

## LISTENING

Scripture Psalm 146, Isaiah 61:1-4 Elfrieda Funk  
Message Ben Kreider  
*God of Justice and Freedom*

## RESPONDING

\*Hymn O healing river No. 372  
\*Benediction Pastor Susan  
Choral Doxology No. 119

**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.*

**WE WELCOME BENJAMIN R. KREIDER** as our Mission Sunday speaker. Ben is the Director of Prison Ministries at Offender Victim Ministries in Newton Kansas. He is a Bethel College graduate and recently served with the MCC SALT program in Honduras. Ben lives in Newton with his wife Alli.

**WE ARE CELEBRATING MISSION SUNDAY** with a carry-in meal following our worship service in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

**SEMINARY CLASSES THIS FALL** for Asia Frye and Hank Unruh include a course on the Psalms. Planning and carrying out a worship service focusing on one of the types of psalms is a requirement for the class. Last week, Hank shared about the psalms of vengeance. November 20, Asia will lead a worship she has planned from the psalms of thanksgiving. Thank you, Hank and Asia for sharing.

**THIS WEDNESDAY IS OUR LAST** Wednesday evening meal for the fall. Children and Youth will meet for the last time. Adults will **NOT** have a session – instead, the Advent Choir begins its rehearsal at 7 p.m.

**ADVENT CHOIR WILL BE SINGING** during the services on Dec. 4 and Dec. 18. All are welcome to join the music fun!

**PASTOR SUSAN LED THE AFTERNOON** worship service at Bethesda Homes in Goessel. Harold Woelk and Linda Bartel attended the service. It was a blessed time.

**PASTOR SUSAN ATTENDED** a lunch with Hillsboro ministerial alliance saying goodbye to Steve Schroeder, pastor of Parkview Mennonite Brethren Church here in town. We wish Steve and Penny many blessings as they depart.

**THIS MONTH WE ARE** collecting items for Prisoner Care Kits that Mennonite Central Committee is starting. Place your items in the bin in the Narthex. Thank you! Items needed are for men:

- 1 bottle of lotion (maximum 2 oz)
- 1 tube toothpaste (maximum 6 oz)
- 1 bar of soap (minimum 4 oz)
- 1 deodorant (minimum 2.25 oz)
- 1 pair white underwear (briefs)\*
- 1 pair white crew socks\*
- 1 white crewneck undershirt\*

\*Items are accepted in 2 sizes – L or XL. Please choose one size and purchase all clothing items in the same size.

Please feel free to purchase any or all items – we can combine donations to make complete kits.

**NOVEMBER 20**, (next week!) the youth will have a soup lunch following the worship service. The donations for this meal will be divided to get presents for Christmas Angel children and for Prisoner Care Kits. Thank you for your support.

**BECAUSE OF THE HOLIDAYS**, this is an early call for any news you'd like included in the December *First Threshings* - Christmas thoughts/prayers, traditions, family news - anything that would be of interest to your church family. If you'd rather visit with me (in person or over the phone) than write them down, I would be happy to hear from you. My deadline is Friday, November 18. Thank you, Pat

**CHANGES FOR FIRST THRESHINGS.** December will be Pat Bartel's last issue as compiler and editor of FMC's First Threshings. For the past 26 years, Pat has generously gathered church news, devotional thoughts and interviews of those among us. There will a time to thank Pat later for her service to us in this faith family. For now, Ministries Council is interested to know if someone among us might be called to create a communication piece for our congregation. Please be in prayer about this. If you have questions feel free to speak to Doug Miller, Pat Bartel, Pastor Susan, or any member of Ministries Council. Thank you for your ideas and thoughts.

## AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift in prayer:  
Susie Kliewer

### BETHEL COLLEGE:

**Sat., Nov. 19** – Bethel College Wind Ensemble and 4th annual Honor Band concert, featuring the Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble, **7 p.m.**, *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*

### TABOR COLLEGE:

Tabor College Opera presents: ***An Evening with Gilbert and Sullivan***. Tuesday, **November 15** at 7 p.m. in the WMEC lobby.

The Tabor College Music Department and Hillsboro Area Ministerial Association will host a fall concert entitled, "With Praise & Thanksgiving" at **4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 20** at the Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church. The Tabor College Concert Choir, select group Chamber Voices and women's choir Concerto Bella Voce will be performing seasonal songs. An offering will be received for support of HAMA. Food donations are also welcome for Main Street Ministries Food Bank.

### CALENDAR

Nov 13	Missions Sunday
Nov 16	Last Wednesday evening meal and activities 7 p.m. Advent Choir begins 8 p.m. Care Committee Meeting
Nov 20	HiFY Soup Lunch 4 p.m. Ministerial Alliance/ Tabor Thanksgiving Concert - Hillsboro MB Church
Nov 24	Office Closed
Nov 25	Office Closed
Nov 27	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

### CARRY-IN MEAL SCHEDULE:

November 13 – Mission Sunday  
January 8  
January 29 – Annual Meeting

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Today:** Mark Abrahams, Emelia Koerner

**Thursday:** Pat Bartel

**Friday:** Zach Anderson

**Driver:** Doug Bartel

**Next Week:** Elfrieda Funk

**TREASURER'S REPORT 11/6/2016**

FMC Ministries .....\$2,822.55  
 Main Street Ministries.....\$100.00  
 Year to Date Budget Income.....\$132,890.37  
 Year-to-date Budget Expenses.....\$129,449.89  
 FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....\$3,440.48

**Last Week Attendance:** 93

**Psalm 146**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

<sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes,

in mortals, in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup> When their breath departs, they return to the earth;

on that very day their plans perish.

<sup>5</sup> Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD their God,

<sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

<sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the strangers;

he upholds the orphan and the widow,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD!

**Isaiah 61:1-4**

**61** The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
 because the LORD has anointed me;  
 he has sent me to bring good news  
 to the oppressed,

to bind up the brokenhearted,  
 to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
 and release to the prisoners;

<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
 and the day of vengeance of our God;  
 to comfort all who mourn;

<sup>3</sup> to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
 to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
 the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
 the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
 the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

<sup>4</sup> They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
 they shall raise up the former devastations;  
 they shall repair the ruined cities,  
 the devastations of many generations.

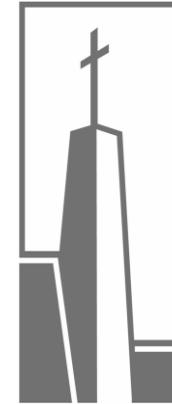
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**FIRST MENNONITE  
 CHURCH**

In Christ -  
 Making Disciples through  
 Loving Relationships.

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

November 13, 2016

**GATHERING**

Gathering Music Shirley Flaming

Welcome & Announcements

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

Thank you, God,  
 when we were hungry,  
**you gave us food to eat.**

When we were homeless,  
**you opened your door.**

When we were in prison,  
**you came to our cell.**

Help us to remember those things, O God,  
**and turn our hearts to the least of your people.**

**ALL: Turn our hearts toward you.**

\*Hymn You are salt for the earth No. 226

\*Invocation Douglas Graber  
 Hymn Praise the one Grey Sgbk 16

**SHARING**

Children's Story Ben Kreider  
 (children dismissed to Children's Time)

Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan

Prayer Song God has chosen me Grey Sgbk 46

Offering Shirley Flaming

\*Special offering today goes to the Mennonite Mission Network  
 unless otherwise designated.