

LISTENING

Scripture Deryll Amstutz
Exodus 25:1-2, 8 Ephesians 1:2-4 Ephesians 3:17-22
Message Pastor Susan

RESPONDING

*Hymn Step by step FMC Sgbk 35
*Benediction Holly and Susan

*You are invited to stand

WELCOME TO ALL who are guests this morning. We hope you feel warmly received and experience a meaningful time. Please feel free to contact Pastor Susan if you would like to visit.

GIFTS DISCERNMENT. The next two Wednesday adult sessions reach to the heart of our life and witness as members of First Mennonite Church. Needs in our community and around the world are known. What is not always clear is how each of us will share our gifts as we respond to needs.

THIS WEDNESDAY, former Discernment Committee leader Nadine Friesen will review with us the nuggets of Discover 'n Affirm, a gifts discernment program used for some years at FMC. The following Wednesday, September 18, Jim Paulus, a new Discernment Committee member, will introduce a gifts discernment model called Strengths Quest and we will have discussion about how the two might complement each other.

EACH OF US at First Mennonite can offer ourselves most freely when we know our gifts, know the passions that motivate us to care and serve. Come to these sessions, and ask yourself once more, how has God gifted me to serve? Where do I have passion to serve Christ and the church? To what am I being called?

FMC RETREAT is three weeks from today! Plan for a wonderful time of worship and fellowship.

THE AUTHOR of "Dead Man Walking," Sister Helen Prejean, will be speaking about her work to abolish the death penalty at the McPherson Church of the Brethren, September 15 at 7 pm. Sister Prejean's book was made into a movie in 1996 and was nominated for four Oscars. Her book was nominated for a Pulitzer and rose to number one on the New York Times Best Seller List for eight months.

CIRCLES MEETS EVERY THURSDAY evening at the Presbyterian Church in Marion; we are needing help with childcare 6:30-8:00. Would you be willing to help out on a regular or occasional basis? Starting soon, there will be learning activities with literacy kits, crafts, etc. in an effort to provide a time of learning, enrichment and fun in a safe environment. Please contact Erica Richmond at e73188@gmail.com or Pat Bartel. Thank you for considering this important service to our community.

DRAWING ZENTANGLES is therapeutic and fun! Google it and, if you'd like to learn how, come to our Circles meeting at the Marion Presbyterian Church, Thursday, September 12, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

THE ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR is early this year: September 21. Get excited! Sign-Ups are up on the white board in the hallway. We need fewer pies this year than in years past, but we still need a lot! If you are no longer able to bake, or were never able in the first place, we are again offering the option to purchase pies from Tabor. Just sign up. I need workers to sign-up even if you are planning on being here all day, so that I know who I can serve where at what times. **A special need is for a clean-up crew at 2pm that isn't already exhausted from the day.** ~Asia

IF YOU ARE NOT A BAKER or too busy doing other things but really want to help our awesome youth and youth pastor out with the Arts & Crafts Fair, you can donate money for a pie. The Tabor cafeteria will bake pies for you. Write the check to FMC for \$6.75 and put pie in the memo. Or sign up to make one on the board.

MCC SCHOOL KIT CONTENTS NEEDED:

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 1/2 x 10 1/2 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser

School kits are distributed in a useful double drawstring cloth bag (11in x 16in). You may donate contents to the trunk in the foyer that we will place in a bag.

YESTERDAY WOULD HAVE BEEN Linda Mathis' birthday. The beautiful sunflowers in the front have been placed in remembrance of her.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Prayers are appreciated for: Frieda Birkle as she continues good healing from her fall Dave Mathis, Joel, Rachel and Michal Kent, Vell and Dakota Willis and Ruth Ann Penner

MANY OF TODAY'S female college students are in desperate need of mentors. Could God be calling you to be one? There are a variety of needs and types of ladies that you could be a fit for. It could be a weekly meeting with a student or could be a few times a month. WE will even train you!! Please be praying about this and see Laura if you are interested in being matched with a Tabor student.

MEDA Convention: "Cultivating Solutions: Harvesting Hope" Join MEDA for 4 days of inspiration, information and networking in Wichita during November 7-10, 2013. Plenary sessions feature topics on global food issues, the importance of networking and collaboration and overcoming barriers to hope. Go to www.medaconvention.org for full descriptions of the plenary sessions, seminars, tours and on-line registration, or call 1 (800) 665-7026 for more information.

THE 2013 FALL SCHEDULE for Life Enrichment through Bethel College is now available. Please see the bulletin board outside of the offices for details.

THE TABOR COLLEGE Lifelong Learning 2013 Fall Semester Series schedule is also available now on the bulletin board outside of the offices.

ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY-Great Plains invites you to a Simple Supper on Friday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. The supper will be followed by a report of the recent survey data and discussion concerning the future of the AMBS - Great Plains extension program. No cost; RSVP by Sept. 16 to Marlene at mfaul@ambs.edu.

Sunday, Sept. 15 -- Bethel College and the Bethel College Service Corps present **The Misguided Professors** and **The Book of JEBB** in a benefit concert for Oklahoma tornado relief and a celebration of fiddler Jesse Graber – 3pm, **Memorial Hall on the Bethel campus**; free with offering taken

MEDA'S KANSAS CHAPTER invites you to join us for dialogue about chapter activities in addressing business solutions to global poverty and integrating faith into the workplace. On Tuesday, September 17, 2013, 6:30 p.m. we will hear a report on MEDA's Ethiopia project, with Ann Gordon, Senior Consultant/Project Manager. Buffet dinner at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains, 77 W Hickory St, and Hesston, \$25 for dinner and presentation / \$5 for students / \$15 for beginning entrepreneurs. RSVP by September 13, 2013 by phone at 620-896-7381 or email carlawedman@harperindustries.com.

Job Opening: Director of Prison Ministries - Offender/Victim Ministries is seeking applicants to oversee its M-2 Prison Visitation and Prison Arts programs at Hutchinson Correctional Facility. This position is half-time, salaried and based in Newton, Kansas. Interested candidates should submit resumes and cover letters tolibby.ovm@sbcglobal.net.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CLASSES. The Trinity Congregational Health Ministry is sponsoring new classes on Tuesday evenings, beginning September 10, on an every other week basis through October 22. The first class is on September 10 on Pre-diabetes. For more information see the flier outside the pastor's office. Some cost involved.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday: Andy Kleiber
Tuesday: Doug Penner
Friday: Bob & Judy Jantz

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

CALENDAR

Sept 10- 7 pm Mission Meeting
 Sept 25- 8 pm Care Committee
 Sept 26 – 7 pm Ministries Council
 Sept 28-29 FMC Retreat at Camp Mennoscah
 Oct 6- Crop Walk
 Oct 15 – 7 pm Stewardship Committee
 Oct 19 – 5th Annual Pumpkin Race

TREASURER'S REPORT 9/1/2013

FMC Ministries.....\$3,316.00
 Year-to-date Ministries Income.....\$115,254.96
 Year-to-date Ministries Expenses.....\$112,587.49
 Ministries Fund Balance.....\$2, 667.47

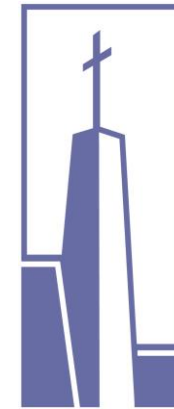
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The church building is open from 9a.m. to noon Mon. – Fri. except for holidays. For assistance outside of those times, please contact Tim Unruh at 620-947-1585. Please schedule all meetings & events at FMC through the church office.



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Making Disciples through Loving Relationships

September 8, 2013

GATHERING in PRAISE

Gathering Music Shirley Flaming
 Welcome & Announcements Pastor Susan
 Prelude to Worship

We carry in a flame, the Bible, and a prayer cloth, trusting the Light to guide us, the Word to teach us and prayer to knit our lives together with God during our time of worship.

*Call to Worship Deryll Amstutz

No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

In Christ the whole building is joined together and rises to become a dwelling place for God.

As we come to Christ, the living Stone – rejected by builders but chosen by God – we also, are like living stones.

ALL: We are citizens with God's people and members of God's household, with Christ Jesus as the chief cornerstone.

*Invocation Deryll Amstutz

*Hymn Christ is our cornerstone No 43

SHARING

Blessing of the Sunday School Year
 Litany
 Presentation of Bible
 Hymn Lord, we bring to you our children FMC Sgbk 10
 Children's Story Doug Bartel
 Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan
 Prayer Song Gracious Spirit, dwell with me No. 507
 (verses 1-3)

Offering Shirley Flaming

Special offering today for MCC Meat Canning unless otherwise designated