

Congregational Prayer Response Pastor Susan

ALL: Creating God, you give life to us all.

Under 40 years of age: In the season of growth and change, be our strength.

Age 40 – 65: In the season of nurture and release, be our wisdom.

Age 65 and onward: In the season of reflection and new learning, be our hope.

ALL: We pray in the love of Jesus, which sustains us each day, and joins us together into one living body.

Amen!

RESPONDING

*Hymn And I will raise you up No. 596

*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.

DAWN ABRAHAMS, a FMC member since 1978, will share personal reflections for the message this morning. This is the first of a pattern where a 5th Sunday will be a time to hear the life story of someone among us. Welcome, Dawn!

WEDNESDAY EVENING Grace. Joy. Freedom. Are these the first words that come to mind when you think of finances? To hear how they can be, come join our Wednesday evening Freed-Up Financial Living class in the Chapel, led by Eric and Danielle Bartel. Sign up at the table in the narthex. Each household is encouraged to bring \$5 to the first session for a workbook. We encourage you to attend all six sessions to gain the grace, joy and freedom in finances that God wants for you. All ages and stages welcome. Starts September 9.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS (starting September 9). One helper is needed each Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m. Sign up on the whiteboard at the East entrance. After each meal we will begin classes at 7:05 p.m. so that we can join in helping the kitchen be cleaned up.

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

MCC SCHOOL KITS. You are invited to place your school kit items in the bin in the narthex – an itemized list is available for the taking by the bin. Thank you in advance! **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.**

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.

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

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

FMC’S SPANISH GATHERING folks met this past Tuesday with Juana Pritchard and made plans for this semester’s support of Spanish-speaking Tabor students and Hillsboro residents. September 13, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., the group will meet in our Fellowship Hall. Speak to Susie Kliever, Amstutz’s, Graber’s or Pastor Susan if you want to become involved.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Laura Paulus ended her service to us as FMC office secretary this past 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. Laura Paulus’ personal email is jimandlaurapaulus@hotmail.com. Her personal phone number remains the same. Thank you for changing your address lists!

Welcome to Becky Gage, she started her time as office secretary here at First Mennonite. She will be in the office M, W, Th and F, 9 a.m. to noon. Check out the next First Threshings to read Pat Bartel’s interview with her. Welcome, Becky! The office secretary email remains the same.

We would like to thank our church family for its prayers, concern and generous offering of food for us these past seven months with our arms in slings and the therapy that followed. We are well on the road to recovery, so thank you for everything. ~Joel and Nancy Klaassen

THE WALKING SCHOOL BUS is looking for volunteers to help get kids to school safely. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Tania Sorensen at 620-382-6732.

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.

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/. Please see Danielle if you have ANY questions, or contact her at dbartel@mbfoundation.com or call MB Foundation at 620.947.3151. Registration ends soon!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Monday: Elaine Jantzen
Tuesday: Glen Diener, Glen Kliewer
Wednesday: Tammy Wintermote
Driver: Elfrieda Funk **Next Week:** Deryll Amstutz

CALENDAR

Sept 3 8 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
 Sept 9 Wednesday evening activities begin
 Sept 10 7 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
 Sept 12 Cinnamon Bun Workshop
 Sept 13 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Spanish Gathering
 Sept 17 7 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting
 Sept 19 Arts & Crafts Fair
 Sept 26-27 FMC Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

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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.

Mighty to Save

Fielding and Morgan

Everyone needs compassion,
 A love that's never failing.
 Let mercy fall on me.
 Everyone needs forgiveness,
 The kindness of a Savior,
 The hope of nations.
 Savior, he can move the mountains.
 My God is mighty to save, he is mighty to save.
 Forever Author of salvation,
 He rose and conquered the grave,
 Jesus conquered the grave.
 So take me as you find me,
 All my fears abandoned;
 Fill my live again.
 I give my life to follow
 everything I believe in.
 now I surrender,
 yes, I surrender.
 Savior, he can move the mountains.
 My God is mighty to save, he is mighty to save.
 Forever Author of salvation,
 He rose and conquered the grave,
 Jesus conquered the grave.
 Shine your light and let the whole world see
 we're singing for the glory of the risen King.
 Jesus, shine your light and let the whole world see
 We're singing for the glory of the risen King.
 Savior, he can move the mountains.
 My God is mighty to save, he is mighty to save.
 Forever Author of salvation,
 He rose and conquered the grave,
 Jesus conquered the grave.
 (repeat this refrain and bridge)

TREASURER'S REPORT 8/16/2015

FMC Ministries.....	\$1,487.00
HiFY.....	\$200.00
Year-to-date Ministries Income	\$90,687.48
Year-to-date Ministries Expenses	\$99,423.07
Ministries Fund Balance	-\$8,735.50

Last Week Attendance: 96



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
 Making Disciples through
 Loving Relationships

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

August 30, 2015

GATHERING

Gathering Music	Shirley Baltzer
Welcome and Announcements	Deryll & 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	
*Hymn	Mighty to save (back of bulletin) Ethan & Holly
*Invocation	Deryll Amstutz
Hymn	My Shepherd will supply my need No. 589
Congregational Reading (unison) We have come to meet God, Author of Life. We have come to draw near to Jesus, who washed the feet of his followers. We have come to listen for the Spirit, given to us to guide our way. Be with us, dear Lord, as we come before you. Amen.	

SHARING

Children's Story	Dawn & Deryll Amstutz (children dismissed to Children's Time)
Sharing and Prayer	Pastor Susan
Prayer Song	Grey Sgbk #51
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song	
Offering and Blessing	Shirley Baltzer/Pastor Susan

LISTENING

Scripture	Deryll Amstutz
John 15:15-17	
Reflections	Dawn Abrahams