

SHARING

Children's Story Aleen Ratzlaff
(children dismissed to Children's Time)
Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan
Offering Shirley Flaming

LISTENING

Scripture Matthew 14:13-21 Susie Kliewer

PRAYER CONNECTS US TO EACH OTHER

Thoughts from WITH OPEN HANDS
by Henri Nouwen

Visual: Trees as a Visual Image of Community

A prayer of hope is a prayer that disarms you and extends you far beyond the limits of your own longings. The praying person not only says, "I can't do it and I don't understand it," but also "Of myself, I don't have to be able to do it, and of myself, I don't have to understand it."

Hymn Lord Jesus, You shall be my song Grey Sgbk 53
(vss 1, 4, 1)

To pray means to stop expecting from God the same small-mindedness which you discover in yourself. To pray is to walk in the full light of God, and to say simply, without holding back, "I am human and you are God." At that moment, conversation occurs, restoration of the true relationship.

At precisely this moment, compassion is born...
Compassion grows with the inner recognition that your neighbor shares your humanity with you. The partnership cuts through all the walls which might have kept you separate.

For if compassion is born of prayer, it is born of your meeting with God, who is also the God of all people. At the moment when you fully realize that the God who loves you unconditionally loves all your fellow human beings with the same love, a new way of living opens itself to you...
Conversion to God, therefore, means a simultaneous conversion to the other people who live with you on this earth. Compassion is daring to acknowledge our mutual destiny so that we might all move forward all together into the land which God is showing us.

Hymn Come, Share the Lord Grey Sgbk 24

If you see your weakness as that which makes you worth loving, and if you are always prepared to be surprised at the power the other gives you, you will discover through prayer that living means living together.

Hymn Lord listen to your children praying No. 353
(2 times through, then 1 time humming)

To pray means to **open** your hands before God...prayer is a way of life which allows you to find a stillness in the midst of the world where you open your hands to God's promises, and find **hope** for yourself, your neighbor, and your world. In prayer, you encounter God not only in the small voice and the soft breeze, but also in the midst of the turmoil of the world, in the distress and joy of your **neighbor**, and in the loneliness of your own heart.

RESPONDING

*Hymn Prayer for Peace Grey Sgbk 76
*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.

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS PRAY before the service begins, usually shortly after 10 a.m. You are free to join us, or free to pray for us on your own time. God is with us and leads us!

DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL NEXT WEEK, based on their recent trip to Rome, Keith and Judy Harder will share reflections on St. Assisi and Pope Francis.

THE SUNDAY MESSAGE FOR JULY 31 will be delivered by Dayle Toews, sister of Stan Funk. Dayle joined 70 other people on the Migrant Trail walk in southern Arizona. Let's prepare our hearts to hear her story and see her photos.

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.

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

The plant in the service is from our church to Ron Heidebrecht in memory of his mother, Karen Heidebrecht, who passes away on May 12. Blessings, Ron and Marci, at this time.

Several among us at FMC are anticipation transitions in the near future. We will be offering a time in the last half of August for our congregation to speak words of appreciation to these people as well as an opportunity to share with each other as we experience these losses. Stay tuned for details.

We pray for:

- Effects of closing of a long-standing business in Marion
- Praise for Susie Kliever's good medical report
- Susie's new job and upcoming treatment
- Marvin Funk as he heals from a tumble
- Clarice Warkentin

MCC:

~ 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.

~ MCC invites you on a **Learning Tour to Haiti Oct. 31 - Nov. 8, 2016**. On this Soil to Table MCC Learning Tour, participants will meet Haitian farmers, marketers and cooks, and learn the importance of food in everyday life, from the soil up. Contact Anna Yoder at annayoder@mcc.org or at 316.283.2720 for more information.

MMN (Mennonite Mission Network):

Praise God for the courage of the persecuted Christians in Sidi, Burkina Faso, who overcame violence with acts of love. Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying that the crops they planted this year will produce a plentiful harvest, even as their seeds of faith help grow the church.

WOW. That was Peppernut Week! Big thanks to Tim Frye. Big thanks to each one, each hour.

CALENDAR

July 31-August 4 VBS – United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Today: Cooper Hefley, Bruce Schroeder, Gavin Serene
Tuesday: Andrew Sensenig & Erica Buller
Wednesday: Bill Flaming, Bonnie Funk
Thursday: Alvena Bartel, Ed Flaming, Ed & Shirley Flaming
Friday: Amelia Brandt
Saturday: Darrel & Lenna Knoll
Driver: Doug Bartel **Next Week:** Elfrieda Funk

TREASURER'S REPORT 7/17/2016

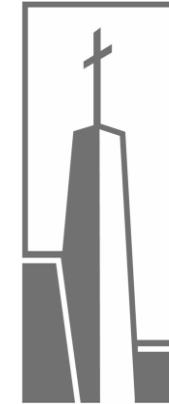
FMC Ministries.....	\$14,158.01
Year to Date Budget Income	\$86,748.70
Year-to-date Budget Expenses	\$79,897.66
FMC Ministries Fund Balance	\$6,851.04

Last Week Attendance: 71

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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 24, 2016

GATHERING

Gathering Music Shirley Flaming
 Welcome and Announcements Susie K. & 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 Susie Kliever

Alleluia! Praise, you servants of Yahweh.

Praise the name of Yahweh!

**May Yahweh's name be blessed,
 both now and forever!**

From east to west, from north to south,
 praised be the name of Yahweh!

Praise Yahweh who is good.

Sing praise to God, who is loving!

Yahweh's name stands forever,
 remembered from age to age.

**ALL: May our mouths speak Yahweh's praise,
 and may all creatures bless Yahweh's holy name
 for ever and ever.**

*Hymn Come we that love the Lord No. 14

*Invocation Susie Kliever

Jesus, we come together as your church. Yet,
 You lived and died not just for the church but for all people.

**For God so loved the world
 that He gave his only son.**

We also recognize that in God's great love we are first
 loved. Then we turn, and face the needs of others.

We love because God first loved us.

Help us to love, then, so we may be freed anew, each day,
 to strive for Your will among us.

We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn Savior, like a shepherd lead us No. 355