

**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.

**WE WELCOME** Jessica Klanderud to our pulpit this morning! Blessings as you share, Jess.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is this Wednesday, February 18. We will have a 7 pm service for Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Come join us in the Fellowship Hall for a time of prayer and reflection.

**THERE IS NO** Wednesday evening meal this Wednesday.

**FMC LENTEN ENSEMBLE:** Our first choir practice will be after the 7:05 pm WDC Informational meeting on February 25. Choir participants should meet in the Sanctuary at 7:45 pm. We will have a 30 minute practice. All other practices will be 7 to 8 pm.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING** adult classes will resume April 15 and 22.

**COMMUNION** will be served next Sunday, the first Sunday of Lent, February 22. Communion helps us, as a congregation, enter into a journey of self-reflection and deeper acknowledgement of our need for God. Let us prepare our hearts to be together as a community and before God.

**TWELVE CIRCLE LEADERS** are ready to graduate from the initial Circles training and allies are needed to support these Circle Leaders in their journey out of poverty. Allies commit to being an intentional friend to a person in poverty, CIRCLE Leader, and join them in their quest to have enough relationships, resources and reason in their lives. This commitment is for one to two hours a week, or two to eight hours a month for the eighteen month cycle of CIRCLES. The **minimum** requirement is to meet once monthly with your Circle Leader. Allies must attend Ally Training in the CIRCLES Model including Bridges Out of poverty, Ally 101 and Match Training. A poverty simulation will also be offered in the near future. Ally Training will be **Feb. 28 and March 7 from 9 – 12** at the Marion Presbyterian Church. Contact Mark Rogers of Circles of Marion County at worozo@outlook .com.

**FMC OFFICE CHANGE:** Our FMC Office is open 9 to 12, Monday through Friday. Laura is solo on Monday, Pastor Susan is solo on Tuesday. Both Laura and Pastor Susan are in the office Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Don't worry! They did not have a fight or anything. They just wanted to switch things up and keep you guessing!

**TODAY**, February 15, 4:00-5:00 in the Fellowship Hall, all ages are invited to show appreciation for prayers, financial gifts, and hard work on behalf of recent church projects. Join the celebration:  
Glen Deiner awarding "Marvins" instead of Oscars  
Joel Klaassen premiering "All Work and No Play" documentary  
Judy Harder creating a scene  
Pastor Susan offering "Thanks be to God"  
Everyone enjoying Little Pleasures party cupcakes!  
See you there!

**MY COINS COUNT**- an alternative Penny Power slogan. MCC projects are established so that when people give money to support them, they can be confident that ...MY COINS COUNT. This part of MCC's program is focused on giving young and old, a very specific sense that the coins that are given, do count, do make a well, or a rabbit or goat, appear in a village, somewhere in this needy world. Please prepare yourself to join with many others these next months as we conduct this drive to ... Make coins count. Contact – FMC MCC liaison team  
Jan & Deryll Amstutz, Nancy & Douglas Graber

**THE MCC SALE COMMITTEE** will host a Fellowship Meal after Church on Sunday, February 22. There will be a free will offering for this, with donations to help pay for expenses of the MCC Sale. Watch for more information and sign up if you plan to come. If anyone wants to be involved in hosting or visiting another family for the scheduled MCC Fellowship meals, these will be on March 1 or 8. See Deryll, Jan, Douglas or Nancy for the forms and details. The forms need to be sent by February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**WITH MARCH ON THE HORIZON**, spring is creeping over the land: neither lion nor lamb winds can prevent the sun from brightening our days or from warming the earth to bring life to seeds and plants and baby creatures. If you feel creativity sprouting in your imagination, next month's *First Threshings* will be fertile soil for it to flourish in, so send it to me no later than Friday, February 20. Thanks! Pat

### **AMONG OUR FRIENDS**

Matt and Tia Regier welcomed a daughter, Lyda Aster, born February 1. She was 8 lbs. 1 oz. She joins her brother Eliot at 206 N. Reed, Matfield Green, Kansas 66862. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Merle Funk, son of Marvin and Elfrieda Funk, is improving at Via Christi in Wichita. Marvin and Elfrieda are grateful for our prayer support.

Ron Heidebrecht received an all clear following a procedure to remove a melanoma. Praise God!

Prayers for:  
Nancy Klaassen  
Amelia Brandt  
Shirley Baltzer  
Glenn and Jan Goertz

**HILLSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** is hosting their Third Annual Skeeter Run on Saturday, April 18 at 9 a.m. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board outside of the office.

**MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE** works directly with the students of the Hesston College Disaster Management Program. The college is listing a full-time faculty position: Hesston College seeks applicants for a full-time faculty position in disaster management. Responsibilities include administering and teaching courses in the program, recruiting and advising students and directing the summer field experience at a disaster site. For more information check the link below:  
<http://www.hesston.edu/contact/employment/disaster-management-faculty/>

**AN FMC INFORMATIONAL** update meeting about the Western District and MC USA conversation on congregational and conference governance will be held Wednesday, February 25, 7:05 - 7:40 pm in our chapel. Data will be shared from the survey that some of us participated in last fall, as well as data from the credentialed leaders' survey at the MC USA level. All are welcome.

**HEARTS FOR HIM**, a men's ensemble with a heart for God, will be performing tonight at 7 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church. This event is free with some light refreshments offered.

**WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE (WDC)** of Mennonite Church USA seeks a full time Conference Minister to provide leadership to the mission, ministry and well-being of WDC churches. M.Div. and pastoral ministry experience required. Individuals who bring diversity are encouraged to apply. Full job description appears at [mennowdc.org/wdc-conference-minister/](http://mennowdc.org/wdc-conference-minister/). Please send cover letter and Ministerial Leadership Information form to Sondra B. Koontz, Search Chair, 820 E 7<sup>th</sup>, Newton, KS 67114 or [skoontz@bethelks.edu](mailto:skoontz@bethelks.edu). Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

**PLEASE JOIN US** for Offender/Victim Ministries' Annual Meeting on Monday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Meridian Center, 1420 E. Broadway Ct. in Newton. Dinner is \$11 per person and can be paid at the door. RSVP to 316-283-2038 or email [ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net) by Monday, February 9.

**VERENIKA SUPPER.** 1<sup>st</sup> Mennonite Church in Halstead is hosting a dinner February 21 from 5-7pm. Cost by Donation. Proceeds go to church missions.

**SACRED PARENTING SEMINAR.** Gary Thomas, a best-selling author and international speaker, will present his Sacred Parenting Seminar at Hesston High School on Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Cost is \$10. Breaks and noon meal will be provided. To register go to [www.gardencommunitychurch.org](http://www.gardencommunitychurch.org). Gary will encourage us to grow closer to Christ as we grow closer to our children.

**MENNONITE CHURCH USA** now has a mobile app, and if you're planning to attend convention this summer, you'll want to download it soon to get all the latest updates. On your mobile device, search for the "Mennonite Church USA" app, and view the KC2015 event! Thanks to the Mennonite colleges for sponsoring the development of this app.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Today:** Bethany Schrag  
**Monday:** Alison Schultz  
**Saturday:** John McMinn

**Driver:** Lee Albrecht      **Next Week:** Don Penner

**TREASURER'S REPORT 2/8/2015**

We will run this report next week.

**Attendance: 96**

**CALENDAR**

- Feb 15 4-5 p.m. FMC Thank You Celebration
- Feb 18 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service in FH  
No evening meal or classes
- Feb 22 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent  
MCC Fellowship Dinner
- Feb 25 6:15 p.m. meal; 7 p.m. Class and activities  
8:15 p.m. Care Committee
- March 1 Carry In
- March 4 6:15 p.m. meal; 7 p.m. Class and activities  
8 p.m. Worship Committee
- March 11 6:15 p.m. meal; 7 p.m. Class and activities
- March 18 Spring Break; No evening activities or meal
- March 25 6:15 p.m. meal; 7 p.m. Class and activities  
8:15 p.m. Care Committee
- April 5 Easter
- April 17-18 MCC Relief Sale

**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**

Making Disciples through Loving Relationships

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

February 15, 2015

**GATHERING**

Gathering Music	Shirley Flaming
Welcome and Announcements	Pastor Susan
Prelude to Worship	Shirley Flaming
We carry in a flame, the Bible, and a prayer cloth, trusting the Light to guide us, the Word to teach us and prayer to knit our lives together with God in our worship	
*Call to Worship	Pastor Susan

Give ear to me, O my people.  
I teach you in parables. I walk with you.  
**We lift your name and trust in you.**  
**We tell of your deeds in our midst.**  
 I have founded the earth,  
And in power, tenderly lead you.  
**We turn to you, O God.**  
**Our hope is in you.**

*Hymn	Great is the Lord	No. 87
*Invocation		Pastor Susan
Hymn	My life flows on	No. 580

**SHARING**

Children's Story	Asia Frye
(children dismissed to Children's Time)	
Sharing and Prayer	Pastor Susan
(Alleluia No. 101 interspersed)	
Offering	Shirley Flaming

**LISTENING**

Scripture	Pastor Susan
Message	Jessica Klanderud
	Psalm 78:1-7

**RESPONDING**

*Hymn	Praise God from whom	No. 118
*Benediction		Pastor Susan