

## CONFESSION AND RECONCILING

Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan  
Prayer of Confessing and Reconciling Pastor Susan  
**Lord, we confess that we do not live into the truth of your good news story. We confess that we have often acted in destructive ways. Our brokenness is real. Forgive us. We need your healing, redeeming love.**

**May the living ink of your covenant love fill all our relationships -- with you, with each other, and with all creation.**

Assurance (from Psalm 31:19)  
God's goodness is available in abundance for those who take refuge in the Lord.  
Be strong, and let your hearts take courage,  
all you who wait for the Lord. Amen.  
Prayer Song Grey Sgbk 40  
I will come to you in the silence

## HEARING GOD'S STORY

Offering Shirley Baltzer  
Scripture  
Psalm 118:24-27, 29 Darrel Knoll  
Isaiah 43:15-16, 18-19 Darrel Knoll  
Lamentations 3:22-26 Darrel Knoll  
Luke 19:28-40 Deryll Amstutz  
Message Pastor Susan

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

Congregational Response: write/reflect about a time you felt or sensed deeply your relationship with God, or, a time you felt God's mercy.

Closing Song Lenten Ensemble  
*Mercy* Boersma/Courtney  
Postlude Shirley Baltzer

**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.*

**WE WILL TAKE A BREAK** from My Coins Count today. Our children will collect coins and bills on Easter Sunday, then one more time on April 3. Thank you so very much for making the noise of collecting a joyful noise.

We raised a grand total of \$339.60 over 5 Sundays for My Coins Count. Just last Sunday we raised \$155.06!

**EASTER WORSHIP** begins at 10 a.m. (see back)

**EASTER SUNDAY IS MARCH 27.** If you have any Easter thoughts, poems, prayers, etc. you'd like included in the *April First Threshings* please send them to me no later than Friday, March 25. Thanks, Pat.

**WEDNESDAY MEAL AND ACTIVITIES** begin at 6 p.m. Our adult session at 6:45 p.m. on March 23 through April 13 will be Collected Thoughts led by Keith Harder.  
April 13: Last regular Weds evening  
April 20: FM Hi-FY Variety Show

**YOU ARE INVITED** to share LILIES to be used in the sanctuary and foyer on Easter Sunday. They may be brought to the Fellowship Hall during Holy Week. If your lily is in honor of a special person *notify Becky in the FMC office by 9 a.m. Friday morning.* Thank you!

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE** about poverty in Harvey County? Join Circles of Hope and Hesston College for a Poverty Simulation, Monday, March 28 from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. You'll have the chance to experience first-hand some of the day to day challenges faced by many families living in our community, as well as help raise awareness and create solutions. Reservations are encouraged and can be made by contacting Peace Connections at 316-284-0000 or email [info@peaceconnections.org](mailto:info@peaceconnections.org). This event is sponsored by Hesston Community Foundation.

**THE COMFORTER BLITZ COMMITTEE** wants to extend a hearty "thank you" to the ladies who came to the Comforter Blitz to help us complete **287** comforters for MCC. There were **384** ladies who helped during the 2 1/2 days. These comforters have all been delivered to MCC in North Newton. MCC is now eager to get these comforters folded to the correct size for baling, to be shipped off to needy areas of the world.

The dates for the Blitz next year will be March 6-8, 2017 and the location will again be Journey Mennonite at Yoder. You might want to begin now making comforter tops for next year. MCC's preferred size is 60" by 80". The backing should be 4" larger all the way around. MCC also has comforter top kits available for you to take and complete the top for the Blitz next year.

Lois Leinbach, Secretary for Comforter Blitz

**HILLSBORO, KAN.** – The Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies (CMBS) announces the schedule for a Mennonite Genealogy Seminar. The seminar will be held April 2, 2016 on the Tabor College campus in Hillsboro. The event will highlight the areas of Prussia, Poland, Volhynia, and Ukraine. Glenn Penner will keynote the day of sessions with presentations on the Alexanderwhol Mennonites and property and inheritance records. Other featured speakers include Steve Fast, Rod Ratzlaff, Peggy Goertzen, and John Thiesen.

Session descriptions and schedule for the seminar can be found on our bulletin board and on [tabor.edu](http://tabor.edu). The cost of the event is \$65. Please RSVP and make payment to reserve space by March 29. Contact Peggy Goertzen at (620) 947-3121 ext. 1211 or [peggyg@tabor.edu](mailto:peggyg@tabor.edu) with any questions regarding registration or schedule.

**PARKVIEW CHURCH** is sponsoring a charter bus to join Franklin Graham's rally for America on the Kansas Capitol steps on April 28. There are flyers in the Narthex with all the information needed. Contact John Wiebe, 620-947-2920, for added information or to make your reservation. Reservations must be in by March 28 to schedule the bus.

**DO YOU LOVE PLANTS?** We are looking for a volunteer to water and care for our green plants in the Fellowship Hall, weekly. Please speak to Pastor Susan if you have interest. Thank you!

## AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Thank you, dear church family, for your thoughts, prayers, cards, and hugs during the time of Mom's death. We also appreciate the beautiful plant. You have been a blessing to us. Susie Kliewer and family

Harold Woelk will continue to reside at Bethesda Home in Goessel, Ks, 408 E. Main St., 67053. His new phone number is 620-367-2624.

Please remember in prayer:

Excel community, Hesston Community  
Harold Woelk and the extended family of  
Lenora (Lou) Woelk, including Linda Bartel  
Robert Jantzen  
Special needs in our congregation that cannot be  
publically shared

**TABOR COLLEGE:**

Tabor College Concert Choir, directed by Dr. Bradley Vogel, will be performing, "My Strength, My Song", at Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church on Sunday, April 3 at 4 p.m.

**BETHEL COLLEGE:**

Next Sunday, March 27, Bethel College Concert Choir home concert, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall.

**CALENDAR**

- Mar 22 7 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
- Mar 24 Maundy Thursday – 7 p.m. Service
- Mar 25 Good Friday – Reflection Stations
- Mar 27 Easter – 7 a.m. Sunrise Service (Kleibers')  
9 a.m. Brunch/ Egg Hunt,  
10 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship Service
- April 8 & 9 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale,  
Hutchinson Fair Grounds
- April 12 Pastor Mark Zehr is in the office Tues, Weds &  
Thurs, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- April 20 FMC Hi-FY Variety Show

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Today:** Tracy Hefley, Kimberley Swaney

**Monday:** Rex & DeVonne Abrahams

**Tuesday:** Filow Cruz

**Friday:** Jim & Virginia Martens, Ethan Koerner

**Saturday:** Bruce Serene

**Driver:** Doug Bartel **Next Week:** Elfrieda Funk

**TREASURER'S REPORT 3/13/2016**

FMC Ministries .....	\$455.00
Main Street Ministries.....	\$1,062.50
Circles .....	\$2,512.50
Year to Date Budget Income.....	\$25,322.29
Year-to-date Budget Expenses .....	\$29,295.88
FMC Ministries Fund Balance .....	-\$3,973.59

**Last Week Attendance:** 67

First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro

**Holy Week**

March 20 – March 27, 2016

**Palm Sunday** Worship Service - 10:35 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday Service** – 7 p.m.

Communion will be served

Child care provided

**Good Friday** Reflection Stations - Fellowship Hall

12 p.m. – 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**Easter Sunday**

Sunrise Service – 7 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.



Today's image artist is Derek Hamm.

Please keep the small notebook given to you in a place where you can bring it each Sunday.

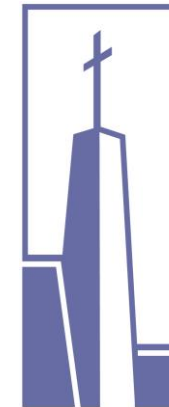
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*The church building is open from 9 am to noon Mon. – Fri. except for holidays. For assistance outside of those times, please contact Tim Unruh at 620-947-1585. Please schedule all meetings & events at FMC through the church office.*



**FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH**

In Christ -  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships

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

**PALM SUNDAY**

March 20, 2016

**LIVING INK: TURNING AWAY FROM GOD**

Gathering Music

Shirley Baltzer

Welcome & Announcements

Darrel & Pastor Susan

Prelude to Worship

Shirley Baltzer

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 118)

Darrel Knoll

Give thanks to the Lord – God is good!

**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

By the tender mercy of our God,

the dawn from on high has broken upon us.

**The Lord our God has given us light!**

**The Lord our God will guide our feet**

**into the ways of peace.**

Give thanks to the Lord – God is good!

**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Opening Prayer

Darrel Knoll

\*Hymn of Praise All glory, laud, and honor

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(children enter with palm branches)

Children's Song of Praise

Judy Harder & children

Children's Story

Erin Unruh

Hymn

Hosanna, loud hosanna

No. 238