

L: Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears
from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away
from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

R: It will be said on that day,
“Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him
that he might save us.

**ALL: This is the Lord for whom we have waited:
Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!**

*Hymn Low in the grave he lay No. 273

Children’s Time Tracy Hefley
(Children are dismissed to Children’s Time)

Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan
(Alleluia No.101 interspersed)

Offering Shirley Baltzer
Confessing our Humanness Darrel Knoll

We are here in the sunlight!

The Son had descended into the world;

the world could not contain Him.

We wept bitterly at His death.

But now the whole earth sings for joy!

The dawn has come, the Son is risen!

**Open our hearts so that all who had lost hope
may be freed and forgiven.**

We return to you, O Saving One, with all our hearts.

Call to Grace Darrel Knoll

Behold, says the Lord, I have called you
and I have sent my Son for you.

I am your God. You shall be my people.

Special Music FMC Ensemble
Shout Hallelujah to the Risen Lamb! V. Johnson

Scripture Reading Darrel Knoll
Mark 1:1-3 Mark 16:1-8

Meditation Pastor Susan

SECOND LOOK

Scripture Re-Reading Jason Klanderud & Jeff Wintermote

Call to Commitment Pastor Susan

God turns the world upside down and inside out,
bringing life out of death and beginnings out of endings!

God, you go before us!

We offer you our hearts and our hands.

Take us from death into new life.

**Take from them whatever prevents us from following
Jesus.**

We want to be fully useable for you!

*Hymn Lord of the Dance (words will be projected)

Blessing and Sending Pastor Susan

WELCOME TO ALL who are guests this morning. We
hope you feel warmly received and experience a time of
worship. Please feel free to contact Pastor Susan if you
would like to visit.

WELCOME to our Easter morning service! We pray you will
experience the fresh breeze of our resurrected Lord! Christ
is risen! He is risen, indeed!

YOUTH PASTOR HANK Unruh will bring the message
next week, April 12.

YOUTH PASTOR Hank Unruh has a new phone number:
316-288-1079. Please change your contact lists.

HIFY invites you to an evening of fun, food and fellowship
on Wednesday, April 22. It's our annual Variety Show! Meal
will be served at 6:15 pm and the show will begin at 7 pm.
That variety show is a fundraiser for the youth group that
will help cover costs for convention. With nine youth and
two sponsors attending, the cost for convention is
approximately \$10,000. Thus far, youth have raised \$7,000
toward our cost/goal. We look forward to seeing YOU. We
look forward to seeing what TALENTS may arise! Sign
up. Plan for a good time!

CLARK AND ANNA MARIE WIEBE'S auction is taking
place this coming Saturday, April 11 beginning at 10 a.m.,
in the Commercial Building on the fairgrounds here in
Hillsboro. Also, on the MCC Relief Sale bill, take note of the
1951 Ford, a donation from the Wiebe's. We can't believe
the time has come for their move. Prayers and blessings,
Clark and Anna Marie. You have been a blessing again
and again to our First Mennonite community and to the
Hillsboro community.

THANK YOU for the lilies. The list of who they are in honor
of will be included in next week's bulletin.

WEDNESDAY EVENING activities resume this
week! Adults will gather at 7:05 p.m. in the sanctuary to
hear reflections from January travels. Holly
Swartzendruber, Doug Miller, Deanne Duerksen and Aleen
Ratzlaff will share from trips to S.E. Asia and
Israel/Palestine. We have asked that we hear not only
sights and sounds, but also personal experiences and
personal reflections which have come as a result of the
travelers. Thank you, travelers, for sharing. We are grateful
for your safe journeys.

LENTEN WORSHIP. During Lent, we have been using our
denominational worship resources as a jumping off point
for our readings, confessions, children's stories, and the
scripture re-readings. Please feel free to share with Aleen
Ratzlaff, worship ministry team leader, or other worship
committee members how you have experienced this format
in worship. Thank you, and blessings.

THE WHITE CARD in the pews adds another way that we
communicate needs with each other in the congregation. May
God's generous love be with us as we welcome people, as we
serve each other in Christ.

THIS PAST MONDAY, Pastor Susan and our Camp
Mennoscah contact person, Callie Linnens, attended a
thank you event at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church.
Camp Mennoscah board extends deep gratitude to First
Mennonite for our support of Camp Mennoscah. Camp
Mennoscah is one of our special monthly offerings and is
scheduled this year for June 14, the beginning of the camp
season. Last year our special offering for camp was \$830.
Related to this, in 2014, \$527.50 was given from our operating
budget line item for Camp Scholarships for six campers.
Thank you, First Mennonite, for your support of camp's
important faith building ministry.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

The Casey Bartel and Mieka Serene wedding will take
place this Saturday in our sanctuary. Casey and Mieka
have been a part of First Mennonite for years. We pray rich
blessings upon them!

Nadine Friesen has come to the point in her journey of
ministry where she will have an interview to become
ordained with the Western District Conference (WDC) of
Mennonite Church USA, as initially called for by First
Mennonite, Hillsboro. Nadine is submitting papers and
preparing for an April 17 interview with the Ministerial
Leadership Committee of WDC. Let us join together in
prayers for strength and clarity in this important time.

Stan Funk has changed apartments. His new address is:
401 N. Ash, #15.

Joyce Funk Ediger passed away this past Thursday, April
2. Services will be announced.

Prayers for:

Ray Abrahams

Dawn Abrahams

Nancy Klaassen

GET READY for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, a benefit for Mennonite Central Committee, April 17 & 18 at the Kan. Fairgrounds in Hutch. What can you bring as your gift to the hungry and hurting at home and abroad? Quality woodwork and needlework items, cotton tea towels, hobby items, crafts, plants and baked foods are much in demand. Also requested are "recycled" quilt supplies and linens for Quilter's Corner. Check with Jan & Deryll Amstutz or Douglas & Nancy Graber for more information

MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE meets every six years, and this summer it is in the United States. First Mennonite's Ministries Council is offering to cover registration fees for the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania assembly, July 21-26. Speak with Pastor Susan, Doug Miller, or anyone on Ministries Council if you are interested. Meanwhile, let's keep praying for those seeking visas, seeking funds to attend from around the world. Information is available outside the pastor's office.

IF YOU ARE in your fifties and younger, plan now to participate in focus group discussion about the present and future of First Mennonite Church on Sunday, April 12 at 6:30. Vision Council wants and needs your input on our congregation. More information on the format will be available soon.

LARRY NIKKEL, well known in inner Mennonite circles will be the featured speaker in a noon lecture (12 to 1) hosted by The Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 on the Tabor College campus at the Library Conference Room. As the chair of the MB Board of Faith and Life, he will be presenting on the topic "Mennonite Brethren in the Military: Retreat or Re-engagement?" Light refreshments will be provided or bring your own lunch. Please make reservations with Peggy Goertzen, Director at (620)947-3121, ext. 1211 or peggyg@tabor.edu.

CALENDAR

April 8	6:15 p.m. Meal; 7 p.m. Class and activities
April 9	7 p.m. Ministries Council
April 15	Last regular 6:15 p.m. meal & 7 p.m. activities
April 17-18	MCC Relief Sale
April 22	5:45 p.m. Care Committee 6:15 p.m. Variety Show
May 7	8 p.m. Stewardship
May 20	7 p.m. Last Day of School Party
May 29	Care Committee
June 7	S.S. Picnic with FMC and Trinity

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Today: Mieka Serene

Monday: Kim Abrahams, Heather Goertzen,
Harold & Susan Schultz

Wednesday: Kelsey Bartel, Jim Jantzen

Friday: Jackson Kleiber

Driver: Don Penner

Next Week: Susie Kliewer

First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro

Holy Week

March 29 – April 5, 2015

Palm Sunday Worship Service - 10:35 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service – 7:30 p.m.

Communion will be served

Child care provided

Good Friday Reflection Stations - Fellowship Hall

Noon to 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service - 6:30 a.m.

Mike and Carolyn Kleiber home

Brunch in FMC Fellowship Hall - 9 a.m.

(please bring breakfast breads and fruit)

FMC Easter Celebration Worship Service -10 a.m.

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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.



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:35 a.m.

April 5, 2015
Easter Sunday

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Shirley Baltzer

Welcome and Announcements

Darrel & Pastor Susan

FIRST LOOK

Candle Lighting

Shirley Baltzer

We light a candle
symbolizing our faithfulness
to God the Three-in-One

*Call to Worship

Darrel Knoll

Spring is risen!

Spring is risen indeed!

Hope is risen!

Hope is risen indeed!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

This is the day the stone is cast aside!

Be glad and rejoice!

The Lord of light has come and reigns forever!

ALL: Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

*Hymn Christ the Lord is risen today No. 280

Opening Proclamation (from Isaiah 25) Darrel Knoll

L: On this mountain

the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines.

R: And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all the nations;
he will swallow up death forever.