

James 1:1, 17-27 (NRSV)

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion:
Greetings.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Hearing and Doing the Word

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ –
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday
August 29, 2021
“So how do I look?”

GATHERING

Gathering Music		Shirley Baltzer
Welcome and Announcements		Kelly Linnens
Prelude to Worship		Shirley Baltzer
*Call to Worship	VT 866	Kelly Linnens
*Prayer		VT 859
*Hymn	Open the Eyes of My Heart	VT 401
The Psalm	Psalm 15	

Leader: O LORD, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Women: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

Men: who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

Women: in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

Men: who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

All: *Those who do these things shall never be moved.*

Hymn	God of Our Strength	VT 47
Time for Children		Julie Linnens

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Tom
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Hymn

Trinity Song

VT 60

LISTENING

The Second Lesson
Sermon

“So how do I look?”

James 1:1, 17-27
Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn
Sending
Postlude

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

VT 392

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL *who are gathered to worship, wherever you are, and whenever you watch this service!*

Congregational Meeting Announcement: After deliberations by the Ministries and Vision Councils, and consulting with KIPCOR, **the date for our facilitated congregational meeting (about our current pastoral review) has been set for Wednesday, September 8.** All FMC members and those who attend regularly are welcome and encouraged to attend. Currently we are planning a pizza meal to begin at 6 p.m. that evening in the fellowship hall, with seating also on the patio (weather permitting). We want to make childcare available for anyone who needs it. If that is you, please communicate this to Kara at the church office or someone on Ministries Council so that this can be arranged. If you have any questions about the meeting, you may contact Doug Miller or Nadine Friesen.

TREASURER'S REPORT 8/29/2021:

FMC Ministries Fund:

Year-To-Date Income: \$65,682.65

Year-To-Date Expenses: \$78,371.79

Second Sunday Offerings:

May - Bethel College: \$412.50 ~ Hesston College: \$412.50

June - Camp Mennoscah: \$790.00

July - Western District Conference: \$460.00

August - Mennonite Church USA: \$300.00

Other Designated Income:

MCC Haiti Relief: \$100.00

Next Care meeting is Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. at the church.

COVID-19 protocols: The FMC Covid response team is urging the following regarding the Covid virus: 1. Masks are required when we gather indoors, 2. FMC should reduce capacity in the sanctuary and fellowship hall to 50% 3. Inside dining & public restroom use is tentatively cancelled for Arts & Crafts Fair.

Offender Victim Ministries is hosting a “Just Desserts” fundraiser Sunday, August 29 from 6-8 p.m. at Carriage Factory Art Gallery Park (126 E. 6th St.) in Newton. Join them for an evening of fellowship with the local restorative justice community, sweet treats, and live music! Tickets are required: Adults (\$20), Ages 5-17 (\$10), Under 5 (Free). Find more information and reserve your tickets at www.offendervictimministries.org.

Saturday, Sept. 4 – Kauffman Museum’s monthly bird walk will be a special event in cooperation with the KS Humanities Council: **a book and poetry walk with Megan Kaminski and Molly Zahn** from KU. Start time: 9:30 a.m. at the museum’s front door. For more information, call 316-283-1612 or email kauffman@bethelks.edu

School kits for MCC!! Now is the time to get school kids for MCC since many of the items are on sale now. Here are the items that you can put in the box in the church foyer **by Sept. 20**. Thanks for supporting MCC!

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes.