

## LISTENING

Scripture Aleen Ratzlaff  
 Genesis 2:2-3 Exodus 16:14-18, 21-30  
 Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Luke 13:10-17  
 Response to Scripture Eat this bread No. 471  
 Message Pastor Susan

## RESPONDING

\*Hymn New earth, heavens new No. 299  
 \*Benediction (based on Brueggemann pg 40-41) Pastor Susan

**The God of the Sabbath tells us:**

**You do not have to do more**

**You do not have to control more**

**You do not have to know more**

**You do not have to have your children in activities**

**You do not have to be younger, stronger,  
or more beautiful**

**You do not have to score more**

**You are of equal value**

**Remember the Exodus**

**Take your rest**

**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.*

**WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE** is different this

year. For one thing, after the meal there is more time for adults for clean-up (rotating cook schedule) and visiting.

Take a look: 6:15 – Supper

7 to 7:45 p.m. – Children’s activities

7 to 8:30 p.m. – Youth activities (8<sup>th</sup> – HS)

7:15 to 8:15 p.m. – Adult session

(those with children/youth would be free to leave at 7:45 p.m.)

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO READING** to follow along with our September Sabbath Study, these are the dates. Sabbath as Resistance by Walter Brueggeman is in the library for check out.

Sunday the 4th and Wednesday the 7th: Preface - Ch. 2

Sunday the 11th and Wednesday the 14th: Ch. 3 - 5

Sunday the 18th and Wednesday the 21st: Ch. 6

Wednesday Oct. 19: sharing and review

\*Please note that Wednesday evening adult class will run from 7:15-8:15 on these Wednesdays.

## SATURDAY EVENING PRAYERS WILL BE

offered at 6:30 p.m. during the month of September starting with September 3. This brief prayer in the sanctuary will also be available in print and on the website to pray at your home if you are unable to be physically present. These prayers prepare our hearts for Sunday worship with each other and deepen our capacity to "Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy."

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT** of MCC School Kits! We will empty our narthex bin after our worship next week, September 11.

**REVEREND AWAD** is an evangelical Christian Palestinian leader who has worked with Mennonites in education ventures for over 30 years (Hope Mennonite School and Bethlehem Bible College). Reverend Awad will be speaking today at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church in Wichita, 7 p.m., and here at Tabor College at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6. This visit from Reverend Awad is in response to the Mennonite Church USA resolution in Kansas City to further study the Israel/Palestine situation. To attend, see details on the bulletin board by the pastor’s office.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A PERSON** who is willing to give transportation to Harold Woelk occasionally from Bethesda Homes in Goessel to come to our worship. This is about a 15 minute drive one way. If you have questions or interest, please speak with Deanne Duerksen or Pastor Susan.

**IT'S TIME TO MAKE CINNAMON ROLLS** for the Arts and Crafts Fair. This year we will be starting at 8 a.m. on the morning of Saturday the 10th. There are a number of ways that you can help: we need helpers to come on the day we are making the cinnamon rolls, we need donations of raw materials, and we need donations of freezer space. Sign-up sheets are on the white board.

**URGENT NEED** - Come to the MCC Kit Bag Assembly Party on Friday, Sept. 9, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th), lunch will be provided. Cutting, ironing and sewing stations will be set up to help meet the need. **Call 316-283-2720 to RSVP.** Please indicate if you can bring a sewing machine or serger that day. Donations of medium weight cotton fabric at least one yard in length and neutral thread are needed. Please no heavy denim or double knit. Bring your friends and come join in the fun.

## AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift in prayer: Susie Kliewer, Marvin Funk, Doug Bartel, Ruth Ann Penner and Marcella Ediger, Keith and Judy Harder, Harold Woelk, for back pain following a fall

Eisley Mae Miller was born August 26 to Adam and Nickie Miller. Congratulations, Doug and Holly (grandparents)!

## MCC:

Tractor DRIVERS needed to pull people movers at the KS State Fairgrounds. The Hillsboro churches need to fill 14 time slots on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> when tractor drivers are to commit to shuttle people to and from the State Fair parking areas to the entrance gates. MCC gets to lease the fairgrounds for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale in April, in exchange for providing the tractor drivers during the KS State Fair. Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Douglas Graber, 620-382-6591, for when you want to drive. Get a friend to drive with you and share the ride.

## CALENDAR

Sept 7	First Wednesday Evening activities
Sept 8	7 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting
Sept 11	First day of Sunday School
Sept 17	Arts and Crafts Fair
Sept 18	5:30 p.m. Hispanic Group Gathering
Sept 21	2 p.m. Women’s Tea at Parkside
	8 p.m. Care Committee Meeting
Sept 27	7 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Tuesday:** Carson Linnens, Marlin & Cheryl Bartel

**Wednesday:** Dustin Abrahams, Sarah Paulus, Jocelyn Busick

**Thursday:** Andy Kleiber

**Saturday:** Doug Bartel

**Driver:** Doug Bartel **Next Week:** Elfrieda Funk

## TREASURER’S REPORT 8/28/2016

FMC Ministries .....	\$1,482.00
Hi-FY – Cinnamon Roll Supplies .....	\$100.00
Year to Date Budget Income .....	\$95,114.71
Year-to-date Budget Expenses .....	\$98,402.80
FMC Ministries Fund Balance .....	-\$3,288.09

**Last Week Attendance:** 106

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

## Genesis 2:2-3

<sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

<sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

## from Exodus 16

<sup>14</sup> When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.

<sup>15</sup> When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

<sup>16</sup> This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.'"

<sup>17</sup> The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less.

<sup>18</sup> But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

<sup>21</sup> Morning by morning they gathered it, as much as each needed; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

<sup>22</sup> On the sixth day they gathered twice as much food, two omers apiece. When all the leaders of the congregation came and told Moses,

<sup>23</sup> he said to them, "This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Tomorrow is a day of solemn rest, a holy sabbath to the LORD; bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil, and all that is left over put aside to be kept until morning.'"

<sup>24</sup> So they put it aside until morning, as Moses commanded them; and it did not become foul, and there were no worms in it.

<sup>25</sup> Moses said, "Eat it today, for today is a sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field.

<sup>26</sup> Six days you shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is a sabbath, there will be none."

<sup>27</sup> On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather, and they found none.

<sup>28</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and instructions?

<sup>29</sup> See! The LORD has given you the sabbath, therefore on the sixth day he gives you food for two days; each of you stay where you are; do not leave your place on the seventh day."

<sup>30</sup> So the people rested on the seventh day.

## Deuteronomy 5:12-15

<sup>12</sup> Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.

<sup>13</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

<sup>14</sup> But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work-- you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you.

<sup>15</sup> Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

## Luke 13:10-17

<sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

<sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment."

<sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

<sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day."

<sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?"

<sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?"

<sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

## CHURCH OFFICE

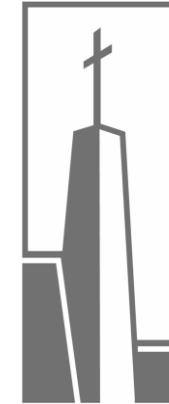
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# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships.

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

September 4, 2016

## GATHERING

Gathering Music Shirley Baltzer  
Welcome and Announcements Aleen & 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 Aleen Ratzlaff

Come and worship!

If you're short or tall  
big or small,

**come and worship!**

If you are young or mature  
messy or pure  
hot or cool

depressed or secure –

**come and worship!**

God is waiting.

**God is hoping.**

**ALL: God is loving. God is already loving.**

**Come!**

**Come and worship!**

\*Hymn We praise thee, O God No. 99  
\*Invocation Aleen Ratzlaff  
Hymn Prayer for peace Grey Sgbk 76

## SHARING

Children's Story Asia Frye  
(children dismissed to Children's Time)

Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan  
Offering/Blessing Shirley Baltzer/Pastor Susan