

## PRAYER CONNECTS US TO GOD

“Prayer” asks that you “allow someone other than yourself to enter the very center of your being, to see there what you would rather leave in darkness. . .”

We hold back, afraid to open our hands to God, with God,  
in God’s presence.

“Prayer” is slowly, patiently, opening our hands to God,  
letting go of fears.

After one fear is gone, there is another, and another.  
When our hands are open, “the One who loves you can  
blow your sins away.”

Hymn Create in me a clean heart Grey Sgbk 77

When we find a time of quiet to be with God,  
we find not inner silence, but much noise within.  
“The questions which are asked from within remain  
unanswered. Unsure feelings are not cleared up, tangled  
desires are not sorted out, and confusing emotions are not  
understood. All that remains is a chaotic tumble of feelings  
which have never had a chance to be sorted out.”

We wonder if we can stand to be alone.

Hymn When the storms of life are raging No. 558

“Silence requires the discipline to recognize the urge to get  
up and go again as a temptation to look elsewhere for what  
is close at hand.”

“Perhaps there will be much fear and uncertainty when you  
first come upon this ‘unfamiliar terrain,’ but slowly and  
surely you will discover an order and a familiarity that  
deepens your longing to stay home.”

We find an inner space “where feelings of love and hate,  
tenderness and pain, forgiveness and greed are separated,  
strengthened, or re-formed,” and “there emerges the  
mastery of the Gentle Hand. This hand of the Gardener  
who carefully makes space for the new plant to grow . . .”

“It is the silence of peace and prayer, because it brings you  
back to the One who is leading you.”

Hymn God, who touches earth No. 511

“You become a person only when you are capable of  
standing open to all the gifts that are available to you. . . .  
Perhaps the challenge of the gospel lies precisely in the  
invitation to accept a gift for which we can give nothing in  
return. For the gift is the life-breath of God, the Spirit  
poured out on us through Jesus Christ.”

Hymn Lord, listen to your children No. 353

\*Closing Hymn I am weak and I need thy strength No. 553

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.*

**DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL NEXT WEEK**, Nadine  
Friesen will be sharing about bereavement; books for  
children will be provided by Nadine.

**THE SUNDAY MESSAGES FOR JULY 17 and 24** will be  
delivered by Pastor Susan on the topic of prayer.

**MCC HAS STRONG NEED** for school kits at the moment,  
especially the notebooks. Let’s start collecting as school  
supplies get set out in July! The collection bin is in the  
narthex (the hall at the back of the sanctuary).

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR HILLSBORO STUDENTS** in  
need will be the **VBS project** this year, so keep that in  
mind as well. Thank you, Tracy, for representing FMC as  
VBS is planned, this year at the United Methodist Church!

**OUR PHOTO BULLETIN BOARD** has been consolidated.  
What a blessed collection of faces! If your name tag is no  
longer on the board due to the absence of a photo, you can  
find the names in the church office. Bring a photo and we  
will be delighted to make room for you on the board. Thank  
you, all!

**REQUESTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.** FMC desires to  
support FMC members and members’ children who attend  
a Mennonite college or who choose to receive a seminary  
education. If you are interested in applying for such  
financial support (tuition) for the 2016-2017 academic year,  
contact Doug Miller.

**THE AUGUST ISSUE OF *First Threshings*** is beckoning! If  
you’d like to submit copy for it - family and/or professional  
news of interest to our church family - it would be very  
welcome. Please contact me no later than Friday, July 29.

Thanks. Pat

**PEPPERNUT WEEK** starts Monday, July 18!

**REMEMBER TO ASK YOUR AUNT**, uncle or cousin if they  
have a good recipe or two for quantity meals! You will be  
hearing soon about a sign up for this fall’s Wednesday  
evening meals. We look forward to another season of this  
Wednesday ministry of deepening our community by  
serving and eating together.

## AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift the family of Paul Ediger in prayer. Paul passed  
away Wednesday evening, July 6. Paul would have turned  
97 on July 12. A memorial service will be here at First  
Mennonite tomorrow, Monday, July 11, at 11 a.m. with a  
light meal following. We thank God for his long life and ask  
God to sustain Marcella and the family at this time.

We continue to hold Susie Kliever in prayer.

Today Carson Linnens, Caleb Diener and Victoria  
Wintermote head for Camp Mennoscah. Blessings and  
may you have a great time!

Congrats to all the FMC youth who are swimmers! See the  
newspaper listing on the bulletin board outside the Pastor’s  
office.

Stan Funk has been with his sisters the last several weeks  
as he recovers from cellulitis in his legs. Prayers for Stan.

Hilda Schmidt asked that we remember her daughter,  
Joleen, in prayer. While vacationing in Colorado, Joleen  
had a fall on her bicycle and will have plastic surgery on  
her face, in the cheek area.

"It was a special for me to serve as your sabbatical interim  
pastor while Pastor Susan was on sabbatical. It was good  
to re-connect with persons I had met previously and to get  
to know new persons who have become part of the  
congregation in recent years. A special thanks for the  
"Chamber Checks" which Jeannie and I will enjoy spending  
in the Newton community. May God richly bless you as you  
continue to minister together in the Hillsboro community."

Marv Zehr

### MCC:

The MCC Material Resource Center in North Newton is in need of the following items: full size Fiscars scissors, sew-on snaps (20-25 per package), large bars of laundry soap, full-size bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright color), and men's briefs (sizes M, L, or XL). These items can be brought to 121 E. 30th St. in North Newton, Kan., purchased online via Amazon Smile or other retailers and shipped to MCC or we welcome your monetary donations designated Kit Supplies. Thank you for your ongoing support of the worldwide work of Mennonite Central Committee! If you have questions, please call 316.283.2720 or visit [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits) for more information.

### MMN (Mennonite Mission Network) PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pray for Youth Venture participants and leaders as they learn from, serve alongside, and worship with host communities in Lithuania and Los Angeles this month. This is a Mennonite Mission Network program for youth, ages 14-22.

### CALENDAR

July 18 Peppernut Week starts!  
 July 20 7 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting  
 July 31-August 4 VBS – United Methodist Church

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Today:** Addison & Breckyn Jantz  
**Monday:** Jim Baker  
**Wednesday:** Dan & Kimberley Swaney,  
 Dan & Katie Klaassen  
**Thursday:** Ryan & Tracy Hefley  
**Driver:** Don Penner **Next Week:** Susie Kliewer

### TREASURER'S REPORT 7/3/2016

FMC Ministries .....\$2,320.00  
 Year to Date Budget Income.....\$70,910.69  
 Year-to-date Budget Expenses.....\$77,695.20  
 FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....-\$6,784.51

**Last Week Attendance:** 67

### CHURCH OFFICE

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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.

July 10, 2016

Gathering Music	Shirley Flaming
Welcome and Announcements	Kelly & 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.

*Call to Worship	Kelly Linnens
Psalm 100 – No. 821 (we will read in unison)	

*Hymn	What a friend we have in Jesus	No. 574
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*Invocation	Kelly & congregation
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Gracious and Eternal God, through Jesus Christ,  
 you have joined us into one living body.  
 We thank you for these bonds of love that form us.

**Help us to feel your unseen hand  
 in the unfolding of our life together.**

**Work within us and among us.**

Confront us with your tenderness and set us on fire.

**Enable us, by your Spirit, to walk together  
 in unity of love and purpose,  
 to uphold one another by word and example,  
 and to live in faithful obedience to your will.**

By the mercy and justice we show one another,  
 may we reach out to a watching and waiting world.

**ALL: In our work and worship may your glory be  
 revealed and your name be praised,  
 through Jesus our Lord, Amen.**

Hymn	Praise, I will praise you, Lord	No. 76
Children's Story	Pastor Susan (children dismissed to Children's Time)	

Sharing and Prayer	Pastor Susan
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Offering	Shirley Flaming
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\*Special offering today will go to Western District Conference  
 (WDC) unless otherwise designated.