HEARING GOD'S CALL

Scripture Elfrieda Funk
Joshua 3:1-5, 9, 11, 13-16 and 4:1-7 (back of insert)
Message Pastor Susan

GOING OUT

*Hymn Guide my feet No. 546
*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.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL. Our regular S.S. year continues today! This Sunday, we will bless the Sunday School year and present Bibles to those in 2nd grade. Thank you for your prayers as we continue.
Children and Youth:
Preschool – 1st grade: downstairs classroom by the south entrance Julie Linnens/Asia Frye
2nd – 6th grade: upstairs classroom (green room across from the youth room) Jan Amtutz/Judy Harder
7th – High School: upstairs youth room on the west side of the hall Hank Unruh
Adult:
Chapel Sunday School class meets in the Chapel – group will decide topic/book
Alive! Sunday School class meets up the stairs, first door to the left – group will decide
Open Door Sunday School class meets at Parkside Congregate, in Sylvia Abrahams' apartment, uses the Sunday School Quarterly.

WEDNESDAY EVENING activities continue this Wednesday, starting with a 6:15 p.m. supper. There is a 6-session class for adults at 7:05 pm, Freed-Up Financial Living, led by Eric and Danielle Bartel, in the chapel. Join us!

GOLD, ORANGE, FLAME: FALL'S HERE and with it come thoughts of crisp, cool mornings, blue skies, pumpkins - and no bugs! If you'd like to share any fall memories or stories - or any news - with your church family through *First Threshings,* please send them to me no later than Friday, September 25. Thanks. Pat Bartel

SPANISH GATHERING. We had a meaningful and fun Spanish Gathering last Sunday in our Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your prayers.

FMC RETREAT is in one week! There will be no church service here in Hillsboro on that day. Retreat is at Camp Mennoscah, from 2 p.m. Saturday, September 26 to 2 p.m. Sunday, September 27. A map to Mennoscah is on the white board, we can get you copies if you like.
Costs: Tent/RV is $14 per adult/$6.50 child
Cabin $16 per adult/$7.50 per child
Bunk House $21.50 per adult/$10.50 per child
Retreat Center $65 for 1-2 people

MCC SCHOOL KITS. You are invited to place your school kit items in the bin in the narthex. Today will be the last Sunday we will collect. School kits will be delivered to the MCC office this week. **125,513 school kits were shipped last year to Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Ethiopia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Lebanon, Burundi, Ukraine, Haiti, Russia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), U.S., Serbia, and El Salvador.**

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Katherine Goering's grandmother, Mary Esther Loganbill, passed away on August 27. Katherine's grandfather, Lanoy Loganbill, then passed on September 5. Services were held yesterday at Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton. Prayers for Katherine, Derek and the whole family.

Darlene (Duerksen) Goertz, sister-in-law to Glenn, wife of Chip, passed away Friday, August 28, in Topeka. A burial of ashes is scheduled for September 26 here at Haven of Rest. Details are forthcoming. Glenn and Jan Goertz

Jim Funk, brother of Kenny Funk, died this past Wednesday. Visitation is Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. Services will be at Trinity Mennonite Church on Monday at 10 a.m. Let's offer prayers for the Funk family.

Dawn Abrahams was discharged from NMC Thursday afternoon. She will be continuing her recovery at her mom's home. 1 Park Avenue #10. They invite you to stop by and visit with her if you'd like. Let's keep lifting her in prayer as she continues to heal.

Jane and Lavern Buchholtz are managing fairly well after LaVerne fell on his back at home. No bones were broken and he is recovering. They welcome afternoon visitors. Call before you stop by: 620- 947-3500.

Cheryl Bartel's mother, Ann, broke her leg in a fall this past Wednesday at her home in rural Durham. Prayers for the family are appreciated at this time.

Judy Harder sends her blessings on the beginning of our Sunday School year. Posted on the bulletin board outside the pastor's office is a postcard from Judy with a photo of the Children's Chapel of the National Cathedral in Washington D.C.

BETHEL COLLEGE: Today **(Sun., Sept. 20) – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, 3 p.m.**, *Kauffman Museum*. Ben Chappell, a professor of American studies at the University of Kansas, will speak on softball as a cultural resource, using the example of Mexican-American fast-pitch softball and Newton's annual summer tournament, the oldest in the country.
Mon., Sept. 21, Chappell will speak in Bethel's convocation, **11 a.m.**, and moderate a panel of Newton community members talking about the fast-pitch tournament, **7 p.m.**, both in *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*. (This is part of the "Root for the Home Team" special programming.)
Sunday, Oct. 4 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, 4 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*. "Starry Night" features works by William Schuman, Carl Nielsen, Charles Ives, Vincent Persichetti and the world premiere of "Starry Night" by Michael Kallstrom.

MCC: Quilts needed. Crossroads Community Church in Winfield is preparing to host their annual "Water for Africa Auction" to benefit MCC water projects in Africa. However, they are short on quilts and sale organizers are seeking donations for finished quilts. Can you help? Please contact Maynard Knepp for details at 316-285-3820 or maynardknepp@mcc.org by September 25.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE: Spruce beetles have moved into trees at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) youth camp worked throughout the summer to address the issue and removed 80 trees containing beetles. Eighteen more trees containing beetles need to be removed. MDS will be working at this project October 2-10. All skill levels are needed. During the MDS youth camp, some of the most productive volunteers were teens who had never done this kind of work before. If you can help that week, or even a day or two that week, please call Paul Unruh 316-772-6308 or Gordon Unruh 620-747-0835. Food and lodging will be provided by RMMC.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday: Lee & Verda Albrecht
Tuesday: Harper Chrisjohn (son of Becky Gage)
Wednesday: Wes & Heather Goertzen, Erica Buller
Thursday: Brenda Bartel, Peter Jantzen

Driver: Don Penner **Next Week:** Susie Kliewer

CALENDAR

Sept 20	Blessing of SS teachers
Sept 26-27	FMC Retreat at Camp Mennoscah
Sept 27	**No Worship Service**
Oct 1	Women's Ministry Conversation with Friends (Parkside Congregate Activity Room – 2 p.m.)
Oct 4	World Communion Day
Oct 10	Derek and Katherine's Wedding

TREASURER'S REPORT 9/13/2015

FMC Ministries	$462.00
MCC Meat Canning	$830.01
Year-to-date Ministries Income	$99,108.49
Year-to-date Ministries Expenses	$104,789.33
Ministries Fund Balance	-$5,680.84

Last Week Attendance: 79

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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.

September 20, 2015

GATHERING

Gathering Music	Shirley Baltzer
Welcome & Announcements	Elfrieda & 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.

COMING BEFORE GOD

*Call to Worship — Elfrieda Funk

Come, all who are thirsty, whose souls are fainting.
Come, all whose troubles seem overwhelming.
The Source and Creator of all things is here.
Our God welcomes us, and hears our cries.
Even before we have words to ask,
God is eager to renew our spirits.
ALL: God strengthens us, then bids us follow.
We cross over to lands unknown,
led in faith, led in love.

*Hymn — Guide me O, thou great Jehovah — No. 582
*Invocation — Elfrieda Funk
Hymn — For God so loved us — No. 167
(first vs in German, then vss 2-4 in English)
Children's Story — Deryll Amstutz
Presentation of Bibles
Litany of Blessing for our Sunday School Year (on insert)
(children dismissed to Children's Time)
Sharing & Prayer — Pastor Susan
Prayer Song — Obey my voice — No. 163
Offering & Blessing — Shirley Baltzer/Pastor Susan