

SHARING

Children's Story Aleen Ratzlaff
(children dismissed to Children's Time)
Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan
Prayer Song Grey Sgbk 32
Put peace into each others hands
(vss. 1, 4, and 5)
Offering Shirley Baltzer

LISTENING

Scripture Jeremiah 1:5, 8, 10 Darrel Knoll
Psalm 137:1-4, Jeremiah 29:1-2, 4-7
Special Music Holly Swartzendruber
How Beautiful G. Handel
Message Pastor Susan

RESPONDING

*Hymn Let the words Grey Sgbk 72
*Benediction Pastor Susan

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.

SERMON TOPICS: This is the second of three Sundays our sermons will follow three commitments the Mennonite Church of Colombia made during their decades of violent city and countryside life.

Be a People of Peace – Colossians 3:12-17

Have a Message of Peace – Jeremiah 29:1-7

Be a Place of Peace – Joshua 20:1-5

THANK YOU! The carry-in last Sunday was wonderful. We want to thank everyone for the delicious food in generous amounts. Also, the help in the kitchen was really appreciated!
FMC Hospitality Committee

A THANK YOU NOTE has been sent from our congregation to the Spirit 'N Celebration choral ensemble from Hillsboro High School. What a joy it was to worship together.

JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY, the 19th, in the chapel for our follow-up session on Sabbath. We will have opportunities to share with one another about how Sabbath practice is working in our lives.
Asia & Tim Frye

TABOR COLLEGE THEATER presents Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" on October 19-22. Laurel Koerner is directing the production with Ethan Koerner giving set and technical input. Blessings in this creative venture, Laurel and Ethan! To purchase tickets, please contact the Student Life office at 620-947-3121 ext. 1033 or email jessicaallen@tabor.edu.

VISIT JESSICA KLANDERUD and the Tabor History Department's exhibit, "Tabor College Football: Program of Perseverance," this weekend at the Historic Church on Avenue D. This exhibit is part of the Tabor Homecoming weekend and is on view this Friday, 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 9 to 5 p.m. Jason Klanderud has been involved in this exhibit.

ONE WEEK FROM TODAY, October 23, we encourage each person from our First Mennonite community to come hear Brett Klingenberg in our sanctuary at 4 p.m. His presentation, "Creek Crossings," shares his congregation's learnings as they work at welcoming people to their congregation, (First Mennonite, Beatrice, NE). Brett's thoughts are an aid to us as we think about welcoming people to our congregation. Please mark your calendars. Trinity Mennonite has been invited as well.

FIRST MENNONITE WOMEN are hosting a soup supper on Sunday, Oct. 30. The women of Trinity have been invited to be our guests. You are welcome to bring guests too. Our special guest will be renowned artist, Shin-hee Chen, who is a member of the Tabor faculty, and who has had exhibits at many places in the U.S. and abroad. Much of her work is done with fibers but she uses other mediums as well. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board where you can indicate your attendance and your willingness to bring food for the soup supper if you wish. Please sign up by Sunday, Oct. 23.

PLEASE HELP THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT Kids for Kindness (Bugs, Boomerangs, and KCrew) with their bulletin board! Help them collect quotes and sayings about kindness and help fill in the "spots" noting kind acts completed by or on behalf of the kids. The bulletin board is in the fellowship hall - please take a look, and even better, add to it any time! Youth and adults are both welcome to contribute!

IT'S TIME TO THINK OF THANKSGIVING! *First Threshings* would enjoy including any of your thankful thoughts - to God - to family - to friends - to "enemies". (It's wonderful how God draws us closer to him through people we disagree with.) Please send your submission by Friday, October 28. Thanks. Pat

URGENT NEED FOR BLOOD: In the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew, the need to boost donor turnout at upcoming blood drives is immediate.

Sign up now to roll up your sleeve and help meet the urgent need for blood – YOU can help!

[Hillsboro Community Blood Drive, Oct. 24, 12 – 6 p.m. at Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church.](#)

VELDA HIEBERT will be doing holiday baking the month of November. This includes zwiebach, new year's cookies (apricot, prune, raisin) and bierocks. Please get in touch with Velda if you would like to purchase something.

MISSION SUNDAY is November 13! Our speaker will be Ben Kreider, Director of **Prison Ministries** with Offender/Victim Ministries.

Along with health, school, and infant kits, MCC now has **Prisoner Kits!** Please pick up a list of items from the narthex and bring those items to church any time between now and Mission Sunday. And, as always, plan for a **theme cake** for the meal! (For example, themes of release and widening the circles.)

MISSION MOMENT: Did you know...there are 2.4 million people imprisoned in the U.S., a higher number than any other country?

THANK YOU TO THE FAMILY of Art and Linda Jantz for the light-weight white tables in the Fellowship Hall! These rectangular tables are replacing some of the older heavier and damaged tables. There will still be brown rectangular tables available to check out of the building, however, we are asking that these new white tables NOT be taken out of the church. May God bless our many memories of Art and Linda.

WEDNESDAY ADULT CLASSES:

Oct 19 – Asia and Tim - Check-in on Sabbath practice

Oct 26 – MCC Prison Focus 1

Nov 2 – MCC Prison Focus 2

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift in prayer:
Steve and Terri Dalton
Susie Kliewer

We have learned that Linda Bartel had a fall this past Sunday and broke her hip. She had surgery on Monday and remains in Newton Medical through this weekend. Prayers for Linda!

Thank you for all the cards and gifts we received last week at the wedding shower. It was wonderful to be with you in worship!
Katherine & Derek Hamm

CALENDAR

Oct 23 2:30 p.m. – Ministries Council Retreat - Chapel
4 p.m. – “Creek Crossings” Brett Klingenberg
In Sanctuary
Oct 30 4 p.m. – Women’s Fall Soup Supper with
guest artist Shin-hee Chen
Nov 9 Celebrating Kids for Kindness!
Nov 13 Missions Sunday
Nov 16 Last Wednesday evening meal
Advent Ensemble begins

CARRY-IN MEAL SCHEDULE:

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Today: Debbie Ewert
Monday: Logan & Mason Bartel, Drew Maddox
Tuesday: Darren Busick, Dayle Unruh, Aaron Paulus
Thursday: Joe Knoll
Friday: Lynn Curiel, Marvin Funk
Saturday: Ryan Bartel

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

TREASURER’S REPORT 10/9/2016

FMC Ministries\$903.75
Care Fund\$1,541.10
Year to Date Budget Income.....\$120,711.09
Year-to-date Budget Expenses.....\$118,370.07
FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....\$2,341.02

Last Week Attendance: 137

Jeremiah 1:5, 8, 10 (NRSV)

5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

8 Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.”

10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

Psalms 137:1-4 (NRSV)

1 By the rivers of Babylon—
there we sat down and there we wept
when we remembered Zion.

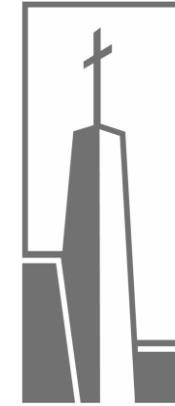
2 On the willows there
we hung up our harps.

3 For there our captors
asked us for songs,
and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

4 How could we sing the LORD’s song
in a foreign land?

Jeremiah 29:1-2, 4-7 (NRSV)

29 These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ²This was after King Jeconiah, and the queen mother, the court officials, the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the artisans, and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem. [The letter] ⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

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

October 16, 2016

GATHERING

Gathering Music Shirley Baltzer
Welcome & Announcements Darrel & Pastor Susan
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 (from Isaiah 51 and 52) Darrel Knoll
Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the Rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

**My people shall know my name;
they shall know that it is I who speak;
here I am.**

**How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger
who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.**

*Hymn Come, come ye saints No. 425
*Invocation Darrel Knoll
Hymn Be thou my vision No. 545