

Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan
Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation:
(based on Psalm 27)
Hear, O Lord, when we cry aloud.
Be gracious to us and answer us.
Do not turn your servants away in anger,
you who have been our help.
Do not cast us off. Do not forsake us,
O God of our salvation!
(pause for silent confession)
Teach us your way, O Lord, and lead us on a level path.

Words of Assurance:
God invites us to believe
that we will see God's goodness in our days. Amen.
Prayer Song Come and fill our hearts Grey Sgbk 34
Offering Shirley Baltzer

HEARING GOD'S STORY

Scripture Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Kelly/Julie Linnens
Luke 9:28-36, 46-48 Deryll Amstutz
Music Response to scripture Small Ensemble
New Hymn Price/Taylor (words in bulletin)
Message Pastor Susan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

Congregational Response
What is your struggle in meeting God?
How might God want you to be listening to Jesus?
The Transfiguration Sufjan Stevens Small Ensemble
*Hymn No. 336
When peace like a river
*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.

AFTERNOON SERVICES at Parkside and Salem are by our congregation today with Pastor Susan and Nancy Graber.

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.

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 adults continue to 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

REJOICE! devotional guide features Lynn Jost's writing this week. Next week, Keith Harder is the writer for the week.

MY COINS COUNT: Last week \$37 was collected! Thank you to all who participated. We have an anonymous donor who will match the amount collected. The challenge is to increase the amount each week. So, kids, especially, ask your parents and grandparents to give you some coins . . . be willing to do extra chores around the house to earn extra money. Maybe the adults could match what the kids are willing to give. YOU can make a difference, because YOUR coins count!! Adults, paper money is great as well!! This money goes toward MCC projects of water, food and education for many around the world.

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.

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.

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.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Thank you to our FMC family for your care of us in the weeks before and after Emelia's arrival. We are grateful for the meals, visits, offers to babysit, and other ways you've shown the love of Christ. - Ethan, Laurel and Emelia

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 she grieves the passing of her mother, Aldythe (Aldie) Springer
Myrta Bartel, now at Parkside House #4

Ron Warkentin's mother, Elma (Schultz) Warkentin, passed away this past Wednesday, February 17, at age 96. Services were held here at First Mennonite yesterday. Let's surround Ron and Clarice with our prayers.

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. 24 **MEAL & ACTIVITY TIME CHANGE:**
 6 p.m. Meal, 6:45 p.m. Activities,
 7:30 p.m. Choir practice for Lenten Ensemble

Feb. 21 2nd Sunday of Lent

Feb. 22 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive – Middle School Gym

Feb. 28 3rd Sunday of Lent

Mar 6 MCC Fellowship Meal/Carry-In

Mar 7-9 MCC Comforter Blitz, Yoder, KS

April 8 & 9 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, Hutchinson Fair Grounds

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Today: John McMinn
Friday: Casey Bartel

Driver: Deryll Amstutz **Next Week:** Lee Albrecht

TREASURER’S REPORT 2/14/2016

FMC Ministries\$1,095.00
 Hi-FY\$1,530.00
 Other Income Year to Date Budget Income....\$17,991.93
 Year-to-date Budget Expenses\$15,833.85
 FMC Ministries Fund Balance\$2,158.08

Last Week Attendance: 89

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.

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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 21, 2016

Gathering Music	Shirley Baltzer
Welcome & Announcements	Kelly & Pastor Susan
Prelude to Worship	Shirley Baltzer

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

GATHERING

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 27) Kelly Linnens
 The Lord is our light and our salvation:
 whom shall we fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of our lives;
of whom shall we be afraid?**

One thing we ask of the Lord,
one thing we seek;

**we seek to dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of our lives,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in the Lord's temple.**

*Hymn	Immortal, invisible, God only wise	No. 70
*Invocation		Kelly Linnens
Hymn	A wonderful Savior in Jesus	No. 598

LIVING INK: OUR STRUGGLE TO UNDERSTAND THE STORY

Children's Story (including My Coins Count) Erin Unruh
(children dismissed to Children's Time)