

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

Service Well-Pleasing to God

13 Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember 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. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep 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.” ⁶So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?”

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

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

¹⁷Obey 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.

¹⁸Pray for us; we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. ¹⁹I 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.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 4, 2022

GATHERING

Gathering Music		Shirley Baltzer
Welcome, Announcements		Deryll Amstutz
Prelude to Worship		Shirley Baltzer
*Call to Worship	VT 854	Deryll Amstutz
*Prayer		
*Hymn of Gathering	Here to the House of God We Come	VT 27
Psalm 1 (Good News Translation)		

*Happy are those who reject the advice of evil people,
who do not follow the example of sinners
or join those who have no use for God.*

**Instead, they find joy in obeying the Law of the LORD,
and they study it day and night.**

**They are like trees that grow beside a stream,
that bear fruit at the right time,
and whose leaves do not dry up.**

They succeed in everything they do.

*But evil people are not like this at all;
they are like straw that the wind blows away.
Sinners will be condemned by God
and kept apart from God's own people.*

**The righteous are guided and protected by the LORD,
but the evil are on the way to their doom.**

Hymn	Come, We That Love	VT 31
Time for God's Children		Tammy Wintermote

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer	Pastor Tom
Bringing our First Fruits	
Offertory	Shirley Baltzer

Hymn

Loving Spirit

VT 697

LISTENING

The Lesson
Message

One Final Checklist, Part Two

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-19
Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn
Sending
Postlude

God, Bless the Work Your People Do
Seeds

VT 528
VT 777
Shirley Baltzer

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.

- ❖ Continue prayer family and friends who are grieving. .

- ❖ **WDC Request:** Pray for WDC members studying through IBA, Instituto Biblico Anabautista, (Anabaptist Biblical Institute) and SeBAH, Seminario Biblico Anabautista Hispano (Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary), and give thanks for those who are participating in the IBA/SeBAH graduation ceremony this weekend at Hesston College.

Announcements:

- ❖ **Arts & Crafts Fair in 2 weeks!!!** Let Doug or Sue know we can count on you to join in the ministry!

- ❖ **Take notice of the beautiful sign on our east door!** Thanks to our Vision Council and Stewardship Committee for their joint effort in this addition.

- ❖ **New Sunday School class begins next week.** Simply Enough: straight talk from Tony Campolo and Shane Claiborne on **Simple, Just Living**. Join the 6 weeks as we challenge ourselves together in this area!

- ❖ **The barn in our children's church room is fully repaired and ready for young children.** Curriculum is being set up so they

can be taken out after the Children's Time in worship. Invite children to church!

- ❖ **MCC School Kits:** 51,549 shipped last year to Ecuador, Jordan, Syria, Ukraine, and Zambia. Add supply donations to go with the bags that Ruth Ann made in the bin in the foyer.
- ❖ **Meetings this week:** Tuesday: Vision Council at 7pm
Thursday: Ministries Council @ 7pm
- ❖ **Parkside Home benefit concert** by "Hearts 4 Him" Tuesday at 7pm. Donations will go toward a wheelchair accessible van.

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.