

LISTENING as COMMUNITY

Scripture Deryll Amstutz
Luke 5:17-26 and Luke 8:1-3 (back of bulletin)
Message Pastor Susan

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

*Hymn Lord, I want to be a Christian No. 444
*Benediction** Pastor Susan

Through Jesus Christ, you are free!
By your hands, may love be shared.
By your voice, may peace be spoken.
By your eyes, may beauty be seen.
By your ears, may truth be heard.
And may the love of Jesus be at hand in your presence.

*adapted from Words for Worship 2 No. 11

**adapted from Words for Worship 2 No. 158 and 161

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.

WE WELCOME MARYN ROBSON on the piano today.
Maryn is a Tabor student from Sterling, Kansas. Glad to have you among us, Maryn!

BETHESDA SERVICE. This afternoon our congregation has charge of the 4 p.m. worship service in Goessel. Nancy and Douglas Graber and Pastor Susan will lead. Prayers for good fellowship and worship.

NEXT WEEK TIM AND ASIA will be part of the message as we reflect together on Jesus calling us to community. This is a chance to hear from them both prior to their spring semester in Elkhart, Indiana, the location of the Mennonite Church USA seminary, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY we will hear from Jeff and Tammy Wintermote as they become members here at First Mennonite. Blessings, Jeff and Tammy, as you prepare for this day, and to our congregation as we prepare to receive them.

FMC PHOTO BOARD: Only YOU can prevent someone from not knowing who you are! Bring a printed photo, no larger than 4 x 6. Go ahead and post your photo -- labels are on the board. Thank you in advance!

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS:

Join us for 6:15 p.m. supper.
Age-grouped activities follow for children and youth.
Adults meet in the chapel at 7:05 p.m.:
Jan 20 – Aleen Ratzlaff, Culture, Communication and Faith Session 1
Jan 27 – Aleen Ratzlaff, Culture, Communication and Faith Session 2
Feb 3 – Aleen Ratzlaff, Culture, Communication and Faith Session 3
Feb 10 – NO MEAL OR ACTIVITIES – ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7 p.m.
Feb 17 – March 9: Come Lord Jesus, Be our Host – communion in our congregation
Pastor Susan, discussion leader
March 16 – NO MEAL OR ACTIVITIES – SPRING BREAK
March 23 – April 13: Collected Thoughts – Keith Harder
April 13 – Last regular Wednesday evening
April 20 – FMC HiFY Variety Show

THIS WEDNESDAY, Aleen Ratzlaff will unpack aspects of communication, faith and culture in a three-session series with the goal to better understand ourselves so that we can better understand others. 7:05 p.m. in the Chapel.

ANNUAL MEETING AND CARRY-IN MEAL is one week from today! Our meeting will be held just after the meal and we would love to have you there. Budget will be presented and approved, and we will hear updates on at least some parts of our church life.

JOIN US FEBRUARY 5 & 6 for IF:Hillsboro. This event is being planned BY Hillsboro women FOR Hillsboro women across generations and denominations. We are excited to meet locally and livestream the IF:Austin event along with women all over the nation for times of worship, prayer, and learning from God's Word. For more information or to register go to: ifgathering.com/localgatherings/ifhillsboro.

MCC COMFORTER BLITZ: Plans are continuing for the Blitz March 7-9. Nancy Graber will drive on Monday, March 7th, and already has a few passengers, with room for more. Tuesday, March 8th is a day open for someone to volunteer to drive a group. Please contact Jan or Nancy. Jan is planning to drive on Wednesday March 9th, and has room for passengers. Come and join in the fun! Nancy Graber and Jan Amstutz

MCC FELLOWSHIP MEALS bring people from across KS together around a host table. MCC volunteers match up the guests with the hosts, so that strangers can soon become friends around the table. To get more detailed information on being a Host or a Guest at this "Guess who is coming to dinner" event on either Feb. 28th or March 6th, complete the form available on the table in the back. All forms need to be processed by Feb. 8th. If interested, talk with the MCC Sale liaison committee members of FMC, Deryll and Jan Amstutz and Douglas and Nancy Graber.

MCC Sale Liaison Committee has held an alternate MCC Fellowship Meal here at FMC for the last several years. Plans for such an event are taking shape but exact information and details, yet to be announced.

EASTER'S VERY EARLY THIS YEAR:

Ash Wednesday is February 10. Lent is a time for introspection so if you have any thoughts, poems, etc. that'd you're willing to share through *First Threshings* (anonymously, if preferred), please send them to me no later than Friday, January 29. Thanks, Pat.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Lois Groening has experienced some relief from her back pain following an injection. We give thanks.

Mryrta Bartel was moved from Newton Medical Center to a room at Parkside where she can receive some assisted care as she strengthens again. Prayers, Myrta.

Paul Jantzen has been improving this past week while he was hospitalized here in Hillsboro for a bad cough. Blessings and prayers, Elaine and Paul.

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH IN NEWTON:

FMC in Newton is sponsoring two life stories workshops this year called "Story Matters" led by Laurie Oswald Robinson which will provide tools to help people write their own stories or the stories of a loved one. The workshops will be held February 19-20 (6:30 - 9 p.m. Friday and 8:30 - 3:30 Saturday) and April 1-2. Choose the one that best fits your schedule. The cost is \$60 per person which includes workshop materials, snacks and lunch. The workshops are partially funded by a Loaves & Fishes Grant from Western District Conference. To register, send an e-mail to Wendy Funk Schrag at pwschrag@cox.net. Registration is due February 1 for the February workshop.

BETHEL COLLEGE:

In honor of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., Bethel College offers two special events: Today (Sunday, Jan. 17), 7 p.m. – screening of *In Prison My Whole Life*, an award-winning 2007 documentary on the court case of imprisoned political activist Mumia Abu-Jamal, with open discussion to follow with Jerrell Williams, director of Prison Ministries for OVM-Newton; Monday, Jan. 18, 7 p.m. – “The New Jane Crow,” a program with keynote speaker Michelle Armster, executive director of Mennonite Central Committee Central States. Both events are in *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*, and both are free and open to the public with a freewill offering taken Monday to support the work of Newton Community for Racial Justice.

Sat., Jan. 30 – To go along with the special exhibit “Root For the Home Team,” Kauffman Museum’s annual Celebrate Kansas Day! will have a sports theme. 11 a.m., “The Common and Quirky Mascots of Kansas,” *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*; 1-4 p.m., events on the museum grounds, including wagon rides and corn popped over an open fire (weather permitting), along with make-it-take-it crafts, silent auction, flea market, bake sale and more. Lecture and museum events are free; charge for the special Kansas Day meal in the Bethel cafeteria at noon.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday: Sarah Diener
Tuesday: Frieda Birkle
Friday: Chad Funk

Driver: Lee Albrecht **Next Week:** Don Penner

CALENDAR

Jan. 24 Carry-In Meal, Annual Cong. Meeting
Jan. 26 7 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

TREASURER’S REPORT 1/10/2015

FMC Ministries	\$214.01
MCC Relief Sale.....	\$985.01
Year-to-date Ministries Income.....	\$9,393.83
Year-to-date Ministries Expenses.....	\$3,566.45
Ministries Fund Balance	\$5,827.38

Last Week Attendance: 68

Luke 5:17-26

One day, while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting near by (they had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem); and the power of the Lord was with him to heal. ¹⁸ Just then some men came, carrying a paralyzed man on a bed. They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus; ¹⁹ but **finding no way** to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. ²⁰ When he saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you." ²¹ Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, "Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ²² When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'? ²⁴ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-- he said to the one who was paralyzed-- "I say to you, stand up and take your bed and go to your home." ²⁵ Immediately he stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went to his home, **glorifying God.** ²⁶ Amazement seized all of them, and they **glorified God** and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen strange things today."

Luke 8:1-3

Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, ² as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³ and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships

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

January 17, 2016

GATHERING in COMMUNITY

Gathering Music	Maryn Robson
Welcome & Announcements	Deryll & Pastor Susan
Prelude to Worship	Holly Swartzendruber

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 Deryll Amstutz

L. Come, you who are weary
from the darkness of the night.
R. Come, you are hopeful,
who listen for the breath of God
on the morning dawn.

ALL: Come and worship the Lord.

L. Come with your gratitude
for the blessings of the day.
R. Come with your pleadings
for mercy and release.

ALL: Come and worship the Lord.

L. For the Lord our God is gathering us in,
and Jesus Christ is our Host.
R. Let us welcome our Savior,
and the Spirit that beckens us here.

ALL: Come and worship the Lord.

*Hymn	I'm pressing on the upward way	Grey Sgbk 38
*Invocation		Deryll Amstutz
Hymn	Thou true Vine, that heals	No. 373

SHARING in COMMUNITY

Children's Story	Julie Linnens	
(children dismissed to Children's Time)		
Sharing and Prayer	Pastor Susan	
Prayer Song	In the bulb there is a flower	No. 614
	(with signing)	
Offering	Maryn Robson	