

Yet living our way, we trip over ourselves.
Through Noah, you were gracious toward us.
You put your bow in the clouds,
offering all of creation something for nothing.
You offer another chance.

**Your promise is hard for us to accept.
In receiving your promise, we are not in control.**

(Silence)
Stick with us. Be patient with us.

**Grow a rootedness in you
that we cannot grow ourselves.**

UPSIDE DOWN AND INSIDE OUT

Call to Grace Kelly Linnens
Return to me, says the Lord.
Return to me with all your heart.
I am gracious, merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love.
Message Pastor Susan

SECOND LOOK

Scripture Re-Reading Jason Klanderud & Jeff Wintermote
Hymn O God, who gives us life No. 483
Communion

Call to Commitment Pastor Susan & Congregation
God stays with us when life is upside down & inside out.
God stays with us when we do not do our part.
God waits for us.

God keeps covenant forever with every living creature.

**Gracious God, even in our mistrust and fear,
even in our selfishness of wanting more,
we turn to you again, to live in your promise.**

Forgive us. We seek a deeper relationship with you.

Words of Communion
Receiving Communion
Prayer

*Hymn Guide my feet No. 546
*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.

COMMUNION will be served today, the first Sunday of Lent. May we recognize God's presence with us this morning.

THE PHOTOS and videos which were shared at our celebration last Sunday afternoon are on our website, www.fmchillsboro.com! Take a look.

THIS COMING SUNDAY, Mark Rogers of Circles Marion County will be bringing our message.

DEANNE DUERKSEN serves on the board of Main Street Ministries. Deanne will share briefly on March 8 about all that is going on at Main Street. For March 8, you are invited to bring the following needed items. Additionally, our special offering for Main Street Ministries and Circles of Marion County is March 8.

toilet paper
feminine products
any food

HANK AND ERIN UNRUH are in Savanna, Georgia, this weekend for Erin's sister's wedding. The ceremony was yesterday, February 21. Prayers and congratulations to Carrie and Clayton Shive!

FMC LENTEN ENSEMBLE: Our first choir rehearsal will be this Wednesday, following the WDC informational meeting this Wednesday, February 25. Choir participants, meet in the Sanctuary at 7:45 pm. We will have a 30-minute rehearsal. All other choir rehearsals will be 7 to 8 pm.

THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING at 7:05 pm, come to hear results of the WDC survey from last August as well as results from the survey of credentialed leaders across MC USA. Updates will be given about the ongoing conversation regarding congregational and conference governance. In the chapel -- all are welcome.

WEDNESDAY EVENING adult classes will resume April 15 and 22, after our choir practices have finished for Lent.

OVERCOMING EVIL: ORDINARY PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE was the title for a weekend conference at Hesston College. Pastor Susan attended the event, part of an annual Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series. Deanne Duerksen and Nadine Friesen heard the main speaker, Father John Dear speak on Sunday morning as well. Several from our congregation attended the evening Ted & Company Theatre Works production, *I'd like to buy an Enemy*. Stay tuned for sharing from this conference.

TODAY following worship is the MCC meal.

TABOR STUDENTS who went on the SE Asia trip guided by Aleen Ratzlaff and Frank Brenneman will be sharing this afternoon at 3:30 pm in the Wohlgenuth Music Education Center. Tabor students who traveled to Haiti will also share. All are welcome.

CARRY-IN MEAL is next Sunday.

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. 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. 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 woroza@outlook.com.

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. 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

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Susie Kliewer traveled to Illinois last Thursday to be with her father who has had surgery. Prayers for Susie and the family.

Prayers for:

Merle Funk
Nancy Klassen
Amelia Brandt
Shirley Baltzer
Glenn and Jan Goertz
Dan Schaefer's sister, Gina

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.

