

## RESPONDING

\*Hymn My soul cries out Grey Sgbk #39  
\*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.*

**VEGGIE TALES INTERGENERATIONAL** Sunday School Summer class met for the last time today. Thanks, Hank!

**THIS MORNING** Asia Frye will bring the message. Blessings, Asia.

**DAWN ABRAHAMS**, lifelong FMCer, will share personal reflections for the message on August 30.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING** activities begin on September 9! Meal is at 6:15 pm. Adult class will begin with 6 weeks of the Freed Up Financial Living video series, focusing on personal stewardship, guided by Danielle Bartel. A workbook will be available for personal application. Later in October and November we will explore Come Lord Jesus, Be our Host, a resource that helps us look at what communion means in our faith family. Pastor Susan will lead input and discussion.

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS** are starting September 9. One helper is needed each Wednesday afternoon at 4 pm. Sign up on the whiteboard at the East entrance. After each meal we will begin classes at 7:05 pm so that we can join in helping the kitchen be cleaned up. Plans for classes are being almost complete -- stay tuned.

**MCC SCHOOL KITS.** You are invited to bring school supplies for MCC School Kits. Place your items in the bin in the narthex -- an itemized list is available for the taking by the bin. Thank you in advance for each contribution! 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.

**2015 MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE (MWC)** map is posted just opposite the pastor's office. The 2009 MWC map is posted just inside the pastor's office. Take a look at how the numbers have changed!

**WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS** from Mennonite World Conference are available in booklet form for a one-week loan on the back table in the narthex. We invite you to spend an evening reading through the offered workshops for this global event which occurred this July in Pennsylvania. You will be *listening* to our Anabaptist brothers and sisters around the world, an act of faithful discipleship.

**MENNONITE WORLD REVIEW** coverage of the world conference is available in the narthex.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** the Child Helper Training on Wed night, Aug 26 at 7pm in the Chapel. This is intended for ALL adults planning to teach or help with children/youth in Sunday School, Wed night, or help in the Nursery, or with Children's Time at First Mennonite. We plan to be done by 8pm, and will have snacks available. Please notify Jan Amstutz if you need child care (620-367-8353).

**CAMP MENNOSCAH RETREAT.** We are planning a weekend full of fun and community, Sept 26 and 27. There will be games, food and fellowship as we as a church spend time at Camp Mennoscah. If you plan on attending please use the sign-up sheet which is located on the white board to reserve your spot. Keep an eye out for special game previews in the upcoming bulletins.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR!!!!** Hey we are just weeks away from the arts and crafts fair. The fair is September 19th! The youth need your help with the food booth again. Please check the whiteboard for the sign up-sheets. If you have questions or need clarification please talk to Hank.

## SEPTEMBER DATES

Since this September is one of those full ones for FMC, here are dates to put on your calendar now:

Women's and Girl's Retreat at Mennoscah **Sept 11-13**

Nadine Friesen, speaker

Arts and Crafts Fair **September 19**

FMC Retreat at Camp Mennoscah **September 26-27**

Weds evening series, Freed-Up Financial Living, begins

**September 9**

**October 4** - World Communion Day

## AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Amelia Brandt, son of Mike Brandt, has returned from West Africa. She is enrolled to work on an advanced degree in Public Health at Tulane University, New Orleans. Thank you, Pat, for sharing Amelia's blog with us in First Threshings. Blessings, Amelia.

The flowers in front of the pulpit celebrate Loren and Lois Groening's 60th wedding anniversary, August 26. We are joyful with you, Loren and Lois!

Asia Frye had an article listed in *Equipping*, the MC USA Leadership electronic newsletter. Asia's article is posted on the pastor's bulletin board. Check it out!

Laura Paulus ends her service to us as FMC Office Secretary this week. It would be impossible to detail all she has offered to our church community. We plan to thank Laura at the first Wednesday meal on September 9. We invite each of you to write several sentences on a card or paper describing a specific time you have felt gratitude toward Laura in her role as church secretary. We will collect those stories of gratitude for her at the September 9 meal. Meanwhile, deep and hearty thanks, Laura.

**THE DISCERNMENT COUNCIL** has been in discussion with Hank about youth sponsorship. As no one in the church has felt called to be the full-time youth sponsor, we have contemplated and prayed and come to the conclusion that for this season of the church, we should pursue another option. Many of us have felt called to interact with the youth group but feel reticent about committing to an entire year of service. As a result we want to implement a new plan. We would like members of our church body to prayerfully consider service as youth sponsor for a month at some point during the coming year. This serves two purposes: first it allows Hank to do his work in a safe sanctuary environment, and second, it allows the youth to connect on a more personal level with the broader diversity of our body. If you think the Spirit might be calling you to this opportunity, please engage Hank in discussion about what the time commitment for this work might be. Also note: we have an immediate need for sponsorship for September, so if the Spirit is moving in you, do not put it off until later or ignore it.

**JIM JUHNKE** will present "Kansas Mennonites & World War I" at the Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum, Goessel, Kansas on September 12 morning. Check bulletin board outside the pastor's office for details.

**CELEBRATE 2015! This is My Story.** Over the past months, **Danielle Bartel** has been working with others at MB Foundation to plan a national seniors gathering in **Overland Park on October 2-4, 2015**. She's excited about the event and wants to make sure you know **YOU are invited too!** Come join us to celebrate and pursue God's story in your life. This weekend event will feature inspiration, music and fellowship as we explore together God's great gospel story and how to live it. Dr. Don Argue will be the guest speaker. Find out more at [www.mbfoundation.com/celebrate2015/](http://www.mbfoundation.com/celebrate2015/). Please see Danielle if you have ANY questions, or contact her at [dbartel@mbfoundation.com](mailto:dbartel@mbfoundation.com) or call MB Foundation at 620.947.3151. Registration ends soon!

**MCC MOBILE CANNERY DEDICATION.** You are invited to join MCC on Friday, August 28 to dedicate the new cannery. A meal will be served at 5:30pm (please RSVP by Aug. 14 to [316.283.2720/denisevoth@mcc.org](mailto:316.283.2720/denisevoth@mcc.org)), a free will offering will be taken to help cover costs. A service of dedication will take place at 7:30pm (no RSVP necessary). All events will take place at the MCC Center in North Newton, 121 E. 30th Street.

**BETHEL COLLEGE GOLF TOURNAMENT.** Alumni and friends of Bethel are invited to play in the Thresher Golf Classic, Saturday, Sept. 19, in Newton. For details, search for "Alumni Sporting Events" at [www.bethelks.edu](http://www.bethelks.edu), call 316-284-5251 or email [alumni@bethelks.edu](mailto:alumni@bethelks.edu). Discount deadline Sept. 4, final deadline Sept. 10.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Sunday:** Susie Kliewer  
**Monday:** Eric Bartel  
**Wednesday:** Asia Frye, Eydie Graber, Loren & Lois Groening  
**Friday:** Shirley Reusser, Eldon & Julie Kaiser  
**Saturday:** Stan Flaming, Susan Jantzen  
**Driver:** Doug Bartel      **Next Week:** Elfrieda Funk

**CALENDAR**

Aug 26      7 p.m. Child Helper Training  
 Aug 26      8:15 p.m. Care Committee  
 Sept 9      Wednesday evening activities begin  
 Sept 19      Arts & Crafts Fair  
 Sept 26-27      FMC Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

**Selections from CONFESSION OF FAITH  
 IN A MENNONITE PERSPECTIVE**

Article 22 Peace, Justice, and Nonresistance

From Commentary 1, first paragraph.

“The biblical concept of peace embraces personal peace with God, peace in human relations, peace among nations, and peace with God’s creation. The Old Testament word for peace (shalom) includes healing, reconciliation, and well-being. Peace is more than the absence of war; it includes the restoration of right relationship.”

Commentary 3

“In continuity with previous Mennonite confessions of faith, we affirm that nonparticipation in warfare involves conscientious objection to military service and a nonresistant response to violence. Our peace witness also includes peacemaking and working for justice. Peace witness is needed even when the nations in which we live are not at war. Ministries of mediation, conciliation, and nonviolent resolution of everyday conflict can express our commitment to Christ’s way of peace.”

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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.

August 23, 2015

**GATHERING**

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

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	Keith Harder
God, you are faithful!	

**By water and the Spirit  
 you bring us from bondage to freedom,  
 from darkness to light,  
 from death to life.**

**Left:** Keep us far from the spirit of fear.

**Right:** Give us courage which comes from your love.

**ALL: As we gather before you,  
 make us true sons and daughters of grace.  
 Make us witnesses to your power,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Hymn	God of grace and God of glory	No. 366
*Invocation		Keith Harder
Hymn	God sends us the Spirit	No. 293

**SHARING**

Children’s Story	Pastor Susan
(children dismissed to Children’s Time)	
Sharing and Prayer	Pastor Susan
Prayer Song	Holly & Ethan
Offering	10,000 Reasons Shirley Flaming

**LISTENING**

Scripture	Asia Frye
Message	John 14:15-27 Asia Frye