

Confessing our Humanness Elfrieda Funk
Where are you, Lord? We feel abandoned.
You don't seem to be listening to our cries for help.

**When life is hard,
we want you to make it easier.**

You ask us to follow, but we get confused.
You talk in a cloud with those who have gone before!
Yes, you are God's son.
But what are we to do, now that we know who you are?

Silence

Shine your light on us.

Help us be willing to feel alone.

Give us courage.

Help us trust that you are present, and leading.

UPSIDE DOWN AND INSIDE OUT

Call to Grace Elfrieda Funk
Return to me, says the Lord.
Be strong and bold. I go before you.
I will not leave you or forsake you.
Special Music FMC Lenten Ensemble
Medley of Grace Page & Shafferman
Message Pastor Susan

SECOND LOOK

Scripture Re-Reading Jason Klanderud & Jeff Wintermote
*Call to Commitment Pastor Susan
God, you turn things upside down and inside out.
In our aloneness, we experience your presence.

**We believe we walk in your light
whether we see it or not.**

*Hymn Move in our midst No. 418
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.*

WEDNESDAY EVENING schedule for the next several weeks is as follows:

Weds March 18 NO meal or activities
7 to 8 pm Choir practice

Weds March 25 6:15 meal and activities

Weds April 1: NO activities on Weds of Holy Week

Weds April 8: 6:15 meal and activities

Weds April 15: LAST regular Weds even meal and activities

Weds April 22: Youth Variety Show

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

YOU ARE INVITED to share **LILIES** to be used in the sanctuary and foyer during Easter. They may be brought to the Fellowship Hall. Please leave a note if they are shared in memory of someone.

JOIN IN THE FUN and help those in need...be a part of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Run for Relief scheduled 8 a.m. Saturday, April 18—a 5K walk, jog, run for all ages & abilities. Please return your entry form by March 31 with your entry fee or “Go the extra mile” by inviting others to sponsor your run to raise even more for those in need. For more information contact Angie Teeter at aeteeter@cox.net or 620-327-4434 for more details.

GET READY for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, a benefit for Mennonite Central Committee, April 17 & 18 at the Kan. Fairgrounds in Hutch. What can you bring as your gift to the hungry and hurting at home and abroad? Quality woodwork and needlework items, cotton tea towels, hobby items, crafts, plants and baked foods are much in demand. Also requested are “recycled” quilt supplies and linens for Quilter's Corner. Check with Jan & Deryll Amstutz or Douglas & Nancy Graber for more information.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale invites you to join our family. By tithing a little bit of your time each year, you have an amazing opportunity to impact your world by furthering the work of Mennonite Central Committee. There is variety of committee openings including Children's Activities – Coordinators for the Children's Activities in the Pride of Kansas Building, Feeding the Multitude checker chairperson, Friday Night FTM Table Waiters, Kansas Crafts, Purchasing Committee, Friday Verenike Frying and Domestic Arts Verenike frying and selling. See your Relief Sale Contact liaison for details on these opportunities. Stay up-to-date on all things relating to Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale by liking us on Facebook at Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale or our website at www.kansas.mccsale.org

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Merle Funk continues at St. Luke Hospital for rehab. Thank you for your love, concern and many prayers.

Prayers for:

Jeannette Funk

Joyce Funk, sister to Lester, Jeanette and Ron Funk

Nancy Klaassen

Glenn and Jan Goertz

Ray Abrahams

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.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE Central States is hiring for a regional Human Resources Coordinator. This position is available starting on April 1st. Location can be flexible and some travel is expected. Check out the job description at <http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/human-resources-coordinator-central-states> or contact MelissaWaltner@mcc.org for more information.

PLEASE PRAY WITH US. In the next two months, hundreds of people in Zimbabwe, India, Colombia, Indonesia and many other countries will apply and interview for their US visas so they can participate in PA 2015, the global Assembly of Mennonite World Conference, Pray that the visa process will go smoothly for them, so that PA 2015 can be a truly global Anabaptist gathering!

HESSTON COLLEGE music ensembles will be featured in a spring concert at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 19, at Hesston Mennonite Church. The program will feature the college's Chamber Orchestra, Chorale and Bel Canto Singers. The concert is free and open to the public.

BETHEL COLLEGE:

Thurs., March 19 – Rev. James Atwood will speak on “America's Fascination with Violence,” 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College, sponsored by the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR).

Sun., March 22 – Dr. Beverly Rogers speaks at Kauffman Museum, 3 p.m., as the second program connected to the special exhibit “Sorting Out Race.”

CALENDAR

March 18 Spring Break; No evening activities or meal
 March 25 6:15 p.m. meal; 7 p.m. Class and activities
 8:15 p.m. Care Committee C.R.
 8:15 p.m. Nurture Committee F.H.
 March 29 Palm Sunday
 April 1 No meal or activities
 April 2 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
 8 p.m. Stewardship Committee
 April 3 12 noon to 7 p.m. Reflections Stations F.H.
 April 5 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
 9 a.m. Brunch
 10 a.m. Easter Service
 April 8 6:15 p.m. Meal; 7 p.m. Class and activities
 April 9 7 p.m. Ministries Council
 April 15 Last regular 6:15 p.m. meal & 7 p.m. activities
 April 17-18 MCC Relief Sale
 April 22 Variety Show

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Monday: Glen & Susie Kliewer
Wednesday: Brian Jensen, Allison Maddox, Emily Paulus,
 Erin Unruh
Friday: Tracy Hefley, Kimberly Swaney
Saturday: Rex & DeVonne Abrahams
Driver: Elfrieda Funk **Next Week:** Deryll Amstutz

TREASURER'S REPORT 3/4/2015

FMC Ministries\$1,332.06
 Circles\$937.50
 Main Street Ministries.....\$912.50
 MCC – Relief Sale.....\$500.00
 Year-to-date Ministries Income\$25,785.92
 Year-to-date Ministries Expenses\$26,815.70
 Ministries Fund Balance.....-\$1.029

Lenten Cloth

The strip of cloth available today is yours to keep. You are invited to make one knot in your cloth, to represent one deep challenge you face (for example, a person, a relationship, a place of conflict in the world, a specific loneliness, some other life challenge). For the weeks of Lent, hold this cloth with the knot as you pray or set it in a place where it is in sight. Pray for the ability to *release and share* this “knot” with God. Wait patiently in prayer for God to be upside down and inside out with you in your named struggle. Wait for God’s guidance before you again “take charge” of this knot. The cloth can remain knotted for weeks or months, until you are free to leave this challenge in God’s care, or until God guides you toward action.

Lenten Scriptures

February 22 Genesis 9:8-17 Mark 1:9-15
 March 1 Genesis 17:1-7 Mark 8:22-25
 March 8 Exodus 20:1-17 Mark 8:27-33
March 15 Numbers 21:4-9 Mark 9:2-8
 March 22 Jeremiah 31:31-34 Mark 9:33-37
 Mark 10:35-45
 Mark 10:46-52
 March 29 (Palm Sunday) Psalm 118:1,19-29 Mark 11:1-11

First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro
Holy Week
 March 29 – April 5, 2015

Palm Sunday Worship Service - 10:35 a.m.
Maundy Thursday Service – 7:30 p.m.
 Child care provided
Good Friday Reflection Stations - Fellowship Hall
 12 noon to 7 pm

Easter Sunday
 Sunrise Service -6:30 a.m.
 Mike and Carolyn Kleiber home
 Brunch in FMC Fellowship Hall - 9 a.m.
 (please bring breakfast breads and fruit)
 FMC Easter Celebration Worship Service -10 a.m.

All are welcome!

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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 15, 2015
 Lent 4

GATHERING

Gathering Music Shirley Baltzer
 Welcome and Announcements Elfrieda & Pastor Susan

FIRST LOOK

Candle Lighting Holly Swartzendruber
 (to follow words, No. 560 in Hymnal)
 We light a candle
 symbolizing our faithfulness
 to God the Three-in-One

*Call to Worship Elfrieda Funk
 I call upon the Lord,
 who is worthy to be praised!

The Lord is my rock and my deliverer.
 In my distress I called upon the Lord;
 to my God, I cried for help.

He bowed the heavens and came down.
He drew me out of mighty waters.
 The Lord gave me a wide place for my steps.
 My feet did not slip.

ALL: The Lord lives! Blessed by my rock.
May the God of my salvation be exulted!

*Hymn Grey Sgbk 15
 Praise the One who breaks the darkness

*Opening Prayer Elfrieda Funk
 Hymn What wondrous love is this No. 530
 Children’s Story Tracy Hefley
 (children dismissed to Children’s Time)

Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan
 Prayer Song Shepherd me, O God No. 519
 Offering Shirley Baltzer
 Scripture Reading Elfrieda Funk
 Numbers 21:4-5 Mark 9:2-8