

For the racism which recognizes prejudice in others and never in ourselves, Christ, forgive us:

Christ, have mercy.

For the racism which will not recognize the work of your Spirit in other cultures, Lord, forgive us:

Lord, have mercy.

Forgive those of us who have been silent and apathetic in the face of racial intolerance and bigotry, both overt and subtle, public and private.

Take away the arrogance, hatred and fear which infect our hearts.

Break down the walls that separate us.

Help us to find that unity that is the fruit of Your spirit. It is You who enables us to be your beloved community.

Make us strong to speak boldly for Your way. Help us to deal with one another without hatred or bitterness. Help us practice mutual forbearance and respect.

Be near us as we work through the struggles and confusion of these days to accomplish your purposes.

ALL: For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory for all time. Amen.

Prayer Song Lord, listen to your children No. 353
(2 times through without accompaniment)

Offering Sarah Diener
Tarantella A. Pieczonka

LISTENING

Scripture Matthew 19:16-17a, 20:1-16 Asia Frye
Message Pastor Susan
Response Song Many and great, O God No. 35

RESPONDING

*Hymn Thou true Vine, that heals No. 373
*Benediction Pastor Susan

*adapted from Evangelical Lutheran Church in America resource

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.

MCC (MY COINS COUNT) continues today through April 2. February 19, we collected \$30.07 in coins!

THIS WEDNESDAY IS Ash Wednesday. Come to center your spirit for the season of Lent. Fellowship Hall, 7 p.m.

COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED next week, the first Sunday of Lent. Prepare your hearts, tend to strained relationships, with God's help.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL and activities continue!

March 1 - NO meal or regular activities
March 1 - 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
child care provided

March 8 - FMC Discussion opportunity
March 15 - FMC Discussion opportunity
March 22 - SPRING BREAK: NO meal/activities

LENTEN LUNCHEONS will again be held at Hillsboro United Methodist Church beginning March 1. Worship is at noon and a lunch follows at 12:30 p.m. by donation. More information is on the bulletin board outside the pastor's office.

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN ARE AVAILABLE at the back table, along with word puzzles and dot-to-dot puzzles. There will be nursery available, but all other children are invited to remain in the sanctuary during worship.

APRIL 1 IS THE RESCHEDULED Saturday evening event at Saint Marks United Methodist Church sponsored by the Wichita African American Museum. The Wiley College Choir from Texas will sing, and several leaders will be honored. Details for our leave-time from FMC are forthcoming.

WDC DELEGATE OPPORTUNITY – Let us know if you would like to be a delegate to Western District Conference in Arlington, Texas this August 4-6. If you have never attended, consider it! Likely there will be a bus from this area to make the trip down to the Dallas area. Contact Pastor Susan or Doug Miller.

MARCH 5, 2017 - MCC Fellowship meal after worship: Bring yourself, your family, friends, and maybe a salad OR dessert. Your MCC sale liaisons (Nancy, Jan, Douglas, Deryll) and a couple of other volunteers will provide the meatloaf, potatoes, bread, and a bean dish. Yes, we will receive donations which will go to help defray the expenses of the MCC Sale (April 7&8). By covering the expenses ahead of time, all receipts at the sale can go directly to the work of MCC.

50TH BUILD-A-VERSARY: Celebration of 50 years!

Reflective Writing – Worship

We encourage you to consider being one of 50 people who will contribute reflective writing for the celebration of 50 years of our FMC Building. This will be scanned and placed on the FMC website. We invite 50 people (or more!) to submit writing of no more than 250 words. Writers should have some connection to First Mennonite Church. Writers can be alive or deceased. Contributions can be in the form of poetry, faith memories, anecdotes, or any expression you think would be meaningful in a general or specific way to our FMC family. Contributions can be turned in as hard copy, or preferably, sent electronically to the FMC Church Office with the name of the writer included. Written pieces will be posted on the FMC Website, or possibly some other kind of printed format. Thank you!

Recipes – Hospitality

Do you have a recipe that you “always” bring to carry-ins? Is there a recipe from someone in past for which a certain recipe was well known? Or, do you have a good recipe for a large group to share? Do you have ANY recipe you would like to share? ☺

Anyone from the FMC community is welcome to bring such recipes to the FMC office. It will be scanned and posted on the FMC website as part of our celebration of 50 years in our current building. If there is an FMC connection, please include that explanation with the recipe. Thank you!

Photos – FMC Church Office

Do you have a photo of FMC life? This is the time to send photos to the church office to add to our collection of historic photos on our FMC website. You can scan the photo yourself and send it electronically, or you can speak directly to Becky Gage about the photo. Please help us identify the photo, including your name and an explanation of the photo, including identification of people in the photo. Thank you!

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift in prayer: Callie Linnens,
Jim & Eulalia Flaming family,
Ruth Ann Penner and family,
Nadine Friesen, Joel Klaassen,
Dan Schaefer, Jim Baker

CALENDAR

- Mar 1 7 p.m. Ash Weds. Service – Childcare provided
8 p.m. Care Committee Meeting
- Mar 2 7-9 p.m. Women’s Bible Study – Conf. Room
- Mar 5 FMC/MCC Fellowship Meal – Fellowship Hall
- Mar 6-8 Comforter Blitz
- Mar 7 7 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
- Mar 19 p.m. – Arli Klassen w/Menn. World Conf. – Trinity
- Mar 22 8 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
- April 1 Evening service at Saint Mark United
Methodist Church, Wichita
- Apr 7-8 MCC Relief Sale
- Apr 21-22 Ellsworth Correction Facility Dinner Theater
- Apr 29-30 Ellsworth Correction Facility Dinner Theater

CARRY-IN MEAL SCHEDULE

- March 5 – FMC/MCC Fellowship Meal
- April 16 – Easter Breakfast
- April 30 – 50th Anniversary of current church building

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- Today:** Casey Bartel
- Tuesday:** Jeff Wintermote
- Wednesday:** Clarice Warkentin
- Thursday:** Andrew Sensenig
- Saturday:** Don Penner

TREASURER’S REPORT 2/19/2017

FMC Ministries	\$1,060.01
Hi-FY (other income).....	\$645.00
Year to Date Budget Income.....	\$15,706.26
Year-to-date Budget Expenses.....	\$15,979.38
FMC Ministries Fund Balance	-\$273.12

Last week’s attendance: 62

Our Lent theme will be Restoration, sharing Bible stories of restoration and inviting our own restoration. Lent is a period of the 40 weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Easter as a period of reflection, confession and openness to renewal.

- March 1** Ash Wednesday Service
- March 5,** Lent 1: Restore us, O God! We hunger.
Jesus’ temptation
- March 12,** Lent 2: Restore us, O God! We wonder.
Nicodemus
- March 19,** Lent 3: Restore us, O God! We thirst.
Samaritan woman
- March 26,** Lent 4: Restore us, O God! We see.
Man born blind
- April 2,** Lent 5: Restore us, O God! We breathe.
Lazarus
- April 9,** Palm Sunday: Restore us, O God! We hope.
Entering Jerusalem
- April 13** Maundy Thursday Service
- April 16** Easter Sunrise Service
- April 16,** Easter: Restore us, O God! We live.
the Risen Christ

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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 26, 2017

GATHERING

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| Gathering Music | Shirley Flaming |
| Welcome & Announcements | Asia & Pastor Susan |
| Prelude to Worship | Shirley Flaming |
| *Call to Worship | Asia Frye |

Come, let us praise our God!

We will praise the Lord as long as we live.

We will sing praise our whole life long.

Do not put your trust in worldly monarchs,
in whom there is no help.

**Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob,
happy are those whose help is in the God of Jesus.**

God made heaven and earth.

God brings justice for the oppressed
and sets the prisoners free.

**ALL: Gathered together in this place, let us praise our
God!**

*Hymn	Joyful, joyful, we adore thee	No. 71
*Invocation		Asia Frye
Hymn	Wonderful grace of Jesus	No. 150

SHARING

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| Children’s Story | Julie Linnens |
| Sharing and Prayer of Repentance* | Pastor Susan |
- Gracious God, we thank you for making one human family of all the peoples of the earth and for creating a wonderful diversity of cultures.

May we widen our circles of fellowship. Show us your presence in those who differ most from us.

For the racism which denies dignity to those who are different, Lord, forgive us:

Lord, have mercy.