

ALL: This is our story, this is our song.

You carry the cross, you lead the way,
You are the way!

ALL: Jesus, you are our story. You are our song!

Today we claim your story.

ALL: Today, we say, Yes!

We will join in the story once more!

Prayer Song We give thanks unto you No. 161
(based on Psalm 136)

Offering Shirley Baltzer

Scripture Reading Psalm 67 (on insert) Laurel Koerner
Stillness

Call and Response Psalm 136 Asia Frye

His love endures forever

Hymn Great is thy faithfulness No. 327
(based on Psalm 136)

Readers' Theatre Psalm 43 Keith, Judy, Tim, Asia
Song Bless the Lord (10,000 reasons) Grey Sgbk 69

Benediction Song You shall go out with joy No. 427
(based on Psalm 136)

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.

THIS IS OUR SECOND SUNDAY focusing on Psalms this November. On Nov. 6, Youth Pastor Hank brought us a meditation on Psalms of retribution or revenge Psalms. We welcome Asia Frye to our pulpit. Today, we will experience Psalms of Thanksgiving lead by Asia. Asia and Hank are both taking a class on Psalms online through AMBS and thank you for the opportunity to put what they are learning into practice.

FOLLOWING, IS A LIST of Psalms considered to be Thanksgiving Psalms if you wish to study them further this week. Starred Psalms indicate they are communal, unstarred are individual.

Psalm: 30, 34, 41, 66, *67, *75, 92, *107, 111, 116, 118, *129, *136, 138

TODAY THE YOUTH WILL HAVE a soup lunch following the worship service. The donations for this meal will be divided to get presents for Hillsboro's Christmas Angel children and for Prisoner Care Kits. Thank you for your support.

THE SANCTUARY WILL BE DECORATED today following the soup lunch. Help will be needed in the sanctuary to place the garlands – those comfortable on a ladder are encouraged to come. Thanks to all who help coordinate bedecking out the sanctuary at this special time of year.

THANK YOU, MISSION COMMITTEE for our Mission Sunday learning and worship! Thank you, First Mennonite, for warmly welcoming Ben Kreider as our Mission Sunday speaker. May the words and understandings we gained settle deep in our spirits and actions.

NO WEDNESDAY EVENING activities this week. A big thank you to the MANY who came together to make our Wednesday evenings happen this past fall. Even mid-summer, Nurture Committee was praying and discussing how Wednesday evenings could come together for all ages.

ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY! During our four Advent Sunday's we will not be having announcements. Feel free to contact Pastor Susan with your joys and concerns, or place a card in the offering with your joy/prayer request.

ON SUNDAY, NOV 27 we will be collecting items for boxes for college students. Please bring **8** small items to go in these boxes after church. Thank you for helping us bless the students! Jan

ADVENT CHOIR REHEARSES at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. They will be singing during the services on Dec. 4 and Dec. 18. All are welcome to join the music fun which becomes worship together.

OFFERINGS DURING ADVENT will be received per our regular offering schedule. In addition, during the offering time each Sunday, the children will collect infant receiving blankets from those who bring the blankets to the worship service. You may purchase receiving blankets in stores, or you may purchase one or more any Sunday morning prior to worship at a table in the Narthex. The blankets will be our contribution to MCC infant kits. **Please note MCC infant kit guidelines:** Receiving blankets must be lightweight fleece or flannel and minimum length of 36 inches. Our Christmas Eve offering will be for the work around the world of Mennonite Central Committee.

KIDS CHRISTMAS EVE REHEARSALS start at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday evening in December!

ANNUAL REPORTS: We are starting to gather all the data for the 2016 annual report. If you lead a committee or have a report to share with us, please do so as soon as possible. If you would like to get a copy of your report last year to use as a reference, please let Becky know. Annual reports are due December 15!

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 (minimum 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.

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.

HISPANIC GROUP WILL HAVE a Christmas gathering at Tabor College on December 4 at 4 p.m. Talk to Nancy or Douglas Graber, Deryll or Jan Amstutz, or Jim or Susan Jantzen for details.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

I just wanted to say again to First Mennonite Church in Hillsboro how great it was to be with you all this past Sunday. I enjoyed the good questions, meaningful worship and good food and conversation afterward. I saw the pictures posted of Mission Sunday on the church website - good memories of the cake decorations!

Blessings, Ben Kreider

Bethany (Amstutz) Schrag informed us that she is ready to be a member of Christ's church at Bethel College Mennonite Church. She joined as a member of that congregation with her husband, Tim, on November 6. Pastor Susan sent an FMC acknowledgement of the transfer. Blessings, Bethany!

Thank you, dear church family, for walking with us through this journey, for your support in so many ways. My last chemo was last Thursday, and while it may take a while for the fatigue to resolve, our spirits are rejoicing over God's grace, through you, during this time. Blessings to you all.

Susie and Glen Kliewer

We lift in prayer:

Susie Kliewer
Casey & Mieka Bartel

TABOR COLLEGE:

The Tabor College Music Department and Hillsboro Area Ministerial Association will host a fall concert entitled, "With Praise & Thanksgiving" at **4 p.m., TODAY** 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 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 1st Sunday of Advent

CARRY-IN MEAL SCHEDULE:

January 8
January 29 – Annual Meeting

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Today: Diedre Serene
Wednesday: Danielle Bartel
Saturday: Donna Funk

Driver: Elfrieda Funk **Next Week:** Deryll Amstutz

TREASURER'S REPORT 11/13/2016

FMC Ministries.....\$467.00
Mennonite Mission Network \$1,055.10
Victim Offender Ministries\$225.00
Year to Date Budget Income \$133,357.37
Year-to-date Budget Expenses \$131,424.67
FMC Ministries Fund Balance \$1,932.70

Last Week Attendance: 80

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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.

November 20, 2016

Gathering Music	Shirley Baltzer
Welcome & Announcements	Keith Harder
Prelude to Worship	Shirley Baltzer

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 Keith Harder

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

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We give thanks from the height of joy to depths of despair
because we know that hope and salvation is in our God.

We give thanks in times of bitterness and anger
because it is our God who redeems.

We give thanks in times of peace and prosperity
because it is our God who gives good gifts.

We come to give thanks as a people, broken and beautiful.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*Hymn How Great Thou Art Grey Sgbk 7

*Invocation Keith Harder

Children's Story Asia Frye

Thanking God with Body and Voice

*Song Blessed be your name (on insert)
(children dismissed to Children's Time)

Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan

Reading for Turning Back The Story Pastor Susan

From Bethlehem to Nazareth,
from Jordan to Jericho,
from Bethany to Jerusalem,
from then to now.

ALL: This is our story, this is our song.

You heal the sick,
You mend the broken-hearted,
You cleanse the temple.