

Confession and words of assurance
O God, you are the living Water. You restore us to life.
We confess that in the desert moments of our lives we
forget your faithfulness.
Our bodies grow tired; our hearts dry up.
Our minds become clouded and we do not remember that
you are our deliverer.

**When we see the dryness behind and before us,
we quarrel among ourselves and burden one another.
We cry out: "Is the Lord even among us?"**

Forgive us, O Lord,
for in the harshness of life's desert journey
we quickly focus on ourselves.
we forget that you have been, you are,
and you will forever be our deliverer.

**Restore in us a remembering spirit,
that we may hope in you again.
Renew our hearts, O Lord.
Make us generous in our praise.**
(silent reflection)

You are our living water.

Restore us, O God. We thirst.

Let all who thirst, come. Come and drink from the living
water. Let all who have nothing, come to the Lord. Come --
without money or price. Come and draw freely from the
well of our Lord, which will never run dry.

Special Music FMC Lenten Choir
God's Peace M. Dawn and B. Adams

RESPONDING

*Hymn O healing river No. 372
*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.

MCC (MY COINS COUNT) continues through April 2.
March 12 total was \$29.53. The count keeps climbing!
Four weeks until the sale.

NO WEDNESDAY EVENING meal and activity this
Wednesday, March 22, due to **SPRING BREAK**.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION in these
two Wednesday evening congregational discussions! The
ideas, the listening, the laughter was a blessing.

MEAL MINISTRY: Please check your boxes for a form
to fill out regarding meal ministry that our Care Committee
provides. Our volunteers ensure that we can help those
among us in times of need. If you feel you are unable to
volunteer right now, please check the appropriate box and
return it as well. Thank you!

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.

PEPPERBUT 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!

VERENIKE-MAKING HAPPENS in Hillsboro at the
fairgrounds on Tuesday April 4. We need willing workers!
We need people willing to bake cookies for the workers
that day. We need clean ice cream buckets (with or without
lids) and cool whip containers. When you bring them,
please place them under the MCC tables in the foyer, rather
than the kitchen so we do not get them confused with
kitchen containers. Thank you! MCC Liaison team

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.
You may also grab a description of our requests off the 50th
Build-A-Versary bulletin board.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift in prayer: Harold Woelk, The Groening family,
Callie Linnens, Nadine Friesen,
Ron Heidebrecht's father

MAIN STREET MINISTRIES:

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY - On-Site Staff needed at
Main Street Ministries, Inc. Immediate opening. This
position will include some administrative/clerical support
to the Director, assisting residents with physical, emotional,
and spiritual needs such as transportation to appointments,
etc., emergency/crisis intervention, supervision of residents
scheduled classes and/or babysitters, monitoring of curfew
hours, and other duties, as needed. Normal hours are daily
6 p.m. until 8 a.m. the following morning, every other
weekend and on the Director's day off. If interested,
contact Karen Sites, Director, MSM at 620-947-3393.

MCC:

Help needed to detail the donated vehicles for the MCC
sale. Help clean windows, vacuum, and wax vehicles.
Volunteer days will be the week of March 26. Call Jerry
Toews at 620-367-8257 for details. Thanks.

Have you considered purchasing MCC Bucks? MCC Bucks
are good for your kids, grandkids, neighbors, co-workers,
friends, or anyone. They come in books of 10 one dollar
bills for \$10 and spend like cash at the MCC sale on April
7 and 8, 2017 and can be used to purchase anything. There
is one more chance to get MCC Bucks before sale day. If
you are interested, contact your church MCC Sale Liaison
and they can pick them up at this Thursday's meeting.

MCC CENTRAL STATES:

Calling all young adults, youth pastors, youth sponsors, pastors and anyone who works with young adults! Come to the MCC Lunch & Learn on **March 23** to learn about service opportunities with MCC! Do you know young adults who are interested in traveling internationally, building their resumes, and growing personally and spiritually? Then join us for lunch and hear Alli and Ben Rudeen Kreider, MCC Service And Learning Together (SALT) alumni, share about their experiences in Tanzania and Honduras and learn how you can help young adults get involved with MCC. Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 21 by calling 316.283.2720 or emailing heidihuber@mcc.org. A free will donation will be taken to help cover the cost of the lunch.

CALENDAR

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Monday: Tracy Hefley
Tuesday: Rex & DeVonne Abrahams
Wednesday: Filow Cruz
Saturday: Jim & Virginia Martens, Ethan Koerner

TREASURER’S REPORT 3/12/2017

FMC Ministries\$1,567.00
 Circles\$653.00
 Main Street Ministries.....\$653.00
 Year to Date Budget Income.....\$21,650.28
 Year-to-date Budget Expenses.....\$29,326.90
 FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....-\$7,676.62

Last week’s attendance: 75

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 4:1-42
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 19, 2017

GATHERING

Gathering Music Shirley Baltzer
 Welcome & Announcements Deryll & Pastor Susan
 Prelude to Worship Holly Swartzendruber
 There is More Love Somewhere
 *Call to Worship Deryll Amstutz

In a dry and weary land,
restore us, O God. We thirst.
 Parched and depleted,
restore us, O God. We thirst.
 Longing for your living water,
restore us, O God. We thirst.
 We thirst. Receive our worship as a sign
 of our yearning for you.

*Hymn Open now thy gates of beauty No. 19
 *Invocation Deryll Amstutz
 Hymn Come, let us all unite to sing No. 12

SHARING

Children’s Story Mark & Amanda Abrahams
 Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan
 Prayer Song Freely, freely Grey Sgbk 51
 Offering Shirley Baltzer

LISTENING

Scripture John 4:1-42, Exodus 17:1-7 Deryll Amstutz
 Message Pastor Susan