

## SHARING

Children's Story Jim Jantzen  
Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan  
Prayer Song Star Child (insert)  
Offering Shirley Baltzer

## LISTENING

Scripture Isaiah 60:1-5a, 17-18 Kelly Linnens  
Matthew 2:1-12  
Message Pastor Susan

## RESPONDING

\*Hymn Holy child within the manger Grey Sgbk 74  
\*Benediction

**As we enter this year, brothers and sisters,  
may God help us keep watch with those who  
are weary  
or wandering  
or weeping this hour.**

**With the light of Christ,  
may we be led to be caring for their tears.  
With the love of God,  
may we be filled with mercy, and hope.  
To God be the Glory! Amen.**

**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.*

**NEXT SUNDAY** is our FMC Annual Meeting. We will have  
a carry-in meal, then follow the meal with our meeting in  
the Fellowship Hall.

**HANK UNRUH WILL PREACH** on January 21. Matt Regier  
will preach on January 28.

**TODAY WE WILL REMOVE** the Advent/Christmas  
decorations from our sanctuary. May God bless us as we  
carry the physical and spiritual beauty of the season into  
our lives.

**PASTOR SUSAN AND JIM** depart for Chad on Monday,  
January 15. They will return late in the day on Friday,  
January 27, and will take that weekend to recover from the  
trip and the flight home. Pastoral care has been arranged  
for that time.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

begin this  
Wednesday, January 10! Come enjoy food and fellowship  
at 6:15 p.m. Children and Youth have age-grouped  
activities. Adults will meet at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary to hear  
how details are coming together for Jim and Susan's trip to  
Chad.

Here are our adult topics for the month of January:

January 10 - Updates on Chad trip from Jim and Susan  
January 17 - Church safety conversations led by Doug  
Miller

January 24 - Church safety conversations led by Jessie  
Hiebert of the Hillsboro Police Department  
January 31 - Sharing time with Joel and Nancy Klaassen  
about Joel's health journeys, led by Pastor Susan

**PASTOR SUSAN'S SISTER**, Margaret, and a church  
friend, Jeannie Houser, will join our worship on January 14  
along with others, to help speak a "sending word" to Jim  
and Susan. Susie Kliewer has initiated an organized  
schedule of prayer support for the trip.

**PRAYING FOR JIM AND PASTOR SUSAN**--there are still  
time slots available to offer prayer during the Jantzen's trip  
to Africa. Please consider signing up for an opportunity to  
support them. Contact Susie Kliewer.

**MENNONITE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES** in North Newton  
is raising operating funds since being de-funded by  
MCUSA the last July. An informational brochure is on the  
bulletin board outside the pastor's office.

**LADIES! MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for February 9 & 10,  
2018 and plan to attend **IF:Hillsboro**. Gather with local  
women of God of all ages and denominations to imagine  
what would happen IF we followed God with perseverance  
instead of insecurity. Let's come together for a weekend of  
mutual encouragement, worship, and fellowship.  
Friday, February 9: 5:45 p.m.-9:30 p.m.  
Saturday, February 10: 9:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Location: Tabor College  
Register online at [register.ifgathering.com/event/ifhillsboro](http://register.ifgathering.com/event/ifhillsboro)  
See or call Amanda Abrahams [559-304-4193](tel:559-304-4193) for additional  
information.

## AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift these friends in prayer:

Clariece Schroeder  
Lester Funk  
Joel Klaassen  
Julie Anderson  
Kenny Funk  
Janice Goertz  
Paul Jantzen  
Marvin Funk

Thank you for the cards, verbal condolences and plant  
during this time of my mother's death. Your support and  
thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated. - Jim Jantzen

## MCC:

**Save the Date – Sunday, January 14:** for a special  
screening of the film *Awake: A Dream from Standing  
Rock* at 3 p.m. in the Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel  
College in North Newton, Kansas. The film captures the  
story of Native-led defiance that forever changed the fight  
for clean water, our environment and the future of our  
planet. A talk-back session will follow the film featuring film  
Co-Director Myron Dewey. MCC is teaming up with Kansas  
Institute for Peace & Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) for this  
free event. Please join us!

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Monday:** Holly Swartzendruber

**Friday:** Joel Klaassen, Carolyn Penner,  
Matt Regier, Tia Regier

## CALENDAR

Jan. 7 Dedication of Emelia Koerner  
Jan. 10 Wednesday Evening Meal and Activities Begin  
8 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting  
Jan. 11 7 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting  
Jan. 14 "Sending" of Jim and Susan Jantzen  
Carry-In Meal and Annual Meeting

## CARRY-IN MEAL SCHEDULE:

Jan. 14 Annual Meeting

## Last week's attendance: 49

\*Special offering next week goes to Mennonite Central Committee  
(MCC) Relief Sale unless otherwise designated.

### Isaiah 60:1-5a, 17-18

**60** Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
<sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice, . . .  
<sup>17</sup> Instead of bronze I will bring gold,  
instead of iron I will bring silver;  
instead of wood, bronze,  
instead of stones, iron.  
I will appoint Peace as your overseer  
and Righteousness as your taskmaster.  
<sup>18</sup> Violence shall no more be heard in your land,  
devastation or destruction within your borders;  
you shall call your walls Salvation,  
and your gates Praise.

### Matthew 2:1-12

**2** In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

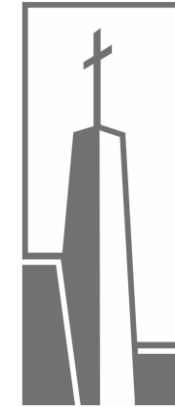
<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

### CHURCH OFFICE

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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.

January 7, 2018

### GATHERING

|                         |                      |
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| Gathering Music         | Shirley Baltzer      |
| Welcome & Announcements | Kelly & Pastor Susan |
| Prelude to Worship      | Shirley Baltzer      |
| *Call to Worship        | Kelly Linnens        |

Yes! The light is here.

God has come to earth as a child!

**The light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness did not overcome it.**

The true light, which enlightens everyone,  
has come into the world!

**And the Word became flesh  
and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a father's only son.**

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| *Hymn | O beautiful star of Bethlehem | Grey Sgbk 42 |
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| *Invocation |  | Kelly Linnens |
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| Child Dedication |  | Pastor Susan |
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Words of Dedication

**Our loving God,  
we thank you for Emelia.  
We accept her as a sacred trust.  
Give us your love to nurture, to counsel,  
to be an example.  
Give us your Spirit of community  
as we lift her and her family in prayer.  
We dedicate Emelia to you,  
to be kept by your power,  
to be used in your service,  
and to be received into your presence.**

**Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

Receiving Emelia Koerner into our faith family

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| Hymn |  | Grey Sgbk 16 |
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Praise the one who breaks the darkness