

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Jesus and His Disciples Retreat

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Healing the Sick in Gennesaret

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Pray for those struggling with both physical and mental illnesses.

Pray for our city leaders, that they would seek God for counsel.

Pray for the unrest in Haiti and South Africa, that justice would be served and poverty would decrease.

NEXT CARE MEETING: August 4 at 7 p.m.

REQUESTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS. FMC desires to support FMC members and members' children who attend a Mennonite college or who choose to receive a seminary education. If you are interested in applying for such financial support (tuition) for the 2021-2022 academic year, contact Doug Miller.

DON'T FORGET: The sewing group is making Dignity kits for MCC. We still need ladies' cotton briefs (sm, med, lg), hand towels, washcloths, bars of bath soap, bars of laundry soap, wide tooth combs, nail clippers, wooden or plastic clothespins. Please put any of the above donations in the storage cart in the narthex. Thank you!

We received a note from Ron and Marci Heidebrecht this week. You may view it on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Extra help needed for summer youth camps! Camp Mennoscah has paid and volunteer positions for grounds, maintenance and custodial positions. Volunteer kitchen staff is needed for July 18-24; willing hands and the ability to follow directions is all that is needed. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org. **The 2021 issue of *Mennonite Life*, Bethel College's annual online journal, is now live at ml.bethelks.edu,** with articles and reviews by Brad Born, Rachel Epp Buller, Peter Goerzen, Raylene Hinz-Penner, Mark Jantzen, Jim Juhnke, and others.

Join in this special Annual Assembly storytelling opportunity! WDC's Assembly theme July 30-August 1 is "Woven into God's Story." StoryCorps has invited WDC to partner with their

storytelling project, *One Small Step*, to share and record our own stories within WDC. *One Small Step* is an initiative to facilitate conversations across differences. It's a chance to spend time virtually with someone different than you and discover the stories behind each other's beliefs. To join another WDC member for an online conversation, sign up at <https://onesmallstep.storycorps.org/wdc/>.

Central Kansas Community Foundation (CKCF), host to 19 affiliate foundations across central Kansas, is holding an online charity auction July 21-27. The auction is an effort for CKCF to promote and solicit financial support for this not for profit 501 (c) (3) organization and the affiliates under their organizational umbrella. CKCF as a host foundation offers back-office accounting, operational and programmatic support across central Kansas to their affiliates and the communities they serve. Like us on Facebook so you can follow as we promote items and opportunities for giving. Visit centralkansascf.org/events to find more pre-launch information including how to preregister and a sneak peek at items that will be up for bid. Your support is making our communities stronger and more vibrant!

Peppernuts at FMC! Derek Hamm and Tim Frye have indicated their willingness to give us a hand with our peppernuts project this summer! But as usual, we need many people to make this happen. We are proposing three days this year: Thurs., Aug. 5; Fri., Aug. 6; and Sat., Aug. 7. We'd like to know how many could help us on any or all of those days. If you can help, please notify Kara at secretary@fmchillsboro.com or call her at the church office: (620) 947-5662. If you'd like to help, but those days don't work and/or you'd also be free other days, please let Kara know that as well. It would be helpful to know what times of day as well as which days would fit your schedule. Thanks!