

*Hymn Open now thy gates of beauty No. 19
 *Invocation Marlin Bartel
 Hymn O worship the King No. 66
 Children's Story Bonnie Funk & Aleen Ratzlaff
 Pastoral Prayer Pastor Susan
 Congregational Prayer Closing Pastor Susan

(those who attended in 1990 or before):

Time marches on.

We grow quiet thinking of changes,
 of many loved ones now gone.

**Remembering the past,
 grow our roots into these present days
 so we may be your people.**

(those who attended since 1990):

Thoughts of other places stir within.

We carry memories of loved ones not known here.

We wonder, sometimes, where is our home?

**Remembering the past,
 grow our roots into these present days
 so we may be your people.**

**ALL: Wherever we have been,
 whenever we have come,
 we seek you, God, for you give life.
 May we discover in this place, with these people,
 who we are meant to be.**

Song I saw a tree by the riverside Grey Sgbk 34
 Visual Reflections

... BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

Offering/Blessing Shirley Baltzer/Pastor Susan
 Scripture Colossians 3:14-17 Doug Miller
 Reading of Elbert Koontz' reflection Doug Miller
 Song Let the words Grey Sgbk 72
 (sung as an echo and together)

Scripture Marlin Bartel
 Ephesians 2:4-5, 8, 13-14, 19-22, Ephesians 4:1-6
 Meditation Who is the builder? Pastor Susan
 Special Music Many Gifts, One Spirit FMC Ensemble
 (words on back of bulletin)

*Hymn You are salt for the earth No. 226
 (surrounding the edge of the sanctuary)

*Benediction/Blessing Pastor Susan

WELCOME TO ALL who are guests this morning.
*We hope you feel warmly received and experience a time of
 worship. All are welcome to the meal following the service.*

FMC YOUTH WILL BE BRINGING in items from the
 "old" church building during the prelude to worship. This
 relives the congregation walking into the sanctuary from
 the west doors on March 19, 1967 for the first worship
 service in the "new" building. Our first hymn is the same
 first hymn sung that day.

THE 17 MEMBER McPherson Community Brass Choir
 under the direction of Jerry Toews will be giving a
 Concert Mon., May 1 at 7 p.m. in The Brethren Church,
 200 N. Carrie, McPherson. Come out for an evening of
 GREAT Brass Music.

HILLSBORO COMMUNITY HOSPITAL will have an
 open house for the public May 6, a Saturday. As a
 congregation, let's lift up Alisa Schmidt, Dan Schaefer and
 ALL staff and providers as they journey through this major
 transition in their organizational structure.

A PLAY ABOUT INCLUSION in Mennonite
 congregations will be given at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite
 Church this Saturday, May 6, at 7 p.m. The play, *This Will
 Lead to Dancing*, was given at Mennonite Church Canada
 last summer and is now traveling around several locations
 in the United States. Details are on the bulletin board by the
 pastor's office.

SUNDAY, MAY 7 we will recognize Sunday School and
 Wednesday Night teachers for their faithful work with our
 children, youth and adults.

SHALOM MENNONITE CHURCH (800 E First,
 Newton, KS) will host a Community Conversation on
 Immigration on Saturday, **June 3** from 10-11:30 a.m. (**note
 new date and time**) It will be a moderated panel discussion
 with a question and answer time to follow. The discussion
 will focus on the panelists' general perspectives on issues
 that affect refugees and immigrants in Kansas and Harvey
 County. The confirmed panel participants are Bob Myers
 (Newton City Manager) and Tim Hodge (State
 Representative). If you have questions about the event,
 contact Shalom at office@shalomnewton.org

TWO CARLOADS OF First Mennonite folks attended the
 Ellsworth Correctional Dinner Theater, one car each of that
 last two weekends. Thank you to those who organized these
 trips! We hope to hear from you all.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

I would like to thank my church family for their prayers
 and concerns before and during my eye surgery and
 subsequent recovery.

The double vision persists; however, my doctors at KU Eye
 think it may resolve by the end of three to six months. I am
 nearing three months now, so I am still hopeful.

Joel Klaassen

We lift in prayer:

Mark, Amanda, Joleen and Nora Abrahams
 Doug Bartel, Harold Woelk
 The Groening family, Nadine Friesen
 Richard Heidebrecht, Ron Heidebrecht's father
 Friends, co-workers and family of Michael Sharp

CALENDAR

May 4 7 a.m. National Day of Prayer – City Building
 May 24 Variety Show
 June 4 S.S. Picnic with Trinity

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Thursday: Nichole Rivera, Mirandah Pawloski
Saturday: Lenna Knoll

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*The church building is open from 9 am to noon Mon. – Fri. except
 for holidays. For assistance outside of those times, please contact
 Tim Unruh at 620-947-1585. Please schedule all meetings & events
 at FMC through the church office.*

Colossians 3:14-17

¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

From Ephesians 2

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ . . . ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. . .

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Ephesians 4:1-6

⁴ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Many Gifts, One Spirit

words and music by Al Carmines

God of change and glory, God of time and space,
when we fear the future, give to us your grace.
In the midst of changing ways,
give us still the grace to praise.

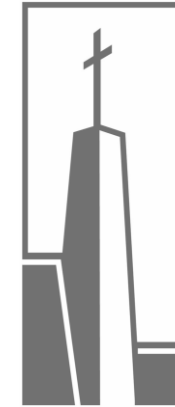
Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.
In our differences is blessing, from diversity we praise
one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word
known in many ways, hallowing our days.
For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise praise!

God of many colors, God of many signs,
you have made us different, blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear,
let your love cast out our fear.

(refrain)

Freshness of the morning, newness of each night,
you are still creating endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part,
many gifts from one great heart.

(refrain)



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:35 a.m.

50TH BUILD-A-VERSARY

April 30, 2017

Gathering Music

Shirley Baltzer

Welcome & Announcements

Marlin and Pastor Susan

Prelude to Worship

Holly Swartzendruber

BUILDING A SANCTUARY . . .

*Call to Worship (taken from Exodus 25) Marlin Bartel

We sing to the Lord

for he has triumphed gloriously!

In God's strength, a way is opened

-- we are released from bondage!

I bear you on eagle's wings, says the Lord.

I bring you from far and near.

I want to dwell among you.

The whole earth is mine, says the Lord.

But as for you, keep covenant

and obey my teachings.

We are God's people,

called so we can worship,

strengthened so we can serve,

chosen so we willingly open doors for all.

The Lord says, take for me an offering,

all you whose hearts are prompted.

Then make for me a sanctuary,

so that I may dwell among you!

We have taken an offering, O Lord.

We have made a sanctuary.

Come and dwell among us!

ALL: Come with your Risen Son, O Lord!

Come and dwell among us!