

**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 Marv if you would like to visit.

**CALL FOR DELEGATES:** This summer, Western District Conference will hold its annual assembly on July 29-30 with the theme, "Held Together in Mission." Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger, and activities are planned for children. First Mennonite needs interested persons to consider representing our congregation as delegates to this assembly. The assembly will take place on the Bethel College campus this year. More information is available on the WDC website, [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org). If you are interested, please contact Pastor Marv or Doug Miller.

**PARKVIEW MENNONITE BROTHERS CHURCH** is sponsoring another community hymn sing on the evening of May 22, 7:00 pm. All are invited to join!

**Q IS FOR QUILT:** Mayleen Thiesen Vinson's Quilt Trunk Show, Goessel Mennonite Church, 109 S. Church St., Goessel, KS. Saturday, May 21, 2016, 3 p.m. Merchant Mini-Mall 2:30-5 p.m. (closed during program) A fundraiser for the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum, 200 N. Poplar, Goessel, KS. Admission - \$10. Reservations appreciated but not required. Call the museum at 620-367-8200 or email [mhmuseum@mtelco.net](mailto:mhmuseum@mtelco.net). The cost will also include one admission to visit the museum before July 31, 2016.

**I NEED SOME HELP!** After coordinating the carrying in of the Bible, prayer shawl, and lamp for over 5 years, it would be great to share that responsibility with others. Please contact me or the church office if you are interested in being part of a team to coordinate that important part of worship preparation. Thanks, Susie Kliever

### AMONG OUR FRIENDS

An **informal, outdoor** Celebration of Life for Merle G. Funk, who died December 10, 2015, is planned for Saturday, May 14, 2016 at the Marion County Lake near the office area. The service will be at 11:00 a.m. with a picnic meal following in the Lake Hall. All of the meal will be provided by the family. Please bring your own chairs – and a jacket for cool weather. In case of bad weather, the service will also be in the Lake Hall.

**TABOR COLLEGE:** Tabor College's Spring Oratorio will be held May 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church at 300 Prairie Pointe. The annual spring event features a selection of works by Antonio Vivaldi and showcases student, faculty and community performers.

"I chose an all-Vivaldi program for spring because Vivaldi's music is very bright, full of rhythmic energy, cheerful, and works in such a way that it just draws the listener along with it; it's springy," said Music Department Chair Dr. Brad Vogel, who will conduct the concert. "I believe the audience will very much enjoy the endless supply of bright melodies, and will also enjoy the outstanding collection of instrumentalists brought to Tabor to join with the student and faculty performers."

The concert will open with the Concerto for Strings in C Minor, RV 120 for strings and harpsichord, featuring Dr. Sheila Litke, professor of piano at Tabor College.

The program includes Concert in C Major for Violin, Oboe, Organ and Strings. This is an unusual concerto--although not unusual for Vivaldi--in that it features three solo instruments. Wichita Symphony Orchestra violinist and long-time friend of Tabor Adrienne Dougherty, adjunct instructor of oboe Haley Roe and well known organist Christopher Shaw will add their instrumental expertise for the performance.

The concert will conclude with the Dixit Dominus for chorus, soloists, and orchestra. In this work the orchestra is expanded to include not only strings, but two oboes, trumpet, organ and harpsichord. Dixit Dominus is the Latin text of Psalm 110, the familiar psalm that begins with "The LORD said to my lord, sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." It is a psalm of victory, and Vivaldi's setting of the text is appropriately bright and energetic, and filled with wonderful and rich choral sounds.

Vocal solos will be performed by Nicholas Ediger of Hillsboro, Casey Guthals of Manhattan, Olivia Kliever of Hillsboro, Rachael Morris of Kansas City, Kan., Krista Neifert of Pratt, Zach Neumann of Osborne, Ruth Springer of Berryton, and professor **Dr. Holly Swartzendruber**.

### BETHEL COLLEGE:

**Today (Sun., May 1) – KIPCOR Film Series wraps up with *The Waiting Room*, 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center** at Bethel College. Talk-back session with Dr. Ted Cook, medical director of the emergency department at Newton Medical Center.

**Thurs., May 5, and Fri., May 6 – Student-directed one-act plays, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center** at Bethel College. Student directors are Josh Lewis, Greg Parham and Will Shoup. Recommended for mature audiences only, due to strong language and adult themes.

**Sun., May 8 – Masterworks Concert, 3 p.m., featuring *Te Deum* by Bruckner and *Choral Fantasy* by Beethoven**, along with presentation of the second Goering Music Award, *Memorial Hall* at Bethel College; tickets at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, or at the door

**Weds., May 11 – Jazz on the Green at Bethel College, 8 p.m.**, featuring Jazz Ensembles I and II (rain/storm location: Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center)

**Kauffman Museum's May bird walk will be on the SECOND SATURDAY this month.** Join experienced birder Gregg Friesen **Sat., May 14, 6:30 a.m.** in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. (For help locating Kauffman Museum, see [www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/](http://www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/))

**Sat. May 14 – Woven concert, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall** at Bethel College

**CALENDAR**

May 3 7 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting  
May 5 8 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting  
May 8 Honor our graduates; TC Spring Oratorio  
May 14 High School Graduation; Tabor Graduation  
May 15 Pentecost  
May 16 Last day of school!  
May 22 7 p.m. Hymn Sing, Parkview MB Church  
May 29 No Sunday School

July 29-30 WDC annual assembly, Bethel College  
July 31-August 4 VBS – United Methodist Church

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Monday:** Scott Schultz  
**Wednesday:** James & Eulalia Flaming  
**Friday:** Lenna Knoll

**Driver:** Doug Bartel **Next Week:** Elfrieda Funk

**TREASURER’S REPORT 4/24/2016**

FMC Ministries .....\$2,451.27  
Hi-FY Variety Show.....\$144.00  
Other Income  
From Mennonite Foundation for Missions.....\$79.67  
Year to Date Budget Income.....\$53,734.19  
Year-to-date Budget Expenses.....\$51,790.53  
FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....\$1,943.66

\*Special offering next week will go to Hesston College/Bethel College unless otherwise designated.

**Last Week Attendance:** 70

The message next week will be brought to you by Pastor Marv Zehr.

**Cleaning Out**

**Keeping**

**BENEDICTION:**

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, since as members of one body we were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in us richly as we teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as we sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in our hearts to God. And whatever we do, whether in word or deed, may we do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Col 3:15-17

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**FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH**

In Christ -  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:35 a.m.

May 1, 2016

***Spring Cleaning and DeCluttering***

Prelude  
Welcome  
\*\*“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” No. 523  
\*Call to Worship & Invocation  
“Whiter than Snow”  
Children’s Story  
Sharing and Prayer  
“Create in Me a Clean Heart” Grey Sgbk 77  
Offering  
Message “The Freedom of DeCluttering”  
Colossians 3 and other scriptures  
“Sanctuary” Grey Sgbk 2  
\*Benediction  
\*\*“My Soul is Filled with Joy” Grey Sgbk 13

Worship participants: Shirley Baltzer, Holly Swartzendruber, Ethan Koerner, Deanne Duerksen, Nadine Friesen and fellow declutterers.