

## LISTENING

Scripture Douglas Graber  
Mark 7:1-23  
Reflections Pastor Susan  
Martin Luther King Reading\* Callie and Grant

## RESPONDING

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

\*found in A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings of Martin Luther King. Ed by J. M. Washington

\*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 Douglas Graber. Let us prepare *our* hearts to hear the words and deeds Jesus came to share.

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

**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 Sunday's this past fall).

**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.

**THANK YOU!** Hi-FY would like to thank you for your continued support. We had a positive 2014 including a fun Art's and Crafts fair, and other fun activities. With your help we were able to raise over \$500 for a Christmas Family. This upcoming year we are looking forward to convention and continued fun. Once again thank you for your support of our youth.

**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 kitchen improvements, exterior gas line, and 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

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**, as part of our youth group exercise, HI-FY picked up many pieces of loose cardboard that had blown out of bins during recent high winds, placing them back in the bins. Many thanks to the youth. Regards, Andrew (recycle point person for Hillsboro)

## AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We sincerely thank everyone who sent cards, flowers, memorials, food, words of encouragement and prayers during the loss of our mother. Also, a big thank you to those who served and provided food for the lunch. We appreciate all you have done. - The family of Linda Jantz.

Eric Buller, pastor at Inman Mennonite Church, is a member of Pastor Susan's pastor group. Eric's wife, Ruth, is having a recurrence of cancer which has resulted in loss of some mental and physical faculties. Please pray for Ruth, Eric, their sons Peter and Josiah, and the Inman Mennonite Church.

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 had knee surgery on January 15. Blessings, Doug and Shirley, in this recovery time.

Prayers for Charlie Peters as he continues to heal.

Glenn Goertz had an outpatient heart procedure done this past Wednesday. Prayers of thanksgiving and strength-giving to Jan and Glenn as they continue down this road of healing for both of them.

Matt, Tia and Eliot Regier have moved. Their new address is 206 N. Reed, Matfield Green, Kansas 66862.

**“GOD'S NOT DEAD”** Saturday, January 31, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parkview MB Church Activity Center. The admission is free and popcorn and lemonade will be served. Child care will be available by donation.

## BETHEL COLLEGE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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. 24 – An introduction to Centering Prayer, 3-5:30 p.m., Agape Center in the Richert House on the Bethel College campus. Leader is Laurinda Wade, Wichita, spiritual director and Centering Prayer retreat leader. Centering Prayer is drawn from an ancient form of Christian prayer that involves silence and contemplation. The workshop is free but organizers would appreciate some idea of numbers. Please contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com

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 *in and around the museum* (free). If interested in the luncheon, e-mail Andi Schmidt Andres at asa@bethelks.edu or call her Tues.-Fri. at 316-283-1612.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Monday:** Frieda Birkle

**Thursday:** Chad Funk

**Saturday:** Cody McMillen

**Driver:** Elfrieda Funk

**Next Week:** Deryll Amstutz

### TREASURER'S REPORT 1/14/2015

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| FMC Ministries .....                      | \$581.00    |
| MCC Relief Sale.....                      | \$800.01    |
| Deferred Maintenance (sewer project)..... | \$150.00    |
| Year-to-date Ministries Income .....      | \$11,366.39 |
| Year-to-date Ministries Expenses .....    | \$2,207.10  |
| Ministries Fund Balance .....             | \$9,159.29  |

**Attendance: 78**

### CALENDAR

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| Jan 21 | 6:15 p.m. meal; 7p.m. Class and activities<br>8:15 p.m. Nurture Committee |
| Jan 25 | Annual Meeting following carry-in                                         |
| Jan 28 | 6:15 p.m. meal; 7p.m. Class and activities                                |

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|             | 8:15 p.m. Care Committee                   |
| Feb 8       | Youth Sunday                               |
| Feb 15      | 4-5 p.m. Time of thanks in Fellowship Hall |
| Feb 18      | Ash Wednesday                              |
| Feb 22      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent             |
| March 1     | Carry In                                   |
| April 5     | Easter                                     |
| April 17-18 | MCC Relief Sale                            |
| April 26    | WDC Children's Choir Event                 |

### DEAR FRIENDS AT FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH,

Thank you so much for your gift to MCC! We really appreciate your generosity, especially as 2014 came to an end. Thank you for being an important part of MCC's work around the world. It is people like you that are making a difference in places like Haiti, where our partners have helped thousands of people find opportunities in rural areas and get back on their feet in Port au Prince since the 2010 earthquake. Thank you for being an important part of MCC! All the best in this new year,  
Anna Yoder  
Donor Relations Coordinator  
MCC Central States

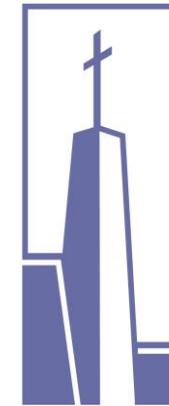
### CHURCH OFFICE

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| Laura Paulus, Secretary<br>secretary@fmchillsboro.com    | Office hours: Mon & Tues 9-12,<br>Thurs & Fri 9-12 |
| Tim Unruh, custodian<br>timu@tabor.edu                   | Office hours: Varies<br>C: 620-947-1585            |

*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

In Christ --  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships

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

January 18, 2015

### GATHERING

|                           |                       |
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| Gathering Music           | Shirley Flaming       |
| Welcome and Announcements | Deryll & 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

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| *Hymn            | The love of God | Gray Sgbk 29   |
| *Call to Worship |                 | Deryll Amstutz |

Beloved, let us love one another,

**because love is from God**

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

**Love is patient; love is kind;**

**love does not insist on its own way.**

Love bears all things, believes all things,  
hopes all things, endures all things.

**Faith, hope and love abide, these three;**

**and the greatest of these is love.**

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| Hymn        | Jesus calls us here to meet him | Gray Sgbk 46   |
| *Invocation |                                 | Deryll Amstutz |

### SHARING

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| Children's Story                        | Jocelyn Graber |
| (children dismissed to Children's Time) |                |

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| Sharing                                | Jocelyn Graber |
| Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary |                |

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| Sharing and Prayer | Pastor Susan |
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| Prayer Song | God who touches earth | No. 511 |
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| Offering | Shirley Flaming |
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