

RESPONDING

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

O God, preserve us in your keeping, that we many not faint and abandon your Word. Let us enjoy the faithfulness which you have shone through your Son, Jesus Christ. Kindle in us the fire of your divine love; lead us to practice love as your dear children. Let the light of your divine glory illuminate us, that we may walk in it.

O God, we ask you for one thing more: send us your Holy Spirit, endue us with power, renew our hearts, and make us strong in you that we may obey you and praise your name. Amen.

(Written together by H. Langmantel a wealthy German citizen of noble descent, and two of his servants, a man and a woman. All three converted in 1529, then were imprisoned, mistreated, and their lives were taken.)

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 IS OUR SPECIAL OFFERING for Western District Conference (WDC). We have placed a narrative budget of WDC in your mailboxes so that we can consider our support to WDC which resources us in many ways.

OUR HI-FY YOUTH as well as Asia, Tim and Ellie have completed their week at MCUSA Convention in Orlando, Florida! Our whole congregation has been a part of their support. Let us ready our hearts to hear how the Spirit moved among them and among the gathered people.

THIS EVENING IS OUR FINAL VISION GATHERING with Robert Yutzy. Thank you, First Mennonite folks, for your steady and sincere participation. FMC Vision Council and other FMC leadership will be communicating in the coming weeks regarding our next steps.

HANK UNRUH IS PREACHING and planning worship next week in connection with his seminary class on Worship and Preaching. We welcome Hank to the pulpit. This week, Hank is spending several days at Camp Mennoscah as "input" person for the PreJunior II Camp.

JULY 23, PASTOR SUSAN will bring a message on close relationships (including marriage) as part of community. July 30 Nadine Friesen will share.

PEPPERNUTS ARE IN THE MAKING! We have found a combination of people who are willing to train, make calls to fill the schedule, or coordinate each day, up to four days of baking. For those whose work life make it possible, be listening for the exact dates of peppernut week coming soon to a kitchen *near you!* ☺

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is July 30 to August 3. Thank you to those who are ready to help! This is a valuable time of working with Trinity Mennonite and Hillsboro United Methodist Church. Prayer for joy and focus is already welcome!

FMC HAS VOLUNTEERED to do *light* meals for VBS since Trinity is feeding children daily with their summer program. Asia is organizing the meals, but needs help with prep, serving, and clean up--especially on Sunday and Monday. Sign-up sheet is on the white board.

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.

NEW HOPE SHELTER is hosting their first annual *Kickin' & Screamin' Kickball Tournament and Ice Cream Social Fundraiser*, July 15 on the Youthville Campus in Newton. More info is posted on the bulletin board. New Hope Shelter is a new name for the homeless shelter in Newton, Kansas.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

SAVE THE DATE! July 16, 2-5 p.m., Velda Hiebert invites us to her new apartment, 1 Park Avenue, Apartment 209 for an open house. Come see her new place!

We lift these friends in prayer:

Ken and Bonnie Funk
Nadine Friesen
Heidebrechts
Joel Klaassen
Paul and Elaine Jantzen

THE MENNONITE, INC. welcomes your original submissions and contributions for their October 2017 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on Scripture: Texts that move and shape you. Submissions are due no later than August 1, 2017. They welcome written reflections – personal stories, biblical or theological reflections, poetry and more (800-1200 words), as well as original photography, multimedia products (including, but not limited to, original song or music recordings, music playlists, videos and vlogs) and artwork on the theme. For more info: <https://themennonite.org/october-call-submissions-scripture/>

MCC:

Towels & Cloth Diapers Needed! The MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton, Kansas is currently running very low on towels for MCC relief kits and hygiene kits. Dark colored bath towels, dark colored hand towels and cloth diapers for infant care kits (flat fold preferred) are needed at this time. Donations can be brought to 121 E. 30th in North Newton, or you can purchase items from [Amazon Smile](#) or elsewhere online and have them shipped directly to MCC. Please contact Kate Mast with questions, katemast@mcc.org, [316.283.2720](tel:316.283.2720).

Excited to buy MCC school kit supplies when all the back-to-school supplies show up in stores? Consider helping refugee families in Jordan and Ukraine meet their basic hygiene needs with an MCC relief kit instead! Our partners in the Middle East and Ukraine are asking for more relief kits than MCC has on-hand so we need your help! Our goal is to ship 83,000 relief kits by March 2018. Visit mcc.org/mrc/kits for full kit information and from there click through to our Amazon Wish List for easier shopping and shipping. Just bring or ship kit items to MCC Central States 121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117.

WDC:

Pray for the WDC Executive Board as they meet this week to finalize delegate assembly agenda, and give leadership to the vision and mission of WDC.

CALENDAR

July 9 7:15 p.m. – Vision Session 4
July 12 7 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
July 16 2-5 p.m. Velda’s Open House
July 30 – Aug. 3 5:30 – 8 p.m. VBS – Trinity
Aug. 6 7-9 p.m. Pool Party
Sept. 23-24 FMC Retreat at Mennoscah

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Today: Ethan & Laurel Koerner
Tuesday: Jim Baker
Friday: Ryan & Tracy Hefley

TREASURER’S REPORT 7/2/2017

FMC Ministries\$5,349.77
Year to Date Budget Income.....\$67,196.63
Year-to-date Budget Expenses.....\$77,504.06
FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....-\$10,307.43

Last week’s attendance: 56

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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.

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

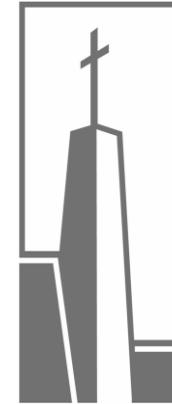
Just as we are, without one plea,
but that your blood was shed freely,
and that you bid us come to thee,
O Lamb of God, we come, we come.

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.

Matthew 13:24-30

²⁴ He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

July 9, 2017

GATHERING

Gathering Music Laurel & Ethan Koerner
Welcome & Announcements Deanne & Pastor Susan
Prelude to Worship Laurel & Ethan Koerner
*Call to Worship Deanne Duerksen
No. 716 Congregational Reading
*Hymn Brethren, we have met to worship No. 8
*Invocation Deanne Duerksen
Hymn Come, thou fount of every blessing No. 521

SHARING

Children’s Story Susie Kliever
Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan
Prayer Reading: **My children, love your neighbor heartily, and this with a liberal heart. Let the light of the Gospel shine in you . . . Deal your bread to the hungry, clothe the naked, and do not suffer anything to remain with you double, since there are enough that lack. And what so ever the Lord grants you, that possess with thankfulness, not only for yourselves, but also for your neighbor, and seek not your own profit, but that of your neighbor. In short, my children, let your life be conformed to the Gospel of Christ.**

(Maeyken van Deventer in final testament to her four children, 1573)

End prayer with the Lord’s Prayer, using No. 731
Prayer Song Just as we are (words in bulletin)
Offering Laurel & Ethan Koerner
*Special offering this week goes to Western District Conference unless otherwise designated.

LISTENING

Scripture Matthew 13:24-30 Deanne Duerksen
Message Pastor Susan