

LISTENING

Scripture Deryll Amstutz
1 Corinthians 8:1-4, 7, 11-12
1 Corinthians 10:23-31
Luke 15:1-10, Psalm 51:10-12
Message Pastor Susan

RESPONDING

*Hymn Lord, I want to be a Christian No. 444
*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'S MESSAGE CONTINUES the conscience theme into September including verses from Apostle Paul. The three "C's", Covenant, Community and Conscience, highlight three aspects of our discipleship walk.

ONE WEEK FROM TODAY, September 10, our regular Sunday School year begins! Our summer "after-worship" visiting has been super, and the donuts were good, too. Thanks, Nurture, for this idea. May God be with us as we begin our new year of 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. A special thanks to the Parkside Open Door Sunday School for meeting Tuesday evenings to accommodate the earlier summer worship time here at FMC.

NEST SUNDAY WE RETURN to our schedule of Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. with worship at 10:35 a.m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES begin this week!

Here is what's coming:

- September 6 - Celebration for the South 25
- September 13 - Vision A - Robert Yutzky'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 music with us.

MCC SCHOOL KIT OFFERINGS will be accepted through September 10. THANK YOU for the supplies that have been shared!

SEPTEMBER 6, THIS WEDNESDAY, is the celebration of our new South 25 marking our new ownership of 25 additional feet of property on the south edge of FMC's property line. Based on congregational meetings in March, this ground has been acquired to increase play area for several age groups at the same time, and to provide additional parking space for our congregation and guests. Specific development is still being considered. Join us September 6 at 7 p.m. for a celebration of gratitude for this purchase!

TRACTOR DRIVERS NEEDED: MCC gets to use the Fair Grounds for the MCC Relief Sale in April if we drive people. We have been assigned Sept 8. First shift begins at 10 a.m. Sign up today! You will receive a free admission ticket to the fair with your instruction packet. Must be able to drive a big tractor pulling a people hauler through parking lot.

TUES., SEPT. 12, 7 P.M.: Leonard Pitts Jr., will speak in Bethel College's Memorial Hall, a change 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. This event is in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR).

FMC RETREAT AT CAMP MENNOSCAH: We are welcome at the camp, September 23, Saturday from 2 p.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday! The costs for the various types of lodging are posted on the bulletin board by Pastor Susan's office. Count on a lot of fun and some popcorn Saturday evening! Sign up on the white board.

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 (tuition) for the 2017-2018 academic year, contact Doug Miller.

PASTOR SUSAN AND HER FAMILY plan a return to their place of service in Chad, Africa this coming January. This two-week trip is an opportunity to return recordings of local songs and photos, as well as make a personal connection after 30 years. Ministries Council received a recommendation from the FMC Mission Committee to give support toward this trip and the recommendation was approved. We anticipate a time in October when Jim and Susan will share about this project.

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. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Susan or Doug Miller.

RESPONDING TO AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE HARVEY: Please pray for WDC's 14 congregations and church plants in Texas, particularly for those most impacted by flooding in the Houston area. Associate Conference Minister Byron Pellecer is keeping in contact with WDC pastors and with Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS), as we continue to assess how WDC can best offer support. MDS is accepting financial donations for hurricane response at <https://www.mds.mennonite.net>. See also this article from The Mennonite at <https://themennonite.org/daily-news/reports-houston-mennonites-path-tropical-storm-harvey/>

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift these friends in prayer:
Darrel Knoll

Pastor Susan learned this past week that the loss of hearing in her left ear was not due to allergies, but likely is a permanent severe loss of hearing. She is receiving several injections into the inner ear, but there was no guarantee of any change in hearing function. Prayers for Susan as she adjusts.

I'm very humbled and grateful to those who have contributed at Central National Bank to help with my medical expenses. Your assistance and kindness have been very helpful and encouraging. May you be blessed for blessing me. Nadine Friesen

Frieda Birkle passed away Thursday morning, August 31. Her funeral service will be this Tuesday, September 5, 10 a.m. at First Mennonite. Burial will follow at the Lehigh Cemetery, then a light lunch will be offered here at First Mennonite. Prayers for the family.

Ann Bartel, mother of Cheryl Bartel, fell this past Thursday evening. She had surgery on Friday at Newton Medical Center. Prayers for the Bartel family.

Norma Jost Voth called our church office looking for information. She is wanting to visit with someone who may remember the singing time before worship that was practiced here at FMC in the 1930's. If you have memory or information about this, please call Norma at 408-238-2428. Thank you.

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. 6 First night of Weds. evening meal & activities 8 p.m. Care Committee Meeting
- Sept. 10 Sunday School Begins
- Sept. 11-12 Scot McKnight lectures at HMBC
- Sept. 16 Hillsboro Arts & Crafts Fair
- Sept. 23-24 FMC Retreat at Mennoscah
- Sept. 27 2-4 p.m. Women's Tea - Parkside
- Nov. 15 Last night of Weds. evening meal & activities

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Wednesday: Carson Linnens, Marlin & Cheryl Bartel
Thursday: Dustin Abrahams, Sarah Paulus

TREASURER'S REPORT 8/27/2017

FMC Ministries	\$1,496.00
Care Fund (Other Income).....	\$500.00
Year-to Date Budget Income.....	\$94,052.36
Year-to-date Budget Expenses.....	\$99,035.14
FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....	-\$4,982.78

Last week's attendance: 68

*Special offering next week goes to MCC Meat Canning unless otherwise designated.

1 Corinthians 8:1-4, 7, 11-12

8 Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. **2** Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; **3** but anyone who loves God is known by him.

4 Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one."

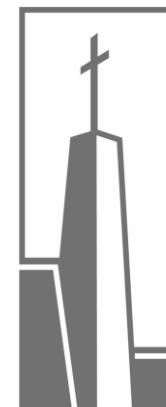
7 It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

11 So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. **12** But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:23-31

23 "All things are lawful," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up. **24** Do not seek your own advantage, but that of the other. **25** Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience, **26** for "the earth and its fullness are the Lord's." **27** If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. **28** But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, out of consideration for the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience— **29** I mean the other's conscience, not your own. For why should my liberty be subject to the judgment of someone else's conscience? **30** If I partake with thankfulness, why should I be denounced because of that for which I give thanks?

31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

September 3, 2017

GATHERING

- Gathering Music Shirley Baltzer
- Welcome & Announcements Deryll & Pastor Susan
- Prelude to Worship Shirley Baltzer
- *Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty No. 37
- *Call to Worship Psalm 51 Deryll Amstutz
- R: O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise
to the rock of our salvation!
- L: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him
with songs of praise!
- R: For the Lord is a great God,
and a great king above all gods.
- L: In his hands are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- R: The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
- L: O Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**ALL: For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

- *Invocation Deryll Amstutz
- Hymn Jesus calls us here to meet him Grey Sgbk 47

SHARING

- Children's Story Jan Amstutz
- Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan
- Prayer Song God, who touches earth No. 511
- Offering Shirley Baltzer