



# First Mennonite Church

## Midweek E-Newsletter

September 6, 2023

### To All Brothers and Sisters In Christ:

#### **Next Steps in our Journey** - *Latest leadership plans and decisions*

- **Worship/Nurture/Vision Team –**

- **This Sunday** Mark chapter 7 is our study focus in Sunday School as well as sharing in worship. Rosie Epp will be our guest speaker in worship.
- September 17 begins our six-week series on **“Why Church? Tom Voth** will be sharing his gift of worship music on the guitar that Sunday as well as having **Shirley Baltzer** on the organ. Bring your Bibles and paper for notetaking!
- **Make plans to join us for Wednesday Evening Events!**
  - **“Prayer Listening Time”** from 7:00 – 7:30 pm Sept 20, Oct 4, and Oct 18; simple, short times to come before God together.
  - **“Church, Why?”** from 7:00 – 8:15 pm Sept 27, Oct 11, and Nov 1. Everyone is invited to share in these discussion times.

#### **Verse for Pondering:** Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NRSV)

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.  
They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

## Among Our Friends and In Our Prayers

- Pray for God's gift of **renewal and fellowship** for WDC members attending the Women and Girls' Retreat next weekend at Camp Mennoscah, sponsored by Western District Women in Mission. Several from our church are attending.
- Continue to pray for our dear brothers and sisters who are struggling with **physical health issues**. – surgery, treatments, pain, etc.
- Praise God for those considering becoming a part of **the FMC family**. Pray that they will have discernment in God's leading.
- A couple of people are still needed for the **MCC ministry opportunity** of driving tractor at the State Fair. Please pray God would provide them for this Friday and talk to Doug Bartel when you hear an answer. .

## Upcoming Events

- **Time to share God's love in Hillsboro!** Plan to work at the **Arts and Crafts Fair** on Saturday, September 16. Opportunities for selling peppernuts outside on the street, welcoming cars in the parking lot, or being inside of our building serving food or drinks, clearing tables, stocking supplies, praying or cleaning up. Let Sue know when you are available by text or email.
- **September 10** will be our **special offering** for our **FMC Care Fund**.
- **Ministry Council** meets on Thursday, September 14 at 7pm.
- **Worship/Nurture/Vision Team** will meet on Monday September 18 at 2:15pm.
- Everyone is encouraged to join in the sanctuary on Wednesday, September 20 for a time of **Prayer Listening** from 7 – 7:30pm.
- **New Member Sunday** – September 24 with a reception following. Four people have already decided to join in. Let the church office know if you would like to become an official member of FMC too. Letters of transfer can be left in the box outside the office door anytime.

## Other Announcements

- **Tabor College Homecoming 2023** is set for Sept. 29-30. Save the dates.
- **Bethel College News:**

- Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College – “Drinking from a New Well,” **ceramics by Tom and Pam Voth**, through Thurs., Sept. 21. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.
  - Sun., Sept. 10 – ***Eat, Protest, Lift***, a film by **Caleb Stephens**, 7 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*
  - Thurs., Sept. 21 – **Bethel College Orchestra**, directed by Kris Hilding, 7 pm in Memorial Hall.
  - **Bethel College’s annual online journal, *Mennonite Life*, can be accessed at [ml.bethelks.edu](http://ml.bethelks.edu) – and there is a new item**, “Elias Crosses the Molotschna,” a short story by Darrell Wiens. Also articles and reviews by Brad Born, Abigail Carl-Klassen, Daniel Shenk Cruz, Cheryl Denise, Josué Coy Dick, Nathan Garber, Rachel Waltner Goossen, Brad Gregory, Willmar Harder, Sheri Hostetler, Melanie Springer Mock, Hannah Neufeld, Kimberly Schmidt, Joe Smucker, Johnny Wideman and Ben Woodward-Breckbill.
- Dr. Justin Morgan is offering free **Navigation of Health Resources in Marion County** at Parkview for uninsured patients on Mondays 3:30-4:30 pm and by appointment. For more details call (316) 804-8619. Why: Because Jesus loves Marion County. Justin wants to help uninsured patients navigate the medical system and other local resources for health needs that arise. He is happy to see uninsured with health sharing plans such as Christian Healthcare Ministries or Medi-Share. He will not be there on federal holidays and occasional other times. We recommend that you call ahead.
  - Sunday, September 24, **Camp Mennoscah 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kick-Off**. The afternoon and evening will be filled with fun family activities. Check out the poster on the bulleting board for more details.