

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.

TODAY 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 prior to their Spring semester in Elkhart, Indiana, the location of the Mennonite Church USA seminary, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING is today! All are welcome to our carry-in meal in the Fellowship Hall and the meeting which follows.

FMC PARTY THIS FRIDAY, January 29, in the Fellowship Hall. Could be Bunco, could be celebrating Kansas Day, could be . . .? More details to follow. Please bring finger foods and/or a 2 liter of pop. Kids are welcome. Start at 7 p.m.

ONE WEEK 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: Callie Linnens has agreed to take photos this coming Sunday, January 31, following the worship service. We will get those photos printed off and put them up. Not certain of location at this point.

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.

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

PARKSIDE IS HAVING a German Buffet on Saturday evening, January 30 at 5:00, 5:30, 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. By reservation, 620-947-2301.

THIS SPRING (STARTING JANUARY 31ST) the Alive! Sunday School class will be studying a book by Lee C. Camp titled "Who Is My Enemy?". In the wake of 9/11 and more recent terrorist attacks, this book explores how Christians can relate to Islam. Join us for intriguing discussions as we follow Lee's journey to understand Islam in light of Jesus' teaching to love our enemies.

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 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 Hi-FY Variety Show

THIS WEDNESDAY, Aleen Ratzlaff will unpack aspects of communication, faith and culture in the second session of 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.

MCC COMFORTER BLITZ: Nancy will be driving **Monday, 3/7**. Hours are 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. There will be no lunch served that day. You may choose to bring a snack, since we will leave Hillsboro around 10:30 a.m. and return after 6 p.m. **Tuesday, 3/8**, is open for someone to volunteer! 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Wednesday, 3/9**, Jan will be driving. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Details to follow.

What to bring? Optional: thimble, pair of scissors (please label), a special needle for tying the comforters (they also have them there). You may bring a snack to share. If you want to operate a sewing machine, you can use one there, or bring a portable.

Last year, >200 comforters were made! Come join the fun here at FMC as we add to the number that can be made this year, Mondays at 7:15 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP MEALS: Those who are interested in signing up for a meal on February 28th (to be a host or guest), need to do that no later than February 8th. Please see the Grabers or Amstutzs for details.

Sunday March 6th, FMC will host our own "MCC Fellowship Meal". All are invited to our Fellowship Hall. A portion of the meal will be provided and the remainder will be brought by willing persons, similar to the Mission Sunday in November. Donations will be taken to benefit MCC. Stay tuned for more details.

ATTENTION MEN: Could you use a few new friends? Like 300 new friends? Then the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus is for you. Yes, KMMC is about music and raising money for the global mission work of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). But, KMMC also fosters wonderful relationships among the chorus members. You are invited to join us. If you can sing during the Sunday morning worship service, you can sing in KMMC.

KMMC by the numbers:

- 6 high energy, fun-filled Sunday afternoon rehearsals from February 28 – April 10. Five rehearsals are at our church with one rehearsal at Bethel College Mennonite Church in N. Newton.
- 2 concerts: April 17 at Bethany College in Lindsborg and April 24 at Central Community Church in Wichita.
- 1 practice CD for each member. The CD has each song recorded in balanced four-part harmony and with your part amplified.
- **Several** men from our church sing in the chorus. You already have chorus friends!
- 14 songs combining favorite hymns, gospel and contemporary Christian music.
- \$35 membership fee pays for your music, printing, facility rental, etc., and I will personally refund your fee if you are not fully satisfied with your KMMC experience.
- 300 chorus members from across Kansas and from Oklahoma, Nebraska, Colorado and Missouri. Chorus members range from high school students to retirees.
- \$700,000+ raised over 47 years from concert offerings and recording sales for the world-wide relief efforts of MCC, providing clean drinking water, food, education and disaster relief.

Join KMMC. It's good for your spirit! For registration information, see the KMMC posters in the foyer or contact **Douglas Graber**. Rehearsals begin February 28.

YOU CAN BE A FRIEND to someone in need. CIRCLES Marion County is recruiting people to be an intentional friend to someone looking for a way out of poverty. CIRCLES offers training and support to make a difference in someone else's life, your life and the life of our community. CIRCLES is planning on hosting a training for prospective Allies February 20. Call or txt Mark Rogers (620-877-0899)

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Lois Groening continues to experience some relief from her back pain following an injection. Let's keep Lois and Loren in our prayers.

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.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Tuesday: Pam Bartel
Thursday: Derek Hamm

Driver: Don Penner **Next Week:** Susie Kliewer

CALENDAR

Jan. 24 Carry-In Meal, Annual Cong. Meeting
 Jan. 26 7 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
 Jan. 29 7 p.m. FMC Party in Fellowship Hall

TREASURER'S REPORT 1/17/2016

FMC Ministries\$1,327.05
 Hi-FY/Other Income \$100.00
 Year-to-date Ministries Income\$10,720.88
 Year-to-date Ministries Expenses\$3,566.45
 Ministries Fund Balance\$7,154.43

Last Week Attendance: 88

You are the Vine

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Then we'll go
 In Your Love
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 In Your Name
 That the world
 Will surely know
 That You have power to heal and to Save

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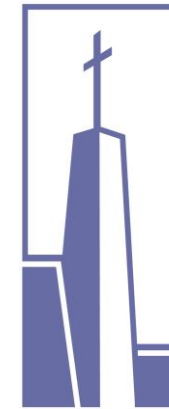
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The church building is open from 9 am to noon Mon. – Fri. except for holidays. For assistance outside of those times, please contact Tim Unruh at 620-947-1585. Please schedule all meetings & events at FMC through the church office.



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
 Making Disciples through
 Loving Relationships

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

January 24, 2016

GATHERING in COMMUNITY

Gathering Music	Shirley Flaming
Welcome & Announcements	Nadine & Pastor Susan
Prelude to Worship	Shirley Flaming
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.	

Responding to God's Call Nadine Friesen

**Thank you Lord for meeting us here
 and calling us to follow you.**

Forgive us when we fail to respond.

We desire to live and serve as your disciples.

**Renew us through your Spirit
 as we offer our worship.**

*Hymn	Renew your church	No. 363
*Invocation		Nadine Friesen
Hymn	You are salt for the earth	No. 226

SHARING in COMMUNITY

Children's Story		Tracy Hefley
(children dismissed to Children's Time)		
Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Susan
Prayer Song	You are the Vine	(back of bulletin)
Offering		Shirley Flaming

LISTENING as COMMUNITY

Scripture	from Luke 6	Nadine Friesen
Message	Luke's Sermon on the Plain	
	Tim & Asia Frye, with Pastor Susan	

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

*Hymn	Here I am, Lord	No. 395
*Benediction		Pastor Susan