

LISTENING

Scripture Colossians 2:2, 3, 5-7 Deanne Duerksen
Conversation with Old Friends Aleen Ratzlaff
Andrew Sensenig and Erica Buller

RESPONDING

*Hymn My hope is built on nothing less No. 343
*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.

TODAY WE PAUSE TO REMEMBER brothers and sisters in the family of faith, those who have died, as well as those who have moved to another location. Several hymns for today's worship are favorites of people dear to FMC folks. We will connect via Skype with Andrew Sensenig and Erica Buller, formerly part of our fellowship. May God gather our memories; may our memories give us strength.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT SESSIONS: In preparation for our November 13 Mission Sunday, Nathan Koontz, Pastor at First Mennonite Church in Hutchinson, will be speaking to us this Wednesday evening. His focus: How can a community help released prisoners return and become citizens? How can we prepare to reach out across cultural and social barriers?

THANK YOU FOR WELCOMING Brett Klingenberg last Sunday afternoon as he spoke of Creek Crossings, ways of making a congregation accessible.

FIRST MENNONITE WOMEN are hosting a soup supper today at 4 p.m. Our special guest will be renowned artist, Shin-hee Chin, 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.

MISSION SUNDAY is November 13! Our speaker will be Ben Kreider, Director of **Prison Ministries** with Offender/Victim Ministries of Newton, Kansas. Plan for a **theme cake** for the meal!! (For example, themes of release; listening, giving friendship to a person in prison.)

MISSION MOMENT: Did you know... U.S. prison population increased by **500%** in 30 years?

THIS NOVEMBER WE ARE collecting items for the new prison kits that Mennonite Central Committee is starting. Place your items in the bin in the Narthex. Thank you!
Items needed are:

- 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.

SIDEWALKS NEAR OUR WEST parking area and other locations have been leveled after a building insurance policy flagged them as a trip hazard. Thank you, First Mennonite. Thank you, Stewardship Committee. Thanks be to God, the giver of good gifts that we share.

REMEMBER TO CLIP BOX TOP COUPONS from your cereal and cracker boxes. There is a paper bag on the white board where you can drop them in! June Schmidt and our elementary school thank you!

WEDNESDAY ADULT CLASSES:

Nov 2 – MCC Prison Focus 2
Nov 9 – Celebrating Kids for Kindness
Nov 16 – Advent Ensemble begins

TRINITY MENNONITE CHURCH is opening its doors for 7 p.m. Communion on November 8. Mennonite World Review featured this idea in the October 24 issue. This issue of MWR is in the periodical stand next to the water fountain.

HILLSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH has invited us to join them on November 4 from 5-7 p.m. for their annual turkey dinner and silent auction. They will be serving turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, cranberry sauce, and pie. Carry outs are available through the south doors of the Fellowship Hall. No need to call ahead. Silent auction ends at 7 p.m. Proceeds go to missions and church projects.

NOREL FARMS BAKERY here in Hillsboro is looking for a part-time employee. Details on the pastor's bulletin board.

HARVEY COUNTY HOMELESS SHELTER invites support during the holidays. Check out the flyer on the pastor's bulletin board.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift in prayer:
Susie Kliewer
Linda Bartel

Hilda Schmidt asks us to join her prayers for her family, several of whom are in the process of healing. Thank you.

Marjorie Krause of Wichita passed away Friday morning. Service details to come.

BETHEL COLLEGE:

TODAY (Sun., Oct. 30) – Bethel College Philharmonia concert, 7 p.m., *Memorial Hall*

Sun., Oct. 30 & Mon., Oct. 31 – Menno Simons Lectures with Perry Bush. **Tonight's lecture at 8 p.m.** "Grasping the Hand of Politics: Mennonites and the Common Good"; **Mon., Oct. 31, 11 a.m.:** "Saying Yes and No to the State: Mennonites, History and Social Responsibility"; **7 p.m.:** "Guy Hershberger, Unions and the Challenge of Kermit Eby." All lectures in *Krehbiel Auditorium, Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College*

Thurs., Nov. 3 & Fri., Nov 4 – Bethel College Visiting Writers Series presents poet and filmmaker Diane Glancy. **Public reception, Nov. 3, 6:30-8 p.m., Mojo's Coffee Bar, convocation presentation, Nov. 4, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center**

Fri., Nov. 4 – Artist reception for "Candles: Paintings by Rachel Foster," 6-8 p.m., *Regier Art Gallery, Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College*

Sat., Nov. 5 – Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk. Join experienced birders Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel at 8 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/)

TABOR COLLEGE:

Tabor College Opera presents: **An Evening with Gilbert and Sullivan.** Jen Stephenson, director and J. Bradley Baker, pianist. Tuesday, November 15 at 7 p.m. in the WMEC lobby.

