

## RESPONDING

\*Hymn For the beauty of the earth No. 89  
\*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.

**TODAY, OUR MESSAGE** will focus on close relationships as part of community, and the ways a congregation supports these relationships. Next Sunday, July 30 Nadine Friesen will share.

**PEPPERNUTS ARE HAPPENING THIS WEEK!** Derek Hamm will be in charge on Tuesday and Holly Swartzendruber will be in charge on Wednesday. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the white board. This year there is a special column where you can sign up to be called if we need you. Come join us! (**note:** if not enough people sign up, there's a possibility that you might get a harassing phone call anyway, so just sign up and avoid the hassle.) Thanks! Tim Frye

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS** July 30 to August 3. Thank you for signing up on the white board. Join us as we pray for joy and focus.

**EXCITED TO BUY MCC** school kit supplies when all the back-to-school supplies show up in stores? Our bin is in the foyer ready for your contributions. Lists are next to the bins.

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 ½ x 10 ½ in, 70 sheets)
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser

**POOL PARTY!** Hospitality has set a date for an FMC Pool Party here at the Hillsboro pool: August 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. This is a fun evening for our faith family to have the pool to ourselves for visiting or swimming. Details will come closer to the date. Thanks, Hospitality!

**YOU ARE INVITED** to a fun evening with Greg Claassen, Ventriloquist. A Benefit Performance for Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum will be held on Friday, August 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Goessel HS Auditorium. Donations Welcomed (No Admission Fee) More info on the bulletin board.

**WOULD A GRIEF GROUP** meet a need for you? Tim Schellenberg, Visitation Pastor at Parkview MB Church is testing the need for a grief group here in Hillsboro. If you have interest, speak with Pastor Susan or call Tim at [620-947-0217](tel:620-947-0217).

## AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift these friends in prayer:

Paul and Elaine Jantzen  
Jeff Jensen  
Stan Funk  
Lenora Klassen

Jeff Jensen will have a hip replacement on July 31 in Pratt, Kansas. Prayers for Deb and Jeff.

We request prayer for Stan Funk as he meets and communicates with his caregivers.

Lenora Klassen has experienced healing in her eyesight. After more than 5 years of cloudiness, several weeks ago she noticed a clearing that continued throughout that day. Since then she has resumed crocheting for her great-grandchildren and can read scripture in the morning. As always, our FMC bulletin is mailed to her each week. We benefit from Lenora's prayers for us. Thanks be to God!

The announcement below came to our church office via email. Our FMC Care Committee has shared with Nadine on behalf of our congregation, but we invite you each to respond as you feel led:

Nadine Friesen continues her recovery from a brain hemorrhage suffered on Christmas Eve. You are invited to help with her ongoing living and medical expenses. An account has been set up in her name at Central National Bank. Thank you for your generosity and prayers on her behalf. If you have further questions, please contact Friends of Nadine representatives, Cindi Roth 620-327-2202 or Bethany Schrag [bethanyjoyschrag@gmail.com](mailto:bethanyjoyschrag@gmail.com).

## EVERENCE:

### Achieving Your Dreams and Goals

Everence will present an informational seminar, *Your dreams, your goals: How a financial plan can help you achieve them*, at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 24.

Representatives from Everence will speak about aligning your finances with your life mission, ways to increase generosity, and avoiding costly financial mistakes. The seminar will take place at Everence Financial Advisors, 371 North Old Highway 81, Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Darlene Buller at [\(620\) 327-4043](tel:620-327-4043) or [darlene.buller@everence.com](mailto:darlene.buller@everence.com).

**Training on Childhood Sexual Abuse:** There will be a Wisdom of the Wounded training on July 27 from 6:30-8:30 at the MCC Center in North Newton. The training is led by Kathy Wiens and takes a personal look at childhood sexual abuse, and what pastors and church members need to know about victims and survivors. Cost: \$20. To register, email [kathywiens59@gmail.com](mailto:kathywiens59@gmail.com) or call 316-587-7244.

## CALENDAR

July 25-26 Peppernuts!  
July 30 – Aug. 3 5:30 – 8 p.m. VBS – Trinity  
Aug. 3 7 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting  
Aug. 6 7-9 p.m. Pool Party  
Aug. 9 7 p.m. Care Committee Meeting  
Aug. 17 7 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting  
Sept. 23-24 FMC Retreat at Mennoscah

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Monday:** Cooper Hefley, Bruce Schroeder, Gavin Serene  
**Wednesday:** Andrew Sensenig & Erica Buller  
**Thursday:** Bill Flaming, Bonnie Funk  
**Friday:** Alvena Bartel, Ed Flaming, Ed & Shirley Flaming  
**Saturday:** Amelia Brandt

## TREASURER'S REPORT 7/16/2017

FMC Ministries ..... \$3,147.69  
Year to Date Budget Income ..... \$70,975.32  
Year-to-date Budget Expenses ..... \$78,139.35  
FMC Ministries Fund Balance ..... -\$7,164.03

**Last week's attendance:** 71

**Genesis 27:41-45a**

<sup>41</sup> Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob." <sup>42</sup> But the words of her elder son Esau were told to Rebekah; so she sent and called her younger son Jacob and said to him, "Your brother Esau is consoling himself by planning to kill you. <sup>43</sup> Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; flee at once to my brother Laban in Haran, <sup>44</sup> and stay with him a while, until your brother's fury turns away— <sup>45</sup> until your brother's anger against you turns away, and he forgets what you have done to him;

**Genesis 32:3-7a**

<sup>3</sup> Jacob sent messengers before him to his brother Esau in the land of Seir, the country of Edom, <sup>4</sup> instructing them, "Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob, 'I have lived with Laban as an alien, and stayed until now; <sup>5</sup> and I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, male and female slaves; and I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I may find favor in your sight.'"

<sup>6</sup> The messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him." <sup>7</sup> Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed;

**Genesis 33:1-4**

**33** Now Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids. <sup>2</sup> He put the maids with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. <sup>3</sup> He himself went on ahead of them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near his brother.

<sup>4</sup> But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

**Just as We Are**  
(words adapted from Just as I Am)

Just as we are, without one plea,  
but that your blood was shed freely,  
and that you bid us come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, we come, we come.

Just as we are though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears, within, without,  
O Lamb of God, we come, we come.

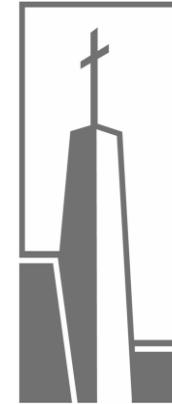
Just as we are your love unknown  
has broken every barrier down.  
Now, to be yours and yours alone,  
O Lamb of God, we come, we come.

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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.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

July 23, 2017

**GATHERING**

Gathering Music	Maryn Robson
Welcome & Announcements	Kelly & Pastor Susan
Prelude to Worship	Maryn Robson
*Hymn I sing the mighty power of God	No. 46
*Call to Worship	Kelly Linnens
Rejoice, People of God!	
Celebrate the life within you, and Christ's presence in your midst.	

**We place ourselves before our God  
that we may be renewed and redirected.  
We are bound for lives of wholeness,  
each one separate, each family, each community.  
ALL: We stand in joy. We worship in gratitude.**

**Since God is here,  
by grace, each day has new meaning.**

*Invocation	Kelly Linnens
Hymn Come, we that love the Lord	No. 14

**SHARING**

Children's Story	Julie Linnens
Sharing and Prayer	Pastor Susan
Prayer Song Just as we are	(words in bulletin)
Offering	Sarah Diener

**LISTENING**

Congregational Scripture Reading (Right side/Left side)	
Psalm 139:1-18	No. 823
Scripture	Kelly Linnens
Genesis 27:41-45a, Genesis 32:3-7a	
Genesis 33:1-4	
Message	Pastor Susan