sent by February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**MCC MINI-AUCTION.** On Thursday 2/12/15, the MCC Liaison persons will attend the annual mini-auction. It is a fun evening, where an auctioneer sells things to us. The money raised goes toward the expenses of the 2015 MCC Relief Sale. The goal is to meet all the expenses prior to the sale, so that during the sale, all the money taken in goes directly to MCC. We are requesting items from you that you would be willing to donate! Food items usually sell well; like cinnamon rolls, pies, and any other yummy items that people may want to eat on the spot, or take home for another time! Handmade items also sell well. Please contact Deryll or Jan Amstutz, or Douglas or Nancy Graber. Thanks very much!

**WITH MARCH ON THE HORIZON,** spring is creeping over the land: neither lion nor lamb winds can prevent the sun from brightening our days or from warming the earth to bring life to seeds and plants and baby creatures. If you feel creativity sprouting in your imagination, next month's *First Threshings* will be fertile soil for it to flourish in, so send it to me no later than Friday, February 20. Thanks! Pat

## AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Matt and Tia Regier welcomed a daughter, Lyda Aster, born February 1. She was 8 lbs. 1 oz. She joins her brother Eliot at 206 N. Reed, Matfield Green, Kansas 66862. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Merle Funk, son of Marvin and Elfrieda Funk, was admitted to Via Christi in Wichita this past Thursday. Prayers for Merle and the family as he recovers.

Nancy Klaassen fell and broke her left arm above the elbow this past Wednesday evening. She received treatment at the Hillsboro hospital and Newton Medical Center. Prayers for Nancy and Joel as she heals.

Jim Baker's mom, Viola Baker Suderman, passed away on Thursday in California. She was 99 years old. Services will be held in Belmond, Iowa at a later date. Please pray for Jim and Elaine and their family during this time.

Continue to pray for Amelia Brandt, daughter of Mike and Deb Brandt, has accepted a 6-month assignment in a quarantine clinic in Sierra Leone, related to the efforts to control Ebola.

**MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE** works directly with the students of the Hesston College Disaster Management Program. The college is listing a full-time faculty position: Hesston College seeks applicants for a full-time faculty position in disaster management. Responsibilities include administering and teaching courses in the program, recruiting and advising students and directing the summer field experience at a disaster site. For more information check the link below:  
<http://www.hesston.edu/contact/employment/disaster-management-faculty/>

**WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE (WDC)** of Mennonite Church USA seeks a full time Conference Minister to provide leadership to the mission, ministry and well-being of WDC churches. M.Div. and pastoral ministry experience required. Individuals who bring diversity are encouraged to apply. Full job description appears at [mennowdc.org/wdc-conference-minister/](http://mennowdc.org/wdc-conference-minister/). Please send cover letter and Ministerial Leadership Information form to Sondra B. Koontz, Search Chair, 820 E 7<sup>th</sup>, Newton, KS 67114 or [skoontz@bethelks.edu](mailto:skoontz@bethelks.edu). Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

**PLEASE JOIN US** for Offender/Victim Ministries' Annual Meeting on Monday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Meridian Center, 1420 E. Broadway Ct. in Newton. Dinner is \$11 per person and can be paid at the door. RSVP to 316-283-2038 or email [ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net) by Monday, February 9.

**THE ANABAPTIST VISION AND DISCIPLESHIP SERIES** Conference is Feb 13-15 at Hesston College, "Overcoming Evil: Ordinary People Making a Difference." Keynote speaker Father John Dear, internationally known voice for peace and 2008 Nobel Peace Prize nominee, will lead participants to understand Biblical foundations for justice and the peace of Jesus to overcome the evil common to us all. Additional information/registration at [www.hesston.edu/AVDS](http://www.hesston.edu/AVDS) or call 620-327-8109.

**TED AND CO.** will be doing a production of *I'd Like to Buy an Enemy* as a part of the above conference, but it is also open to anyone to attend separately. Please see the bulletin board outside the church office for more details.

**VERENIKA SUPPER.** 1<sup>st</sup> Mennonite Church in Halstead is hosting a dinner February 21 from 5-7pm. Cost by Donation. Proceeds go to church missions.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Today:** Laura Paulus  
**Tuesday:** Ruthie Paulus

**Driver:** Deryll Amstutz      **Next Week:** Lee Albrecht

**TREASURER'S REPORT 1/21/2015**

FMC Ministries..... \$4,160.82  
 Other Income  
     From Mennonite Foundation for Missions .....\$429.70  
 Year-to-date Ministries Income ..... \$18,463.00  
 Year-to-date Ministries Expenses ..... \$14,162.44  
 Ministries Fund Balance ..... \$4,300.56

**Attendance: 71**

**CALENDAR**

Feb 8 Youth Sunday  
 Feb 11 6:15 p.m. meal; 7 p.m. Class and activities  
 Feb 15 4-5 p.m. FMC Thank You Celebration  
 Feb 18 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday  
     No evening meal or classes  
 Feb 22 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent  
     MCC Fellowship Dinner  
 Feb 25 6:15 p.m. meal; 7 p.m. Class and activities  
     8:15 p.m. Care Committee  
 March 1 Carry In  
 March 4 6:15 p.m. meal; 7 p.m. Class and activities  
     8 p.m. Worship Committee  
 March 11 6:15 p.m. meal; 7 p.m. Class and activities  
 March 18 Spring Break; No evening activities or meal  
 March 25 6:15 p.m. meal; 7 p.m. Class and activities  
     8:15 p.m. Care Committee  
 April 5 Easter  
 April 17-18 MCC Relief Sale

**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**

Making Disciples through Loving Relationships

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

February 8, 2015

**GATHERING**

Gathering Music  
 Welcome and Announcements Hank Unruh  
 Prelude to Worship Shirley Flaming  
     We carry in a flame, the Bible, and a prayer cloth,  
     trusting the Light to guide us, the Word to teach us  
     and prayer to knit our lives together with God in our worship

\*Call to Worship Brodie Rathbone

Leader: A dry, lifeless speck  
 Blown by the wind settles to earth

**People: Sunlight, soil, rain.**  
**Roots! Shoots! Flowers! Fruit!**

Leader: Mysterious God, we marvel at the miracle of new life from seeds.

**People: We marvel that your kingdom grows even while we sleep.**

Leader: Scatter your good seed in our hearts this day, O Spirit of God.

**All: Then let our hearts unfold like flowers before you, center of unbroken praise!**

\*Hymn I sing the mighty power of God No. 46

\*Invocation Brodie Rathbone

Hymn In the bulb there is a flower No. 614

**SHARING**

Children's Story Hank  
 (children dismissed to Children's Time)

Sharing and Prayer Hank

Prayer Song For the fruit of all creation No. 90

Offering Shirley Flaming

Today's special offering will go to Hi-Fy unless otherwise designated.