

**LIVING INK: WE JOIN THE STORY
(GOD'S STORY THROUGH US)**

Children's Story Erin Unruh
(children dismissed to Children's Time)

Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan

Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation:

Almighty and gracious God, we confess things of this life overwhelm us. In our confusion and our fear, we pull away. We don't give all of ourselves to you. We look for strength in places other than you. Like Adam and Eve, we try to hide our nakedness and need from you.

(pause)

Accept our confession. Break us free from the idols of strength that help us hide our weakness. Help us to live as people who know we are embraced by your loving arms. Amen.

Assurance: Come to me, you who have heavy burdens.
You will find rest for your soul.

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

HEARING GOD'S STORY

Scripture Luke 13:1-9 (in bulletin) Callie Linnens
Message Pastor Susan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

Congregational Response

What do I need to quit thinking about, in order to focus and recommit to what is happening between God and me?

*Hymn Precious Lord, take my hand No. 575
*Benediction (based on Psalm 63) 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.

REJOICE DEVOTIONAL guide features Keith Harder's writing in this week's *Rejoice!*

MEMBER DIRECTORY: 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

USHERS AND GREETERS MET and collaborated this past Sunday morning. We wanted to let you know that worshipers will be encouraged to move from the narthex into the Sanctuary around 10:33 a.m., several minutes before worship begins at 10:35 a.m. The back doors will be released and swung closed, and perhaps there may be another signal such as the lights being flipped ever so briefly, so we can begin worship as a group. As always, worship committee is glad to hear your helpful comments and suggestions.

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 we continue a 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.

Wednesday evening Spring schedule:

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

MCC FELLOWSHIP MEAL – MARCH 6:

The MCC Fellowship meal is FMC's March Carry-In meal. We invite all of you to join us following the church service on Sunday March 6th. The main dish will be supplied by the MCC Liaison Committee and we are asking you to bring either a salad or dessert, or even simply yourselves! Please bring your table setting. We are asking for a donation that goes to Mennonite Central Committee. Please come and gather round our table!

Deryll & Jan Amstutz, Douglas & Nancy Graber

GO GREEN LEPRECHAUN RUN: Join us on Saturday, March 12, at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains for the 6th Annual Go Green Leprechaun Run, including 10K and 2-mile races, a costume contest, refreshments and games. Festivities will begin with an 8:30 a.m. start of the 10K race and last until 11:30 a.m. at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains, located at 177 West Hickory in Hesston, Ks. Registration is available online at www.dyckarboretum.org. Registration forms submitted after March 1st will incur an additional \$5 fee.

MY COINS COUNT: We collected \$26.78 on Feb. 21! Our total is now \$57.09. Thank you to all who are participating! Mennonite Central Committee will be able to help people get water or food. Keep gathering those coins!

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, and many acts of kindness on mom's passing. We are especially grateful for the hospitality of the church and for the meaningful service by Pastor Susan. We also want to thank all who were involved with providing the meals following the service.

The family of Elma Warkentin,
Ronald and Clarice, Robert and Coleen

Myrta Bartel is now at Kidron Bethel. More tests and then some conversations with family have resulted in her readiness to make her journey toward her heavenly home. Prayers for our sister Myrta and the whole Bartel family.

Paul Jantzen will have outpatient surgery this Tuesday, March 1, to remove some skin near his eye. Prayers for Paul and Elaine as they walk through this.

Frieda Birkle, of our congregation, has a grandson whose wife, Kelly is in need of prayer regarding a serious cancer diagnosis. We invite our congregation to pray with several other congregations, to surround Kelly. Thank you.

Please remember in prayer:

Frieda Birkle, who is recovering from a broken hip and a second tumble

Ruth Ann Penner and family
Susie Kliever at the death of her mother,

Aldythe (Aldie) Springer
Ron and Clarice Warkentin's at the death of Ron's

Mother

TABOR COLLEGE:

Tabor Theater to Perform Pulitzer Prize Winning "Proof"

Tabor College theater department opens its spring play, "Proof" March 2 and runs through March 5 with performances at 7:30 p.m. each evening. Reserve tickets today through the Student Life Office calling (620) 947-3121 ext. 1033 or emailing brookejohnson@tabor.edu. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. Tabor's performance features Molly Wiebe of Hillsboro, Reuven Isaac of Wichita, Alisa Ediger of Aurora, Co., and Benjamin Loewen of Huron, S.D., as the cast. Stage managers are Kari Schmidt of Wichita and Cody Kroecker of Henderson, Neb.

CALENDAR

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: Jeff Wintermote
Tuesday: Eulalia Flaming, Clarice Warkentin
Wednesday: Andrew Sensenig
Friday: Don Penner

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

TREASURER'S REPORT 2/21/2016

FMC Ministries\$1,501.10
Hi-FY\$25.00 Other Income
Year to Date Budget Income.....\$19,493.03
Year-to-date Budget Expenses.....\$23,253.13
FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....-\$3,760.10

Last Week Attendance: 76

Luke 13:1-9

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

13 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

Image artists: Feb 14 – Ethan Koerner
Feb 21 – Jim Jantzen
Feb 28 – Katherine Hamm

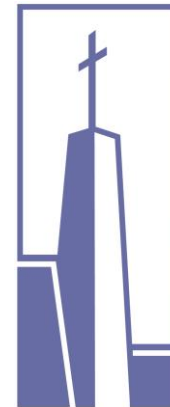
*We invite you to keep the small notebook given to you in a place where you can bring it each Sunday.
Lenten blessings*

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships

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

February 28, 2016

Gathering Music Shirley Flaming
Welcome & Announcements Callie & 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 being written in our lives.

GATHERING

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 63) Callie Linnens
O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary.

**I meditate on you
in the watches of the night.
My soul clings to you,
for you have been my help.
In the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life,
we gather to praise you.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
we will bless you as long as we live.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
we will lift up our hands and call on your name.

*Hymn Step by Step Grey Sgbk 35
Opening Prayer Callie Linnens
Hymn Obey my voice No. 163