

**January 4, 2015
First Mennonite Church**

GATHERING

Gathering Music	Shirley Baltzer
Welcome and Announcements	Pastor Susan
Prelude to Worship	Shirley Baltzer
*Call to Worship	Pastor Susan

Blessed are you, O God,
in whom nothing is wasted.

You salvage the remnant.

You bless your people with a Savior!

Blessed are you, O God!
You call out, even to us, even now.

You bring hope to our wandering.

You give light to the darkness of our uncertainty.

***ALL: Thanks be to you, O God,
for you brought forth life from the earth
and have returned life to earth once again!***

*Hymn	Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing	No. 110
*Invocation		Pastor Susan
Hymn	Love divine, all loves excelling	No. 592

SHARING

Children's Story	Erin and Hank Unruh
(children dismissed to Children's Time)	
Sharing and Prayer	Pastor Susan
Prayer Song	Star Child (in bulletin)
Offering	Shirley Baltzer

LISTENING

Scripture	Erin and Hank Unruh
	Mark 1:14-39
Message	Hank Unruh

RESPONDING

*Hymn	Will you come and follow me	Gray Sgbk 52
*Benediction		Pastor Susan



Scripture Sharing: During the month of January our scripture from the Gospel of Mark will be presented by members of our community “by heart.” Different than “by memory,” this is a sharing of the passage which has read repeatedly by the teller until it has become very familiar. Some notes may be used. Let us prepare our hearts to hear the words and deeds Jesus came to share.

Our children’s Sunday School program resumes today, using the Shine! SS curriculum, studying stories of Jesus from Mark. Youth Sunday School (grades 8-12) continues in the Youth Room under Youth Pastor Hank Unruh’s leading. We have three adult Sunday School classes meeting each Sunday. Praise God for these places to learn and hear each other as we explore the walk of faith! Here are the children’s teachers:

Andrew Sensenig & Erica Buller	Preschoolers-1st
Marci Heidebrecht/Danielle Bartel	Preschoolers-1st
Derek Hamm/Tracy Hefley	2 nd – 7 th

ROASTER MISSING. We are missing our newest roaster in the kitchen. It is a 20 quart one that is black and silver. If you borrowed it or know where it got moved to during the construction, please help us return it to the kitchen. We need it for Wednesday night’s meal. Thank You!

OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING meal and activities will begin this Wednesday, January 7. For our adult class, Keith Harder will bring a six-week exploration of how our Christian understandings of the parables of Jesus can be enriched by viewing them from a Jewish perspective. All are welcome. Wednesday leaders for children and youth are as follows:

Jeff & Debbie Jensen	Preschoolers – 1st
Jamie Peters	2 nd – 5 th
Jim & Laura Paulus	6 th – 8 th
Hank Unruh	Youth

THANK YOU to all who provided poinsettias for the Christmas Season. Those given in memory of:

- Van & Linda Peters’ parents
- Peter & Mary Goering
- Grandpa Johnnie & Elmer Bartel

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Jan Goertz had cancer surgery at Wesley Hospital on December 22 to remove tissue to establish a treatment plan. Let's pray for Glenn and Jan as she recuperates at home and awaits treatment.

A funeral service for Verla Redger was held this past Monday here at First Mennonite. Thank you to each of you who stepped forward to offer hospitality. And thank you, First Mennonite, for managing the repairs this past fall so that we could again open our church in service.

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, one of our organists, will be having knee surgery on December 15. She will take some time off from organ playing, but will return mid-February. Let's lift Shirley in prayer as she anticipates this surgery and recovery. Blessings, Shirley! Shirley Flaming will be covering the organist duties.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Dec 28: Julie Linnens, Doug & Pam Bartel

Dec 29: Van & Linda Peters

Jan 1: Ron Funk

Tuesday: Dan & Jeannette Schaefer

Thursday: Jacob K. Funk, Holly Swartzendruber

Driver: Susie Kliever **Next Week:** Doug Bartel

Next week's offering will go to MCC Relief Sale unless otherwise designated.

Attendance: 42

CALENDAR

Jan 6 7 p.m. Stewardship Meeting

Jan 7 6:15 pm meal; 7pm Class and activities

Jan 8 Ministries Council

Jan 14 6:15 pm meal; 7pm Class and activities

Jan 21 6:15 pm meal; 7pm Class and activities

Jan 25 Annual Meeting following carry-in

Jan 28 6:15 pm meal; 7pm Class and activities

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