

**Forgive our weakness and forgetfulness.  
 Help us lean on your life-giving Word.  
 Help us believe your promise  
 of reconciliation and eternal love.  
 Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

(pause)

Assurance: God tells us,

“Whenever you cry out to me, I’ll answer.

I’ll be with you in troubling times.

I will show you my saving love.” Amen.

Prayer Song Come and fill our hearts Grey Sgbk 34  
 Offering Shirley Flaming

\* Special offering today is for Youth Sunday (Hi-FY) unless otherwise designated.

### HEARING GOD’S STORY

Scripture Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Aleen Ratzlaff

Luke 4:1-13 Deryll Amstutz

Meditation Pastor Susan

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S STORY

Song of Preparation And I will raise you up No. 596

Communion

Words of Preparation

Receiving Communion

Prayer

\*Hymn of Response No. 338

I know not why God’s wondrous

\*Benediction 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.*

**ANNUAL LENTEN LUNCHEON** series continues this Wednesday at 12 noon, at the Hillsboro United Methodist Church. Lunch is served for a donation at 12:30 p.m. Each week a different area pastor is speaking: Nick Talbot (Hillsboro UMC), Loyal Martin (Hillsboro MBC), Brad Penn (Durham Baptist Church), Jerrod Unruh (Ebenfeld MBC), Angela DeFisher (Peabody UMC), and Dennis Livingston (Hutchinson United Methodist District Superintendent).

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS:** our **start time changes**

starting February 17 through Easter:

6 p.m. supper.

6:45 p.m.: Age-grouped activities for children and youth.

7:30 p.m.: Choir practice for Lenten Ensemble

**JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING** as the adult session will have a four-week look at communion in the congregation. We will use a resource written by Elsie Rempel of Mennonite Church Canada, which mixes information and time for discussion.

Feb 17 through March 9: “Come Lord Jesus, Be our Host” – Pastor Susan, discussion leader

March 16: NO MEAL OR ACTIVITIES – SPRING

BREAK

March 23 through April 13: Collected Thoughts – Keith Harder

April 13: Last regular Weds evening

April 20: FM Hi-FY Variety Show

**SPANISH GATHERING** is today at 4:30 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Juana Pritchard tells us that in Mexico, Valentine’s Day is a day to celebrate all kinds of friendships. Several from our congregation will gather with some Tabor students and some families in the community to celebrate -- you are welcome to join us!

**BETHEL COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR** is singing today at Trinity Mennonite Church. Peter Goertzen, campus pastor, is bringing the message.

**MY COINS COUNT:** (MCC coin collection) starts today and continues through the Sunday after Easter, April 3. Get ready to empty your old coffee cans of spare change!

**VALENTINE’S PARTY!** Women are invited to the Parkside Congregate Activity Room for a party on Monday, Feb. 15 from 2-4 p.m. Our theme will be Circle of Friends and we will share a remembrance of a special friend from the past or present. If you have a picture of that friend, bring it with you. If you want to bring a friend with you, that would be great too!

**OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD,** as Christ followers, is heightened by re-living the original Easter events that bring us to a new understanding of our relationship with God. If our annual commemoration helps to enhance your relationship with Christ, and you are willing to share your thoughts through *First Threshings*, please send them to me by Friday, February 26. Thanks, Pat.

**A PERSONAL THANK YOU** letter from Mennonite Mission Network (MMN) is posted on Pastor Susan’s door, acknowledging the special offering amount we collected on Mission Sunday last November.

**ALL FMC USHERS AND GREETERS,** please come to a meeting next Sunday, February 21 at 9:30 a.m. for 30 minutes in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you

**MEMBER DIRECTORY:** We are readying the 2016 member directory for print. If you have any changes that need to be made or information that needs to be added, please get it into the office **ASAP** or email me at secretary@fmchillsboro.com. Thanks! Becky Gage

**SAVE THE DATE:** Mennonite Agri-Urban has just finished another successful year and you are invited to help us celebrate. Anyone interested in learning about our organization and everyone who donated feed and worked with Agri-Urban cattle are invited to a fasma on Sunday, February 21 at Eden Mennonite Church, rural Moundridge. Drop in between 3:30 and 5:00 p.m. A special thanks to all those who raised cattle and donated feed again this year. Proceeds from the cattle sales benefit Western District Conference, Mennonite Church USA and Bethel College.

**HEADS UP!** Our Intergenerational Mission Trip is heading to St. Louis on dates around the July 4 weekend. Put this on your calendar. Details will be out soon.

**THE HILLSBORO FFA CHAPTER** is hosting a community Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, February 22 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. It will be in the Middle School Gym. Donors can call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment.

**PRISCILLA SHIRER** (who was in the movie War Room) is coming to Wichita on Sunday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. Her brother Anthony Evans (who was on The Voice) is leading worship too. This is for MEN & WOMEN! The event will be held at Central Community Church in Wichita, KS. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and are available in the Central Community Church office. Please call with any questions, 316-943-1800.

### AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Please remember in prayer:

Harold and Lou Woelk continue to need loving prayer

Frieda Birkle, who fell and broke her hip this past Monday

Ruth Ann Penner and family

Ron and Marci Heidebrecht as they care for Ron’s mom

in Idaho

Susie Kliewer as her mother, Aldythe (Aldie) Springer

declines

Dan Schaefer; Jeanette’s daughter, Jennifer

**BETHEL COLLEGE: Today** – Christopher Shaw organ recital, “Love, Lent and Lament,” 3 p.m., Administration Building chapel at Bethel College. **Thurs., Feb. 18** – Artist reception for Stan Reimer and “50 Years of Photography,” 6-8 p.m. outside the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. The exhibit is up through Feb. 19; regular gallery hours 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. weekdays, 2-4 p.m. Sundays.

**MCC CENTRAL STATES:** You're Invited to join the MCC Central States Board and Staff at our annual Community Engagement Event on Saturday, Feb. 27. Our event this year will be held in the chapel at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kan. from 8:30-10:45 a.m. focusing on Mass Incarceration. We will have a variety of speakers share with the group and time for questions and answers. Please call our office to let us know if you'll be attending at 316.283.2720. All are welcome to attend this informative event with opportunity to engage with MCC board and staff!

**CALENDAR**

- Feb. 15 2-4 p.m. Valentine’s Party – Parkside Congregate
- Feb. 17 **MEAL & ACTIVITY TIME CHANGE:** 6 p.m. Meal, 6:45 p.m. Activities, 7:30 p.m. Choir practice for Lenten Ensemble
- Feb. 18 2 p.m. Coordinating Cabinet Meeting 7 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting
- Feb. 19-20 Youth Anabaptist Event, Hesston College
- Feb. 21 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent
- Feb. 22 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive – Middle School Gym
- Feb. 28 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Tuesday:** Alison Schultz  
**Driver:** Elfrieda Funk **Next Week:** Deryll Amstutz

**TREASURER’S REPORT 2/7/2016**

FMC Ministries .....	\$1,353.31
Hi-FY .....	\$1,200.00
Youth Room Remodel.....	\$150.00
Year-to-date Ministries Income .....	\$16,896.93
Year-to-date Ministries Expenses .....	\$15,516.29
Ministries Fund Balance .....	\$1,380.64

**Last Week Attendance:** 109

**LENT WORSHIP THEMES 2016**

**LIVING INK: GOD’S STORY WRITTEN FOR US AND THROUGH US**

- Lent 1, Feb 14: Living Ink: God's Story Written for Us
- Lent 2, Feb 21: Living Ink: Our Struggle to Understand the Story
- Lent 3, Feb 28: Living Ink: We Join the Story (God's Story Through Us)
- Lent 4, March 6: Living Ink: Turning to God
- Lent 5, March 13: Living Ink: Unexpected Gifts
- Lent 6, March 20: **Palm Sunday**  
Living Ink: Turning Away From God
- Lent 7, March 27: **Easter Sunday**  
Living Ink: The Ending Becomes the Beginning

*Scriptures for each Sunday are listed in the February First Threshings*

Our Living Ink theme is from MCUSA worship resources for Lent. We will be using and adapting readings and worship ideas from this resource over the next 7 weeks. In addition, various people from our congregation will prepare an image to be shared each Sunday. It is our hope that you encounter God's presence in this season.  
 May the peace of Christ be with you.

**CHURCH OFFICE**

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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.

February 14, 2016

Gathering Music	Shirley Flaming
Welcome & Announcements	Aleen & Pastor Susan
Prelude to Worship	Shirley Flaming

We carry in the Bible, a journal and a tablet remembering the Living Ink of God's story.

**GATHERING**

* Hymn	I love to tell the story	No. 398
*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 91)	Aleen Ratzlaff	

As we gather in this place,

let us be drawn into the safety of the love of God.  
 With the psalmist, we proclaim:

**We, who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
 who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
 will say to the LORD,  
 "My refuge and my fortress.  
 You are my God, in whom I trust."**

Opening Prayer	Aleen Ratzlaff
Hymn	This is my Father's world No. 154

**LIVING INK: GOD’S STORY WRITTEN FOR US**

Music from the Children Judy Harder  
 Children’s Story (including My Coins Count) Erin Unruh  
 (children dismissed to Children’s Time)  
 Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan  
 Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation:  
 God you are our Provider.  
 We confess that we often forget  
 that all we are and all we have comes from you.  
 We forget that we can trust in you  
 and rely on you in times of trial and temptation.