

1 Timothy 2:1-4

2 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

3 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

Romans 13:1-3, 5-7

13 Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. 2 Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. 5 Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

6 This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. 7 Give to everyone what you owe: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

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

September 16, 2018

GATHERING

Gathering Music		Shirley Baltzer
Welcome and Announcements		Susie and Pastor Lee
Prelude to Worship		Shirley Baltzer
*Hymn of Worship	Praise the One who breaks the darkness	Insert
*Call to Worship		Susie Kliever
God of love, as we gather for worship light a flame of love in our hearts to you, a flame of love to our families and friends, a flame of love to our neighbors, a flame of love to our enemies. Light a flame of love in our hearts to all, <i>ALL: from the lowliest thing that lives,</i> <i>to the Name that is highest of all. AMEN</i>		
*Invocation		Susie Kliever
Hymn of Hope	Lift every voice and sing	No. 579

SHARING

Children's Story		Asia Frye and Tracy Hefley
Bibles will be handed out to second graders		
Sharing and Prayer		Susie and Pastor Lee
Prayer Song	For the healing of the nations (vss. 1, 2, 4)	No. 367
Offering		Shirley Baltzer

LISTENING

Scripture Reading	1 Timothy 2:1-4; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; Romans 13:1-3, 5-7	Susie Kliever
Message	"Loving Others Through Prayer"	Pastor Lee

RESPONDING

*Hymn of Response	O God of Every Nation	Insert
*Benediction		Pastor Lee
*Sending Song	You are salt for the earth	No. 226

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us this morning!

THE ROSES AT THE FRONT of the Sanctuary are in recognition of Bob and Judy Jantz' 50th wedding anniversary. Thank you, Bob and Judy for sharing them with us this morning!

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFO

6th graders and younger meet upstairs. Arrive 9:30-9:45. Teaching begins at 9:45. Teachers and helpers will be scheduled on a rotation including: Tracy, Asia, Jan A., Lenna, Julie and Tammy. We will be using the Shine Sunday School Curriculum.

7th-12th Sunday School meets with Hank in the youth room beginning at 9:30.

Alive: Meets in the "pie room" downstairs. Contact Doug Miller or Tim Frye for info.

Adult 2: Meets in the fellowship hall. We will be continuing our summer pattern of open fellowship time as well as praying for one another. Contact Asia Frye for more info or to help organize.

Parkside: Meets at Parkside at 9:15. Contact Susie or Nadine for more info.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS INFO

Children's and middle school classes meet from 6:45-7:45.

High School meets from 7-8:30.

Adults meet from 7-7:45.

Pre-K- 1st meet downstairs with Amanda and Becky. They will be using Shine Curriculum.

2nd-4th meet upstairs with Judy and Rachel.

5th-7th meet downstairs with Deryll and Danie.

8th-12th meet in the youth room with Hank and Tim.

THERE WILL BE A POVERTY SIMULATION on Sept. 22, from 9:30 - 12, followed by lunch, at Halstead First Mennonite Church. There is no cost. Please contact Susie Kliever for more info. It's a great opportunity to go beyond imagining how poverty feels to experiencing it for a morning. Open your eyes and heart!

ON SEPTEMBER 30 PARKVIEW CHURCH will host a Hymn Sing. The event will begin at 7 p.m. There will be a special piano duet from Karoline (13) and Vasalisa (11) Cherenkov. A short devotional will be brought by Pastor Tom Byford. This invitation is extended to all!

A GROCERY SHOWER for newlyweds Kevin & Kelsey Bartel Hopkins is planned for October 6 followed by a carry-in meal. Kelsey is the daughter of Doug and Pam Bartel. Care committee will have a card in the office to sign if you would like to leave a monetary gift or you may bring groceries.

MINI COMFORTER BLITZ at MCC Center in North Newton on October 12-13. Save The Date – times will be announced later.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift these friends in prayer:

Linferd Funk brother of Ken Funk

Gerald Ediger father of Becky Gage

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Today: Sharon Diener

Monday: Susan Schultz

Wednesday: LaVerne Buchholz

Thursday: Lee & Verda Albrecht

Saturday: Harper Chrisjohn

CALENDAR

Sept. 16 Congregational vote regarding Tom Harder

Sept. 20 7 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT

Special Offerings:

9/9/18 – Care Fund: \$1,415.00

Income needed at this point in the fiscal year to stay on pace to fully fund our FMC ministries budget: \$118,107.69
Year-to-Date FMC ministries income: \$89,740.00

O God of Every Nation

(Tune – The church's one foundation)

O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem the whole creation with your almighty
hand; where hate and fear divide us and bitter
threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us, and
heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and power and scorn of
truth and right, from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night, from pride of race
and nation and blindness to your way, deliver
every nation, eternal God, we pray!

Lord, strengthen all who labor that we may find
release from fear of rattling saber, from dread of
war's increase. When hope and courage falter,
Lord, let your voice be heard; with faith that none
can alter, your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war
shall cease, when hatred and division give way to
love and peace, till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and justice reign, and Christ shall rule
victorious o'er all the world's domain.

Praise the One who breaks the darkness

(Tune – Come, thou fount of every blessing)

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light; praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease; calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word; praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand; from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Praise the One true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place; Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.