

## LISTENING

Scripture Elfrieda Funk  
 Matthew 2:1-8, 9-18 Matthew 14:1-12, 13-21  
 Meditation Pastor Susan  
 Reading of "The Welcome Table" by Alice Walker  
 Deryll Amstutz  
 Song of Reflection Lord, I want to be a Christian No. 444  
 Lord, I want to be a Christian...  
 Lord, I want to be like Jesus...

## RESPONDING

\*Hymn Longing for Light Grey Sgbk 1  
 \*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.*

**ON OUR ALTAR** in the front of the sanctuary is a wreath of five candles. The center Christ candle sits among four candles of different color, representing different skin tones of the human race, all created by God. Jesus came into the midst of us all to save us all, to show the way. These candles are lit as we come into worship. Our blue ceramic Spirit lamp will be lit during the Prelude to Worship.

**FIFTH SUNDAY PERSONAL SHARING** will occur this month on January 22 rather than January 29. Glenn Wiebe will share reflections of his visit to the National Museum of African American History and Culture on the mall in Washington D.C. We welcome Glenn to the pulpit and ask God to prepare our hearts to hear what he shares.

**DOUG AND HOLLY'S** Israel/Palestine trip itinerary is on the pastor's bulletin board.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL** and activity continues!

Jan 18 – Laurel Koerner The "Every 28 Hours"  
 Play-Reading Event

Jan 25 – Viewing "Salam Neighbor"  
 Feb 1 – Don Ratzlaff "Community Journalism"  
 Feb 8 – Aleen Ratzlaff "Newspapers Serving  
 African American Communities"  
 Feb 15 – Aleen Ratzlaff "Local Correspondents in  
 1920s Black Newspapers"

**MONDAY EVENINGS AT 7 P.M.** is when you can come and help create comforters in preparation for the March 6 and 7 Comforter Blitz. All are welcome!

**TAMMY WINTERMOTE IS STARTING** a women's Bible study in January here at church. The group will meet twice a month on Tues. or Thurs. evenings. Our study will be decided by the women involved. If you are interested in joining this group, please talk to Tammy.

**BOOKS FOR CHILDREN ARE AVAILABLE** at the back table, along with word puzzles and dot-to-dot puzzles. There will be nursery available, but all other children are invited to remain in the sanctuary during worship.

**TABOR COLLEGE PROJECT SEARCH** is a new venture in Marion County that trains and locates employment internships for disabled individuals. Hillsboro's Ministerial Alliance wants to help locate businesses that would take on a post-high school trained intern with this program. Contact Pastor Susan for more details. Thank you.

## IF:GATHERING 2017

We invite women, college age and older, to join us for IF:Hillsboro on February 3 & 4, 2017, at Hillsboro MB Church. Come to connect, worship, listen to speakers and be inspired to live out your faith in pure and simple ways. This is a weekend you will not want to miss. Help us to plan for you and register by January 25. For more details and to register, go to:  
<https://register.ifgathering.com/event/ifhillsboro>  
 If you need help registering email [ifhillsboroks@gmail.com](mailto:ifhillsboroks@gmail.com) or call Sara Wichert, 620-947-2749.

## AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift in prayer: Nadine Friesen, Joel Klaassen, Linda Bartel, Mieka and Casey Bartel and baby Marin, Dan Schaefer, Callie Linnens

A memorial service for Katie Funk Wiebe will be held at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church in Wichita, Kansas, on Friday, January 20.

Dear Friends at First Mennonite Church,

Thank you for another wonderful gift to MCC! As always, we truly appreciate your support. You are making a difference in places like Haiti, where MCC is supporting a seed bank program for the farmers in the remote community of Kabay. This place helps improve food security by providing farmers a safe, dry place to store their seeds for next year's harvest. Thank you for being a part of MCC's work around the globe!

Anna Yoder – Donor Relations Coordinator  
 MCC Central States

## CALENDAR

Jan 18 6:15 p.m. Weds. Evening Meal; 7 p.m. Activities  
 Jan 25 6:15 p.m. Weds. Evening Meal; 7 p.m. Activities  
 Jan 26 7 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting  
 Jan 29 Annual Meeting following Carry-In

## CARRY-IN MEAL SCHEDULE:

January 29 – Annual Meeting

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Tuesday:** Sarah Diener

**Thursday:** Frieda Birkle

## TREASURER'S REPORT 1/8/2017

FMC Ministries .....	\$1,677.87
MCC Relief Sale .....	\$1,370.01
Year to Date Budget Income .....	N/A
Year-to-date Budget Expenses .....	N/A
FMC Ministries Fund Balance .....	N/A

**Last week's attendance:** 95

## 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.*

## Matthew 2:1-8, 9-15, 16-18

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." 3 When King Herod heard this, he was **frightened**, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

6 "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

7 Then Herod **secretly** called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with **joy**. 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they **knelt down** and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a **dream** not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

13 Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a **dream** and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to **destroy** him." 14 Then Joseph **got up**, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

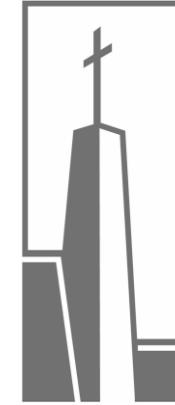
16 When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was **infuriated**, and he sent and **killed** all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

18 "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

## Matthew 14:1-12, 13-21

14 At that time Herod the ruler heard reports about Jesus; 2 and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him." 3 For Herod had arrested John, **bound** him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, 4 because John had been telling him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." 5 Though Herod wanted to put him to death, he **feared** the crowd, because they regarded him as a prophet. 6 But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company, and she pleased Herod 7 so much that he promised on **oath** to grant her whatever she might ask. 8 Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter." 9 The king was grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he commanded it to be given; 10 he sent and had John **beheaded** in the prison. 11 The head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who brought it to her mother. 12 His disciples came and took the body and buried it; then they went and told Jesus.

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he **withdrew** from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had **compassion** for them and cured their sick. 15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16 Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; **you** give them something to eat." 17 They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." 18 And he said, "**Bring them here to me.**" 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, **he looked** up to heaven, and **blessed** and broke the loaves, and **gave them** to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And all ate and were **filled**; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets **full**. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.



# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships.

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

January 15, 2017

## GATHERING

Gathering Music	Shirley Baltzer
Welcome & Announcements	Elfrieda & Pastor Susan
Prelude to Worship	Shirley Baltzer
*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 122)	Elfrieda Funk
*Hymn Jesus calls us here to meet him	Grey Sgbk 47
*Congregational Invocation	Elfrieda Funk

Holy God, we stand in your presence today.  
In this time of new beginnings,  
we come together to ask  
what *you* would have us do for you.

**We confess that in these days,  
fear is mixed with our hope.**

**We ask for strength to trust your Spirit.**

**We ask for strength to consider your dreams and  
visions for the world.**

***ALL: Embrace us with our hopes and fears.***

***Send us your Spirit in this hour of worship.***

***Send also your Son's presence,  
care and guidance in these hours, in these days.***

**Amen.**

Hymn What a friend we have in Jesus No. 573

## SHARING

Children's Story	Alisa Schmidt
Special Music	Susan and Shirley
<i>Prelude</i>	C. Franck
Sharing and Prayer	Pastor Susan
Offering	Shirley Baltzer