

The prayer of little faith makes us cling to concrete circumstances. . . You. . . say to yourself: "See what I told you, it doesn't work anyway." In this prayer of little faith, the concreteness of the wishes eliminates the possibility for hope.

Being so eager to arrange our own future, we of little faith close ourselves off from what is coming. We have no patience with the unspecified promise and we have no trust in the unseen situations which the future has in store. Therefore, when we pray with little faith, we pray without hope. Likewise, we pray without despair, for despair is only possible for someone who knows what it means to hope.

Hymn Nothing is lost on the breath of God Grey Sgbk 75

In the silence of prayer you can spread out your hands to embrace nature, God, and your fellow human beings. This acceptance not only means that you are ready to look at your own limitations, but that you expect the coming of something new. For this reason, every prayer is an expression of hope. If you expect nothing from the future, you cannot pray.

Hymn I will come to you in the silence Grey Sgbk 41

When we live with hope we do not get tangled up with concerns for how our wishes will be fulfilled. So, too, our prayers are not directed toward the gift, but toward the one who gives it. Our prayers might still contain just as many desires, but ultimately it is not a question of having a wish come true but of expressing and unlimited faith in the giver of all good things.

Hymn Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons) Grey Sgbk 69

Hope is based on the premise that the other gives only what is good. Hope includes an openness where you wait for the promise to be delivered, even though you never know when, where, or how this might happen.

Thus, every prayer of petition becomes a prayer of thanksgiving and praise as well, precisely because it is a prayer of hope. . . Our numerous requests simply become the concrete way of saying that we trust in the fullness of God's goodness. Whenever we pray with hope, we put our lives in the hands of God.

Hymn Lord, listen to your children No. 353

RESPONDING

*Hymn There is a balm in Gilead No. 627
*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, Alisa Schmidt will be sharing about summer medical problems and First Aid.

THE SUNDAY MESSAGE FOR JULY 24 will be delivered by Pastor Susan, Prayer Connects us with Each Other.

DAYLE TOEWS, SISTER OF STAN FUNK, will bring our message on July 31. Dayle joined 70 other people on the Migrant Trail walk in southern Arizona. Let's prepare our hearts to hear her experience in photos and story.

A BIG THANKS TO ALL of you that help in anyway with funeral meals. Our group is so small anymore, that it takes everyone to help. We appreciate it! We have accumulated several dishes and will put them out **today**, so you can claim yours.

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. These supplies will only be collected during VBS week. Thank you, Tracy, for representing FMC as VBS is planned, this year at the United Methodist Church.

BECKY GAGE, OUR FMC OFFICE SECRETARY, is on vacation this coming week. She will return to the office on Monday, July 25. Blessings, Becky, as you go!

WESTERN DISTRICT ASSEMBLY, "Held Together in Mission", is two weekends from today. Our FMC delegates are Douglas and Nancy Graber, Jeff and Tammy Wintermote, Keith Harder, Pastor Susan Jantzen.

NEED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A WORTHY CAUSE? Hillsboro Arts and Crafts Fair, September 17th may be your answer! The Kaffee Haus hosted in the city building will again be offering quality baked good for sale to fairgoers. Spaces are available to persons/groups at no cost, and 100% of the proceeds are retained by you. For more information on best-selling items and to reserve a table, please contact Marcella Mohn at 620-947-3336 by September 9th.

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.

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.

CHECK OUT THE NOTICE on the bulletin board about the upcoming Music Festival at Bethel College in North Newton on July 30!

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift in prayer:
Ethel Abrahams family, including Mark, Amanda and Jolene
Paul Ediger family
Susie Kliewer

Today it is Joshua Diener's turn to be at Camp Mennoscah. You gotta love Kansas in the summer, but camp makes it fun and doable!

Steve Dalton struggled with a serious rash and infection on his arm during the last half of June. He invites us to give praise that he has improved following multiple rounds of medication and several days in the Hillsboro hospital. Thank you, God, for care and healing.

MCC:

~ You're invited to the **MCC Open House on Thursday, July 21 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.** at the MCC Center in North Newton, Kan. (121 E. 30th). Join us for an indoor picnic to celebrate the newly renovated MCC Material Resource Center, hear from new MCC partners and learn more about brand new kit options you can support. We will recognize the generous gifts shared by Wes and Donna Duerksen to make the renovation happen and enjoy a full picnic, plus self-serve frozen yogurt and toppings bar. Please join us for a fun evening! Questions? Call 316.283.2720 or email tinaschrag@mcc.org.

~ In partnership with Crossroads Community Church in Winfield, Kan., **MCC is making peaches available to you again this summer!** Peaches come in 20 lb. cases for \$35 each, from Noland Orchards in Palisade, Colorado. Please place orders with Patsy Dirksen at patsydirksen@mcc.org or 316.283.2720 **by July 29**. Pick-up date for peaches is Aug. 18 at MCC in North Newton.

~ **New staff at MCC Central States!** We are happy to welcome two new people to the staff at MCC Central States and we hope you'll help us welcome them as well! Patsy Dirksen started in June as our new Office Manager, please say "Hello!" the next time you're at MCC in North Newton. We are also excited to introduce you to Ana Hinojosa, our new Immigration Education Coordinator! Ana started at the beginning of July and will work from Brownsville, Texas. Her work will focus on working with Latino/a populations, collaborating with churches and other faith-based organizations and she will network with MCC's partners on the U.S./Mexico border as well as participate in the MCC Immigration network. Welcome Patsy and Ana!

MMN (Mennonite Mission Network):

Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their four children are transitioning from their Mennonite Mission Network ministry in Ecuador to six months of mission work in the United States. Pray for a smooth cultural move. Remember also those suffering from Ecuador's 7.8-magnitude earthquake in April.

CALENDAR

July 18-22 Peppernut Week!
 July 20 7 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
 8 p.m. Care Committee Meeting
 July 31-August 4 VBS – United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Today: Marlin Bartel
Monday: Joshua Funk, Glen & Sharon Diener
Tuesday: Cristin Flaming, Wes Goertzen,
 Mark & Amanda Abrahams
Friday: Van Peters
Driver: Susie Kliewer **Next Week:** Doug Bartel

TREASURER'S REPORT 7/10/2016

FMC Ministries..... \$1,680.00
 Western District Conference\$299.00
 Year to Date Budget Income \$72,590.69
 Year-to-date Budget Expenses \$78,272.66
 FMC Ministries Fund Balance -\$5,681.97

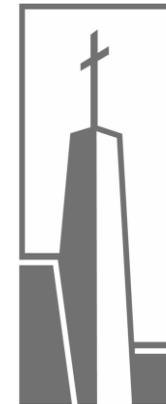
Last Week Attendance: 66

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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 17, 2016

GATHERING

Gathering Music Shirley Baltzer
 Welcome and Announcements Jim & Pastor Susan
 Prelude to Worship Holly Swartzendruber
 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 – No. 848 Jim & Congregation
 *Hymn Brethren, we have met to worship No. 8
 *Invocation Jim Jantzen
 Hymn My hope is built on nothing less No. 343

SHARING

Children's Story Julie Linnens
 (children dismissed to Children's Time)
 Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan
 Offering/Blessing Shirley Baltzer/Pastor Susan

LISTENING

Scripture Jim Jantzen
 Psalm 130, Psalm 71:17-21, Romans 8:24-27, John 1:35-39

PRAYER CONNECTS US TO HOPE

Thoughts from WITH OPEN HANDS by Henri Nouwen

Often, we do more asking than hoping. When there is war, we pray for peace; when there is drought, we pray for rain; . . . when there is a test we pray that we will pass. . .” The important thing about prayer is not whether it is classified as petition, thanksgiving or praise, but whether it is a prayer of hope or of little faith.