

LISTENING

Scripture Genesis 12:1-4a Deryll Amstutz
John 3:1-17 (in bulletin)

Message Pastor Susan
Confession and words of assurance Pastor Susan
God of mystery, you call us into the unknown. But we do not always follow willingly.

We confess that we do not want to leave behind what is familiar. We prefer looking like those around us.

We do not want to change our well-refined beliefs. We prefer to think and believe in the same way we always have.

We do not want to give up the comfort of our own self-sufficiency. We prefer to stay in control.

Forgive us, O Lord, when in our best effort to work for you, we fail to move *with* your Spirit.

Stir us deep within. Make room within us for the mystery of your Spirit.

(silent reflection)

You are God of mystery.

Restore us, O God. Restore us.

Our help comes from the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth. The Lord will keep you from all harm. The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Amen.

RESPONDING

*Hymn Lord Jesus, You shall be my song Grey Sgbk 53
(verse 1, 4 then verse 2)

*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.

DURING THE LENTEN SEASON Asia Frye is preparing the altar, Linnens' will lead worship and children's story, Deryll Amstutz will bring the scripture, and Susie Kliewer will lead the signing of our theme, Restore us, O God.

WE WELCOME MUSICIAN Christine Laughlin this morning. Christine is a friend of Asia's.

AS PART OF OUR SEASONAL REFLECTION we will offer an artist's rendering of our Lenten theme, *Restore us, O God*. Created by artists from our FMC community, each Sunday another piece will be displayed in Fellowship Hall, with all the works on view on Good Friday, April 14.

MCC (MY COINS COUNT) continues through April 2. March 5 total was \$95.74. It was a bucket FULL of coins. Thank-you for making another well for water possible.

OUR LENTEN CHOIR REHEARSAL is March 15, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. We will join the FMC congregational discussion at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to join our fun and our musical worship.

WEDNESDAY EVENING meal and activities continue!
March 15 – 7:30 to 8 p.m. FMC Discussion opportunity
March 22 - SPRING BREAK: NO meal or activities

ARLI KLASSEN, Coordinator of MWC Regional Representatives, and Chief Development Officer of **Mennonite World Conference** will be in the area sharing what is happening with Anabaptists around the world. **Sunday, March 19** at **4:00 p.m.** at **Trinity Mennonite Church** (211 S. Elm, Hillsboro). Enlarge your world view.

WDC WOMEN'S SPRING SUPPER is at Bethel College Mennonite Church at 6 p.m. on March 23. Sign-up deadline in 3/16. Contact Nancy Funk at wdc@mennowdc.org

PEPPERNU T BAKING will take place here at FMC, March 25th from 8 a.m. until we are finished making batches for the KMRS April 7 & 8. Come as you can to help with this great tradition, here at FMC!

MARCH 26 AT 7 P.M., Parkview will be hosting another Hymn Sing. Everyone is invited to attend!

MCC FELLOWSHIP MEAL attendance was awesome, the food was fabulous, the sharing was spectacular, and the gifts were VERY Generous. THANK YOU to the contributors in various ways, big and small. May the blessings shared, bless others.

FMC/MCC liaison committee

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

MARCH 19, 1967, is the date of the first worship service in this sanctuary. Give praise to God! Build the body of Christ here at First Mennonite by sharing your **writings**, **recipes**, and **photos** as described on the church website.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

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

We stand with grandparents, Doug and Pam Bartel, in prayer at the loss of Sterling Marc, infant son of Kyle and Lori Bartel on March 1. Funeral Service was March 4 in Lawrence. Kyle and Lori's address: 842 E. 1000 Road, Lawrence, Kansas 66049.

We join grandparents, Doug and Pam Bartel, in joy and praise at the arrival of Eliana Ruth Stemple, born to Erin (Bartel) and Jon Stemple on March 6 in Wichita. Erin and Jon's address: 6110 E. Ironhorse Circle, Wichita, Ks 67220.

CALENDAR

Mar 15 6:15 p.m. Meal; 7 p.m. Activities
7:30 p.m. Congregational Discussion
Mar 19 4 p.m. – Menn. World Conf. update at Trinity
Mar 22 SPRING BREAK – No Weds. meal or activities
8 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
Mar 29 6:15 p.m. Weds. Meal; 7 p.m. Activities
Apr 1 Evening service at Saint Mark United
Methodist Church, Wichita

CARRY-IN MEAL SCHEDULE

April 16 – Easter Breakfast; 10 a.m. Easter Worship
April 30 – 50th Anniversary of current church building

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Thursday: Glen & Susie Kliewer

Saturday: Emily Paulus, Erin Unruh

TREASURER'S REPORT 3/5/2017

FMC Ministries	\$1,307.01
Circles	\$50.00
Main Street Ministries.....	\$50.00
KMRS – Fellowship Meal	\$770.00
Year to Date Budget Income.....	\$20,083.28
Year-to-date Budget Expenses.....	\$29,326.90
FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....	-\$9,243.62

Last week's attendance: 85

John 3:1-17

3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. **2** He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." **3** Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." **4** Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" **5** Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. **6** What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above. **8** The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." **9** Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" **10** Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

11 "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. **12** If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? **13** No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. **14** And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15** that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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 – Matthew 4:1-11
- March 12, Lent 2: Restore us, O God! We wonder.**
Nicodemus – John 3:1-17
- March 19**, Lent 3: Restore us, O God! We thirst.
Samaritan woman – John 4:5-42
- March 26**, Lent 4: Restore us, O God! We see.
Man born blind – John 9:1-41
- April 2**, Lent 5: Restore us, O God! We breathe.
Lazarus – John 11:1-45
- April 9**, Palm Sunday: Restore us, O God! We hope.
Entering Jerusalem – Matthew 21:1-11
- April 13** Maundy Thursday Service
- April 16** Easter Sunrise Service
- April 16**, Easter: Restore us, O God! We live.
the Risen Christ – Matthew 28:1-10

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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.

March 12, 2017

GATHERING

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

We light a flame in silence as we
contemplate our lives before God.

*Call to Worship Kelly Linnens

Mindful that God, the great Mystery, has called us,

restore us, O God. We wonder.

Curious about God's ways in the world,

restore us, O God. We wonder.

Wondering in the face of uncertainty,

restore us, O God. We wonder.

**ALL: Receive our worship and our wonderings, O God,
as we seek after you.**

*Hymn New earth, heavens new No. 299

*Invocation Kelly Linnens

Hymn I know not why God's wondrous grace No. 338

SHARING

Children's Story Julie Linnens

Special Music Christine Laughlin

Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan

Prayer Song Create in me a clean heart Grey Sgbk 77

Offering Shirley Flaming

Special offering today goes to Mission Committee
(MSM/Circles) unless otherwise designated.