

Sharing and Prayer  
Scripture

Pastor Susan  
Glen Wiebe

Psalm 78:1-7, 1 Corinthians 3:9-11

Sharing from Convention

Asia Frye

Reflections on Denominations & Conscience

Pastor Susan

Song of Response

Blessed assurance

No. 332

Benediction

Pastor Susan

\* by Melancthon (1550) Words for Worship 131

**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'S MESSAGE CONTINUES** the conscience theme into September. The three "C's", Covenant, Community and Conscience, highlight three aspects of our discipleship walk.

**TODAY OUR REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS!** Our summer "after-worship" visiting has been super, and the donuts were good, too. May God be with us as we begin our new year of 9:30 a.m. Sunday School.

**BIBLES WILL BE GIVEN** to our three second graders: Ellie Frye, Hudson Schmidt, and Mirandah Pawloski. We pray God's blessing on each one and their families.

#### **WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES HAVE BEGUN!**

September 13 - Vision A: Robert Yutzy's feedback to FMC  
- Kelly Linnens

September 20 - Vision B: Biblical Community basics in  
FMC findings - Doug Miller

September 27 - Tom Harder, guitarist and Pastor will be with us to update us on the new hymnal project. We will also hear and sing along as Tom shares his music with us.

**MCC SCHOOL KIT OFFERINGS** will be accepted through today. THANK YOU for the supplies that have been shared! Prayers for each one who receives.

**THE SOUTH FENCE** and old foundation concrete has been cleared. For the moment, please park at the south border, facing south at a slight diagonal, and at the playground/ basketball court facing north at a slight diagonal.

-Stewardship Committee

**MINISTRIES COUNCIL HAS APPROVED** an interview project that Hank will be conducting as part of his seminary course this fall. Hank may be approaching some of you for this project. Contact Pastor Susan or Doug Miller with questions.

**CIRCLES IS STARTING A NEW CLASS THIS FALL.** It is Leader Training for those looking to break out of poverty. We give thanks for the Circle involvement that Nancy Graber and Keith Harder offer. Thank you, First Mennonite, for supporting Circles through our spring special offering. Since Circles is again looking for leaders and allies, feel free to contact Mark Rogers 620-877-0899.

**FMC RETREAT AT CAMP MENNOSCAH** is September 23 and 24! We are welcome at the camp Saturday, September 23, from 2 p.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. The costs for the various types of lodging are posted - come prepared to pay for your preferred lodging. Each household is asked to bring two sides and snacks that you enjoy. Sign up on the white board. **There will be no services at our FMC Hillsboro location on September 24.**

**MISSION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 15 THIS YEAR!** Joe Sawatzky, Mennonite Mission Network Church Relationship Representative will be here with us for the Sunday School hour, for worship and for our Mission Sunday meal. Joe served in South Africa with his wife, Anna, in the areas of biblical education and leadership development for members of African Initiated Churches. Joe and Anna have four sons, Isaac, Moses, Levi and Jesse. We look forward to welcoming Joe's presence among us!

**REQUESTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.** FMC desires to support FMC members and members' children who attend a Mennonite college or who choose to receive a seminary education. If you are interested in applying for such financial support for the 2017-2018 academic year, contact Doug Miller.

#### **AMONG OUR FRIENDS**

We lift these friends in prayer:

Dan Schaeffer as his hand heals.

Marvin and Elfrieda's daughter, Deb, has continued to have heart issues, but is currently home in Kinsley. Marvin and Elfrieda will be with her for a time. Additionally, Elfrieda's brother in law in Goshen, Indiana, passed away about a week ago. Almost one year after Elfrieda's sister, Bertha passed away. Let's remember Marvin and Elfrieda in these weeks.

Lester Funk has injured his knee, likely significantly tearing muscles and tendons. We will miss him serving in the tech booth upstairs during his healing. Prayers also for the Funk family as they support Lester and deal with multiple other illnesses and injuries.

Pastor Susan will receive one more injection into the inner ear, and continues to wait to see if there is a change in hearing function.

#### **BETHEL COLLEGE:**

**Tues., Sept. 12 – KIPCOR 30th-anniversary celebration continues with Leonard Pitts Jr., 7 p.m., Memorial Hall at Bethel College (note change of venue from previous announcements and some printed material).** Pitts will speak on "What Now? America in the Age of Trump," and sign copies of his books.

#### **CAMP MENNOSCAH:**

Camp Mennoscah invites you and everyone you know to Work & Play Camp from September 29 to October 3! It's a hootin', rootin' good time for folks of all ages. We'll be working on projects and making camp shiny from head to toe. Interspersed with all that fun will be breaks, devotions, and friends to chat with and play games. On Sunday, October 1, we'll break from our routine with worship and the annual meeting. Come for a day or for the full camp. **NO COST for this retreat!** Please let us know you're coming by registering online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or calling [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290).

#### **MCC:**

MCC is providing relief assistance in Nepal, India and Bangladesh after two weeks of severe monsoon rains displaced more than 1.7 million people and killed 1,246 in the region. We are working with partners to provide emergency food, water, tarps, mosquito nets and hygiene kits to those affected. MCC welcomes your support for our relief work in the area. [www.mcc.org/south-asia-flood-relief](http://www.mcc.org/south-asia-flood-relief).

#ActionAlert from MCC - All the Mennonite Central Committee Material Resources Centers in the U.S. need a combined total of **7000 comforters by November!** Yes, you read that right, 7000 comforters are needed to fulfill the requests from MCC partner organizations in Iraq, North Korea and Syria! Save the dates to join the effort at the MCC Mini Comforter Blitz at the MCC Center in North Newton, Kansas on September 29 and 30. Check [mcc.org/comforter-blitz](http://mcc.org/comforter-blitz) for more details, or contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org), [316.283.2720](tel:316.283.2720).

#### **TABOR COLLEGE:**

**Exaudio**, the Tabor College lectureship in vocation and service, presents **Scot McKnight**, Professor of New Testament at Northern Seminary: "Christians as Culture Creators" at Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church, 300 Prairie Pointe, Hillsboro, Kansas.

Part 1 -- Monday, September 11, 2017 -- 7:00 p.m.  
Part 2 -- Tuesday, September 12, 2017 -- 11:00 a.m.

## CALENDAR

Sept. 11-12 Scot McKnight lectures at HMBC  
 Sept. 16 Hillsboro Arts & Crafts Fair  
 Sept. 23-24 FMC Retreat at Mennoscah  
 Sept. 24 NO WORSHIP here at the FMC location  
 Sept. 27 2-4 p.m. Women's Tea – Parkside  
 Oct. 1 World Communion Day  
 Oct. 15 Mission Sunday – Joe Sawatzky –  
 Mennonite Mission Network  
 Nov. 15 Last night of Weds. evening meal & activities

## CARRY-IN SCHEDULE

October 15 – Mission Sunday  
 November 19 – Carry-In and Care Committee Shower

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Today:** Doug Bartel  
**Tuesday:** Jackie & Becky Gage  
**Thursday:** Bob & Judy Jantz  
**Saturday:** Sharon Diener

## TREASURER'S REPORT 9/3/2017

FMC Ministries .....	\$1,907.91
MCC Meat Canning.....	\$200.00
MCC – Hurricane Harvey .....	\$1,000.00
Year to Date Budget Income.....	\$95,960.27
Year-to-date Budget Expenses .....	\$103,310.69
FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....	-\$7,350.42

Last week's attendance: 58

## CHURCH OFFICE

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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.*

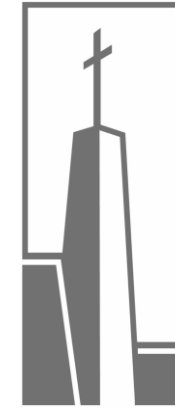
## Psalm 78:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
<sup>2</sup> I will open my mouth in a parable;  
 I will utter dark sayings from of old,  
<sup>3</sup> things that we have heard and known,  
 that our ancestors have told us.  
<sup>4</sup> We will not hide them from their children;  
 we will tell to the coming generation  
 the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,  
 and the wonders that he has done.  
<sup>5</sup> He established a decree in Jacob,  
 and appointed a law in Israel,  
 which he commanded our ancestors  
 to teach to their children;  
<sup>6</sup> that the next generation might know them,  
 the children yet unborn,  
 and rise up and tell them to their children,  
<sup>7</sup> so that they should set their hope in God,  
 and not forget the works of God,  
 but keep his commandments;

## 1 Corinthians 3:9-11

<sup>9</sup> For we are God's servants, working together; you  
 are God's field, God's building.

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God given to me, like a  
 skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and  
 someone else is building on it. Each builder must  
 choose with care how to build on it. <sup>11</sup> For no one can  
 lay any foundation other than the one that has been  
 laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.



# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -  
 Making Disciples through  
 Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:35 a.m.

September 10, 2017

Gathering Music	Laurel & Ethan Koerner
Welcome & Announcements	Pastor Susan
*Call to Worship (from the year 1550*)	Maura Wiebe

O God, be present with us always;

**dwelt in our hearts.**

With your light and your Spirit, guide our souls;

**guide our thoughts, and all our actions,**

**that we may teach your Word,**

**that your healing power may be in us**

**and in your church universal.**

**ALL: Amen.**

Songs of Praise		Laurel & Ethan
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I love to tell the story	No. 398
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In Christ Alone	Grey Sgbk 66
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Ancient Words	Grey Sgbk 68
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Invocation	Glen Wiebe
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Offering	Laurel & Ethan
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\*Special offering today will go to MCC Meat Canning unless  
 otherwise designated.

Children's Story	Amanda Abrahams
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Blessing the Sunday School year

Presentation of Bibles

Congregational Reading

God, we come before you, asking that you bless our Sunday  
 School Year here at First Mennonite Church. We believe you  
 call us to be your people.

**The Bible gives us God's story.**

**God invites us to make it our own story.**

Bless the learning of young, old and in-between. We know that  
 faith is a life-long journey, guided by your hand.

**We believe you are moving in our world.**

**We believe you act to keep us alive,  
 in body and in soul.**

**Send us courage to trust you more.**

**Bless us and keep us in your unending love and  
 purpose. Amen.**