

SHARING

Children's Story Julie Linnens
(children dismissed to Children's Time)
Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan
Prayer Song (back of bulletin)
Now the Green Blade Riseth
Offering/Blessing Shirley Baltzer/Pastor Susan

HEARING GOD'S CALL

Scripture Jeff Wintermote
I Samuel 8:1-22 (in bulletin)
Message Pastor Susan

GOING OUT

*Hymn My life flows on No. 580
*Benediction Pastor Susan
*adapted from Words for Worship 2 #17

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.

NEXT SUNDAYS SCRIPTURES will be the Songs of Ascent, Psalms 120-134. Take time to read these beautiful psalms this week.

OCTOBER IS "Pastor Appreciation Month". I would like to invite all who have felt blessed to have Pastor Susan as their Pastor to write a little note or drop a card off at the church office expressing your appreciation for all she does for us.

CARRY-IN DATES: We will have a Sunday noon carry-in next Sunday, **October 25**, the day Hillsboro High School Spirit-N-Celebration vocal ensemble will join us, which includes Callie Linnens and Brody Rathborn! Two weeks later we will have our Mission Sunday carry-in, **November 8**, when Michelle Armster of MCC Central States will be with us for the Sunday School hour and for our worship. Please mark your calendars for these two carry-in dates.

TASTE OF PARKSIDE FALL COOKING CLASS is being offered October 19 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Park Home 500. Chef Rob Scott will prepare two items. Details are on the bulletin board outside the pastor's office.

PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK: the Life and Times of Katrina Gilbert will be shown October 20 at Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church. This documentary film is a story about financial hardships that many of us have faced in recent years. The event is sponsored by Circles of Marion County.

HYMN SING: The FMC congregation is invited to a Hymn Sing at the Parkview Mennonite Brethren Church, 610 S. Main on November 1 at 7 p.m.

FIRST MENNONITE WOMEN will be hosting the Trinity women at a soup supper on Sunday afternoon, November 1 beginning at 4 p.m. Judy Harder will be the guest speaker, sharing from her experiences this summer when she and Keith walked the El Camino Trail in Spain, hiked in the Appalachian Mountains, and served as hosts at the International Guest House in Washington, DC. A sign-up sheet to indicate your plan to attend as well as one to indicate your willingness to help bring soup, relishes, pumpkin dessert, breads/rolls/crackers or lattes/coffees is posted on the bulletin board.

THIS YEAR, ADVENT STARTS on Sunday, November 29. This season can be compared to Lent: it is a time of anticipation, of introspection, and of joy in what God has done for us and for our salvation. Traditionally, people have worn purple as a reminder of penitence; they have contributed ideas to enhance peace; some open Advent calendars; some fast. If you plan to commemorate Advent and are willing to share how with your church family via *First Threshings*, please submit your plans no later than Friday, October 23. Other news is always welcome too. Thanks, Pat.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Keith Harder is resting following what appears to have been a mild stroke last weekend. Prayers for Keith and Judy as he recovers.

I am doing much better after my unexpected season of discomfort. Thank you very much for your thoughts and prayers. Susan Jantzen

Western District Conference is October 30-31 at Bethel College. We want to hear from our fellowship here at FMC, so delegates can be aware of various stances within our congregation. Join us the next two Wednesday evenings, 7:05 p.m. in the chapel.

I Samuel 8:1-22

When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. The name of his first born son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beer-sheba. Yet his sons did not follow in his ways, but turned aside after gain; they took bribes and perverted justice.

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice only – you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day."

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles." When Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. The Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice and set a king over them." Samuel then said to the people of Israel, "Each of you return home."

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday: Darren Busick, Dayle Unruh, Aaron Paulus

Tuesday: Joe Knoll

Wednesday: Lynn Curiel, Marvin Funk

Thursday: Ryan Bartel

Driver: Deryll Amstutz

Next Week: Lee Albrecht

CALENDAR

- Oct 18 2:30-4:30 p.m. 90th birthday open house for Dayle Unruh
- Oct 22 2 p.m. Coordinating Cabinet Meeting
7 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting
- Oct 25 Spirit-N-Celebration will sing at Worship Service
Carry-In Meal after Worship Service
- Oct 30-31 WDC Conference Bethel College N. Newton

TREASURER'S REPORT 10/11/2015

FMC Ministries	\$952.75
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Year-to-date Ministries Income	\$121,457.74
Year-to-date Ministries Expenses	\$116,928.14
Ministries Fund Balance	\$4,529.60

Last Week Attendance: 75

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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.

Rock of Ages! Cleft for Me

- Rock of Ages! cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood from Thy wounded side
which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, save from wrath, and make
me pure.
- Should my tears forever flow, should my zeal no languor
know,
this for sin could not atone: Thou must save, and Thou
alone;
in my hand no price I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling.
- While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids
close in death,
when I rise to worlds unknown, and behold Thee on Thy
throne,
Rock of ages! cleft for me! Let me hide myself in Thee.
Amen.

Now the Green Blade Riseth

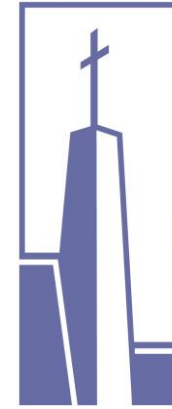
Traditional French tune/words by J.M.C.Crum

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain.
Love lives again that with the dead has been;
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love whom men had slain,
thinking that never He would rise again.
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen,
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain.
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen;
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again.
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships

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

October 18, 2015

GATHERING

Gathering Music	Shirley Baltzer
Welcome & Announcements	Jeff Wintermote
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.	

COMING BEFORE GOD

*Call to Worship Jeff Wintermote
O come, let us worship in the house of the Lord.
Let us come together with humility.

How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Though we may be tempted to use harsh words,
let us come together with gentleness.

How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Though we may want everything to happen quickly,
let matters come together with patience.

Though the world around often encourages hate,
let us come together in love.

ALL: We come together in humility, gentleness, patience, love, and unity.

Let us worship our God who has called us together, who has called us to be one.

*Hymn	Great is thy faithfulness	No. 327
*Opening Prayer	Jeff Wintermote	
Hymn	(back of bulletin)	
Rock of Ages! Cleft for Me		