

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-19 (NRSV)

Service Well-Pleasing to God

13 Let mutual love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?”

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls and will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with sighing—for that would be harmful to you.

¹⁸ Pray for us; we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. ¹⁹ I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you very soon.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 28, 2022

GATHERING

Gathering Music		Meghann Rogers
Welcome, Announcements		Sandy Hiebert
Prelude to Worship		Meghann Rogers
*Call to Worship	VT 852	Sandy Hiebert
*Prayer	VT 861	
*Song of Gathering	How Great Thou Art	VT 436
Psalm 112 (From <i>The Message</i> , by Eugene Peterson)		

*Blessed man, blessed woman, who fear GOD,
Who cherish and relish his commandments,
Their children robust on the earth,
And the homes of the upright—how blessed!
Their houses brim with wealth
And a generosity that never runs dry.
Sunrise breaks through the darkness for good people—
God's grace and mercy and justice!
The good person is generous and lends lavishly;
No shuffling or stumbling around for this one,
But a sterling and solid and lasting reputation.
Unfazed by rumor and gossip,
Heart ready, trusting in GOD,
Spirit firm, unperturbed,
Ever blessed, relaxed among enemies,
They lavish gifts on the poor—
A generosity that goes on, and on, and on.
An honored life! A beautiful life!
Someone wicked takes one look and rages,
Blusters away but ends up speechless.
There's nothing to the dreams of the wicked.
Nothing.*

Song Here to the House of God We Come VT 27
Time for God's Children Sue Buchholz

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer Pastor Tom
Bringing our First Fruits
Offertory Meghann Rogers
Hymn Praise God (Dedication Anthem) VT 70

LISTENING

The Lesson Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-19
Message One Final Checklist Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn When We Walk with the Lord VT 570
Sending Seeds VT 777
Postlude Meghann Rogers

Among Our Friends and in Our Prayers:

- ❖ **Continuing to pray through our directory –**
- ❖ **Pray** for our Arts & Crafts Ministry. All are invited to the sanctuary the night before at 5:30pm for a short time of prayer to prepare our hearts and dedicate our efforts.

Announcements:

- ❖ **Arts & Crafts Fair in 3 weeks!!!** Please sign up to help today!
- ❖ **No Sunday School next week** due to Labor Day holiday.
- ❖ Read August Ministries Council minutes and the revised budget on the N. bulletin board and in the E. Board tray.
- ❖ **MCC School Kits:** *51,549 shipped last year to Ecuador, Jordan, Syria, Ukraine, and Zambia. Add supply donations to go with the bags made in the bin in the foyer.*
- ❖ **Sat., Sept. 3 –** Kauffman Museum first-Saturday bird walk, 7am

- ❖ Sept. 11 – **Simply Enough**: straight talk from Tony Campolo and Shane Claiborne on **Simple, Just Living** will be our new Sunday School curriculum.

TREASURER'S REPORT 07/10/2022:

FMC Ministries Fund:

Year-To-Date Income: \$54,442

Year-To-Date Expenses: \$69,556

Second Sunday Offerings:

July - Western District Conference: \$410.00

August - Mennonite Church USA: \$241.00

REVISED BUDGET:

At the annual meeting in January the Fiscal Year 2022 FMC Ministry Fund budget was approved with the proviso that it be “revisited at the end of June before July 15”. A revised FMC Ministry Fund budget has been carefully reviewed and approved by Stewardship and Ministries Council. The revised Ministry Fund budget is a \$16,700 reduction from the original budget approved in January to a total budget amount of \$130,400 and will be used as a starting point for building the 2023 Ministries Fund budget. A summary of the revised budget is posted on the bulletin board outside the secretary’s office. If it is not possible or convenient for you to access this posting, please let Sue know and she can send you a copy of the revised budget summary.