

RESPONDING

*Hymn I know not why No. 338
*Benediction Pastor Susan

*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.

SCRIPTURE SHARING: During the month of January our scripture from the Gospel of Mark will be presented by members of our community "by heart." Different than "by memory," this is a sharing of the passage which has read repeatedly by the teller until it has become very familiar. Some notes may be used. Let us prepare *our* hearts to hear the words and deeds Jesus came to share.

OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING meal and activities began this Wednesday, January 7. For our adult class, Keith Harder is bringing a six-week exploration of how our Christian understandings of the parables of Jesus can be enriched by viewing them from a Jewish perspective. All are welcome. We will meet in the chapel.

JOCELYN GRABER of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary will bring us an update this coming Sunday, January 18, during worship.

AS WE KNOW, God's love is omnipresent and unshakeable. Have you experienced this directly - or maybe through human love? And, would you be willing to have that included in the February issue of *First Threshings* for us all to enjoy and learn from? If so, please contact me. Submissions on other subjects are welcome too: the deadline is Friday, January 23. Thanks, Pat.

Know Jesus 2015 is a weekend retreat for Jr. High (6th-8th grade) students to worship together and learn more about their Anabaptist roots. Organized by Western District and South Central Conference Youth Ministry Committee, it will be hosted by Hesston College January 31-February 1. Please see Hank if you are interested in having your child attend.

DIRECTORY UPDATE. Please double check the directory to ensure that your information is correct. If you have any updates or changes, please get to Laura this week.

ALL WHO ARE PART of our First Mennonite community are invited to a celebration event on Sunday, February 15, 4 to 5 pm in our Fellowship Hall! Amidst fun remembering, we will acknowledge God's provision and our chapters of shared work in our kitchen improvement, with our exterior gas line, and in the multi-faceted, interior and exterior, above surface and below surface work on the building's sewer system. Let us give thanks! Put February 15 on your calendar and plan to be there!

CONVERT YOUR STUFF into TREASURE for OTHERS. Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale could be the place to convert your stuff into treasure for people who need a hand UP! Help people to help themselves. If you have a craft item, antique tool, furniture, tractor, or car; if you have a homemade game, a replica of past culture, whatever: MCC could be the place to convert that into dollars for development and relief efforts around the world. Please consider how you could share in this Regional effort by people who care to support MCC. Contact – FMC MCC liaison team: Jan & Deryll Amstutz, Nancy & Douglas Graber

WE SING! So that others may LIVE!!!! Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus (KMMC) invites you to join a 300 voice choir for the 2015 concert series. This year, the choir has the additional blessing, which is to sing for the biannual Mennonite Church Conference in Kansas City. Offerings gathered at all concerts goes entirely to the work of Mennonite Central Committee, (MCC). These funds support work around the world to enable people to live a better life. Membership fees cover various choir expenses. Members can sign up using the form on the poster located in the FMC hallway and contacting Douglas Graber: directly, by church mail box, or 620-382-6591.

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

TWO TODDLER car seats are available for no cost. Call Terri Dalton, 316-258-7828 (Terri and Steve Dalton have been worshipping with us several Sundays this past fall).

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Amelia Brandt, daughter of Mike and Deb Brandt, has accepted a 6-month assignment with GOAL, an organization from Ireland. Amelia, who is a social worker, will be training people to work in a quarantine clinic in Sierra Leone, related to the efforts to control Ebola. Let us lift Amelia, Mike, Deb and the efforts of this organization in our prayers.

Shirley Baltzer, one of our organists, will be having knee surgery on January 15. She will take some time off from organ playing, but will return mid-February. Let's lift Shirley in prayer as she anticipates this surgery and recovery. Blessings, Shirley! Shirley Flaming will be covering the organist duties.

Charlie Peters has a fracture in his left ankle from a New Year's Day snowboarding outing. Prayers for Charlie and all as he heals, first with a cast and then with a boot.

NORMA PETERS DUERKSEN was installed January 4 as Pastor at Trinity Mennonite Church here in Hillsboro. May God richly bless Trinity Mennonite and Norma's time as pastor!

MASSIVE BOOK SALE, now underway at the WDC offices, 2517 N. Main Street, N. Newton, KS. Most items are 50 cents! Choose from theology, ministry, children's books!

WHAT DO YOU CARE about most deeply for your church or your community? Come find out about grants available to pastors and church leaders in 2015 for leadership training and support in taking new initiatives. "Leadership for Adaptive Times," will be held Thursday, January 29, at First Mennonite Church, Halstead. There will be a meeting for pastors from 3:30-6:00 PM with Thane Chastain, Kansas Leadership Center Coach, followed by supper at 6:00 PM. Registration is \$10 and includes the meal. To register go to: <http://mennowdc.org/missional-leadership-for-adaptive-challenges-kansas-leadership-center-scholarships-launch/>. Lay leaders and WDC leaders are invited for the 7:00 PM evening meeting (registration not required for evening meeting).

TREASURER'S REPORT 1/7/2015

FMC Ministries\$2,560.93
 Year-to-date Ministries Income\$10,785.39
 Year-to-date Ministries Expenses\$1, 197.25
 Ministries Fund Balance\$9,588.14

Attendance: 72

BETHEL COLLEGE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today (Sun., Jan. 11) – The public is invited to a celebration for Rachel Pannabecker's 30 years of service to Kauffman Museum; 3:30 p.m. in the museum, including tributes, live music and refreshments.

Thurs., Jan. 15 – Greer Lecture with printmaker Johanna Mueller, 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center; reception with refreshments to follow. A "pop-up exhibition" of Mueller's work will be in the Regier Gallery Jan. 12-15.

Jan. 18-19 – Bethel College's annual celebration of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. Sun., Jan. 18: excerpts from the documentary *Freedom Riders*, 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center; discussion follows with Dr. Gretchen Eick of Friends University and Dr. Galyn Vesey. Mon., Jan. 19: program with members of Bethel's Multicultural Student Union and keynote speaker Sarah Thompson, executive director of Christian Peacemaker Teams, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

Sat., Jan. 31 – annual Kansas Day celebration, on the theme of "Transportation," at Kauffman Museum, with expanded programming: 11 a.m., presentation by Amelia Earhart historical interpreter Ann Birney, *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center* (free); noon, special Kansas Day luncheon in *Schultz Student Center cafeteria* (ticket purchase required for all but children 4 and under); 1-4 p.m., craft and educational activities, vehicle display, *in and around the museum* (free). If interested in the luncheon, e-mail Andi Schmidt Andres at atasa@bethelks.edu or call her Tues.-Fri. at 316-283-1612.

Jesus' Food Supply
 Jesus sends out Mark 6:6b-13
 Herod sends out Mark 6:14-29
 Jesus teaches Mark 6:30-44

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Monday: Joel Klaassen, Carolyn Penner, Matt Regier, Tia Regier
Tuesday: Eli Jantz
Wednesday: Ron & Marci Heidebrecht
Saturday: Sarah Diener
Driver: Doug Bartel **Next Week:** Elfrieda Funk

CALENDAR

Jan 14 6:15 pm meal; 7pm Class and activities
 Jan 21 6:15 pm meal; 7pm Class and activities
 Jan 25 Annual Meeting following carry-in
 Jan 28 6:15 pm meal; 7pm Class and activities
 Feb 8 Youth Sunday
 Feb 15 4-5 p.m. Time of thanks in Fellowship Hall
 Feb 18 Ash Wednesday
 Feb 22 1st Sunday of Lent
 March 1 Carry In

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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.

January 11, 2015

GATHERING

Gathering Music	Shirley Flaming
Welcome & Announcements	Darrel Knoll & Pastor Susan
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 Darrel Knoll

Come away and rest a while.

God's steadfast love surrounds us here.

We are gathered as sheep with a shepherd.

We are kept and feed by Jesus, our Lord.

Live with hope, for God is with us every day.

Live in peace, for God comes among us and turns us from hostility.

We are one in Christ who calls us.

We are one in the Spirit who binds us together.

*Hymn Come, we that love the Lord No. 14

*Invocation Darrel Knoll

Hymn Brethren, we have met to worship No. 8

SHARING

Children's Story	Julie Linnens
(children dismissed to Children's Time)	

Sharing and Prayer	Pastor Susan
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Prayer Song	Taste and see	Gray Sgbk 17
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Offering	Shirley Flaming	
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Today's special offering goes to the MCC Relief Sale unless otherwise designated.

LISTENING

Scripture	Jim Jantzen
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Mark 6:6b-44

Message	Pastor Susan
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