

LISTENING

Scripture Kelly Linnens
 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 follow 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.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL and activity continues!

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"

MCC QUILT IS "UP" at Parkside. Come put in your stitches! Speak to Sylvia Abrahams or Jan Amstutz about location and times.

FMC ANNUAL MEETING is today following a carry-in meal. Several committees have ideas to share, so plan to be present for this annual community gathering. Our 2017 FMC Budget will be brought for approval.

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.

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will start Thursday evening, February 2, from 7-9 p.m. in the Chapel. We will be studying the book of Ruth with a guide called "The Girl's Still Got It" written by Liz Curtis Higgs. The books have been ordered. Come join us!

CARAVAN WITH FMCers to the Islamic Society on Saturday, February 11. We have set up a 4 p.m. tour, leaving FMC at 3 p.m. Come join us as we learn about people of a different faith.

APRIL 1 IS THE RESCHEDULED Saturday evening event at Saint Marks United Methodist Church sponsored by the Wichita African American Museum. The Wiley College Choir from Texas will sing, and several leaders will be honored. Details for our leave time from FMC are forthcoming.

MCC (MAKE MY COINS) COUNT:

Pennies, Quarters, Silver Dollars, Bills..... It is time to gather them all for the 2017 MCC projects that need our support. Children can do their part by giving their pennies and asking Grandparents and neighbors to add to the sound of coins falling into the milk can at FMC. Collection Sundays will start up in February. What a joy to know that some children could have clean water to drink because of our efforts to share all the coins we can gather.

KMRS Committee: Jan and Deryll Amstutz,
 Nancy and Douglas Graber

FELLOWSHIP MEALS ARE shared experiences in giving. Hosts invite someone to their home to "come and dine" and guest visit another family's home. The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Fellowship Meals Committee finds guests for you to invite, or hosts to invite you. It happens March 5 or 12. More information and Forms available on the bulletin-board.

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AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift in prayer:
 Ruth Ann Penner and family
 Nadine Friesen
 Joel Klaassen
 Dan Schaefer
 Jim Flaming

CALENDAR

Jan 29 Annual Meeting following Carry-In
 Feb 1 6:15 p.m. Weds. Evening Meal; 7 p.m. Activities
 Feb 2 7 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
 7-9 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Chapel
 Feb 5 Youth Sunday!
 Feb 7 7 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
 Feb 8 6:15 p.m. Weds. Evening Meal; 7 p.m. Activities
 8:15 p.m. Care Committee Meeting
 Feb 11 4 p.m. tour of Islamic Center in Wichita
 Mar 5 MCC Fellowship Meal
 April 1 Evening service at Saint Mark United
 Methodist Church, Wichita

CARRY-IN MEAL SCHEDULE:

January 29 – Annual Meeting

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Wednesday: Lyda Regier
Thursday: Jeanette Schaefer
Friday: Lee Albrecht, Jeff Jensen, Jim & Elaine Baker

TREASURER'S REPORT 1/22/2017

FMC Ministries	\$1,580.00
MCC Relief Sale	\$100.00
Year to Date Budget Income	\$9,930.89
Year-to-date Budget Expenses	\$9,722.44
FMC Ministries Fund Balance	\$208.45

Last week's attendance: 63

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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."

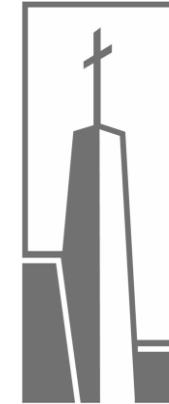
16 When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was **infuriated**, and he sent and **killed** all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet 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 29, 2017

GATHERING

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

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	Julie Linnens
Special Music	Susan and Shirley
<i>Prelude</i>	C. Franck
Sharing and Prayer	Pastor Susan
Offering	Shirley Baltzer