

**Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!**

**O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

**We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,

up to the horns of the altar.

**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;**

**you are my God, I will ever praise you.**

*ALL: O give thanks to the LORD,*

*for he is good,*

*for his steadfast love endures forever.*

Hymn Step by step Grey Sgbk 37

### SHARING

Children's Story Kelly Linnens

Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan

(including a word about Care Portal)

Prayer Song Jesus offered up as bread Grey Sgbk 58

(verses 1 and 2)

Offering/Blessing Shirley Flaming/Pastor Susan

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\*Special offering today goes to Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary unless otherwise designated.

### LISTENING

Scripture Deryll Amstutz

Isaiah 50:4-7, Matthew 21:1-11

Message Pastor Susan

### RESPONDING

Confession and words of assurance:

Jesus, our Lord, you came to us humbly – riding on a

donkey. In peace, you showed us the way of your kingdom.

We confess that our vision of the kingdom is not pure. It is

stained with our own selfish desires.

**We shout hosannas to praise you,**

**but we shout out of our need to survive.**

**We lay down our cloaks and palms to adore you,**

**but we also strip your garment away**

**and humiliate you.**

Forgive us, O Lord, when our mouths cry out to you,

but also deny and defy you.

**Renew in us an obedient spirit,**

**that we may more fully know and follow your will.**

(silent reflection)

You are our true Hope.

**Restore us, O God! We hope.**

Our times are in your hands, O God.

Let your face shine upon us as we pursue your will.

Save us in *your* unfailing love.

\*Hymn Healer of our every ill No. 377

\*Benediction Pastor Susan

*WELCOME TO ALL who are guests this morning.*

*We hope you feel warmly received and experience a time of worship.*

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** service is at 7 p.m. We invite

you to come prepared to receive communion. We will

begin in Fellowship Hall and move to the sanctuary for the

last portion of this special service.

**THIS FRIDAY, GOOD FRIDAY**, you are invited to

spend time with reflection stations which will be set up in

the Fellowship Hall on Good Friday, from noon to 1 p.m.,

then again from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Artistic pieces created by

people in our FMC community from our weekly Lenten

themes will be available to view and ponder. We hope this

opportunity will enhance your Holy Week and Good Friday

experience. FMC Worship Committee

**IN THREE WEEKS** we will celebrate 50 years of this

FMC building. At this worship service we are thanking

God for the bricks and mortar, we are thanking God for the

health of mind and strength of body that yielded resources

to build, and we are thanking God for the gift of a larger

vision, the new life that God calls us to through Jesus.

Prayerfully consider this day, that we may each have

humble and grateful hearts, that we may have ears to hear

how the spirit speaks to us that day.

**TRINITY WANTS TO INVITE** First Mennonite women

to a Spring Salad Brunch at **10 a.m. on April 22** at the

Trinity Fellowship Hall. The speaker will be Phoebe Janzen

who is a photographer that created the recent book

entitled *Women of Marion County*. "Meandering with

Phoebe" will allow her to share her photos and scriptures

with us. Bring your mothers and daughters along with you

to this special time to celebrate Spring.

**WHAT IS THE CARE PORTAL?** It is an amazing way

for churches to help meet the needs of foster care families

in Marion County, without committees or meetings or

paperwork! Come to an informational meeting on **April 19,**

**7 p.m.**, here at First Mennonite. Questions call Susie

Kliewer at 947-1629.

**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN** to start making

reservations for the Ellsworth Correctional Facility SLC

Dinner Theater! Get ready for an evening of good food and

family fun! Please join us at the Spiritual Life Center for

this year's Dinner Theater production, "Treasures"

Play dates are: Fri., 4/21, 6-9 p.m., Sat., 4/22, 6-9 p.m.,

Sat., 4/29, 6-9 p.m., Sun., 4/30, 1-4 p.m.

For tickets contact Cathy Pflughoeft at 785-472-6212

(\$25.00 for front row tables, \$20.00 for all other seating)

**LAST CALL FOR DIRECTORY CHANGES!** A copy

of the directory is on the table in the foyer. **Please** take a

minute to look through it and make any needed changes to

your address, birthday or anniversary. If no changes are

needed, please put a checkmark by your name.

Thank you! Becky

**LAST SUNDAY WE COLLECTED \$68.70 for M**

**Coins Count.** This brings us to a grand total of \$397.59!

### AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Thanks so much to my church family for your

encouragement and support during the last 3 1/2 months.

Your visits, cards, gifts and prayers have been much

appreciated. Progress is slow but continues for which I am

very grateful. Nadine Friesen

Doug Bartel will be having surgery for hip replacement

this coming Tuesday. Let's lift Doug and Pam in prayer.

We lift in prayer:

Harold Woelk

Nadine Friesen

The Groening family

Richard Heidebrecht, Ron Heidebrecht's father

Families of Michael Sharp and co-workers

Jeff & Tammy Wintermote's granddaughter, Ellie

**CALENDAR**

- Apr 9 Hispanic Group Easter Gathering – Tabor
- Apr 13 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
- Apr 14 Good Friday; Reflection Stations – FH  
12 – 1 p.m. & 5 – 7 p.m.
- Apr 16 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service  
9 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
10 a.m. Easter Worship
- Apr 20 7 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting
- Apr 21-22 Ellsworth Correctional Facility  
Dinner Theater
- Apr 29 Ellsworth Correctional Facility  
Dinner Theater
- Apr 30 50<sup>th</sup> Build-A-Versary!

**CARRY-IN MEAL SCHEDULE**

- April 16 – 9 a.m. Easter Breakfast
- April 30 – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of current church building

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

- Tuesday:** Casey and Mieka Bartel
- Wednesday:** Doug Miller
- Saturday:** Jan Amstutz

**TREASURER’S REPORT 4/2/2017**

FMC Ministries .....	\$2,124.01
Main Street Ministries.....	\$15.00
Circles .....	\$15.00
Other Income .....	
Year to Date Budget Income.....	\$27,946.31
Year-to-date Budget Expenses.....	\$40,534.10
FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....	-\$12,587.79

**Last week’s attendance: 70**



First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro  
**Holy Week**  
April 9 – April 16, 2017

**Palm Sunday** Worship Service - 10:35 a.m.  
**Maundy Thursday Service** - 7:00 p.m.  
Communion will be served  
Child care provided

**Good Friday** Reflection Stations - Fellowship Hall  
12 – 1 p.m. and 5 – 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.

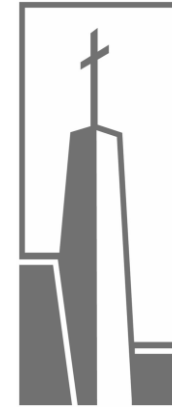
*All are welcome!*

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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.

**PALM SUNDAY**  
April 9, 2017

**GATHERING**

Gathering Music	Shirley Flaming
Welcome & Announcements	Carson & Pastor Susan
Prelude to Worship	Shirley Flaming
*Call to Worship	Julie Linnens

Who is this who comes,  
humble and riding on a donkey?

**Hosanna! Blessed is the One  
who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Who is this who comes,  
free from pride and hubris?

**Hosanna! Blessed is the One  
who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Who is this who comes,  
celebrated by powerless children?

**Hosanna! Blessed is the One  
who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**ALL: Hosanna! We have come to cry out for help!  
We come to celebrate with hope!**

\*Hymn Hosanna, loud hosanna No. 238  
Prayer from Psalm 118 Julie Linnens

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

**Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.**

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.