

Confessing our Humanness Keith Harder
God, *you* are faithful.

We want to grow in *our* faithfulness to you.

But what does that really mean?

And what will we have to give up?

We wonder what transformation requires of us.

What does transformation require of our congregation?

We're afraid you'll ask too much.

Silence

We want to be your people.

**Make us willing receivers of a covenant
knit right into the center of our beings.**

UPSIDE DOWN AND INSIDE OUT

Call to Grace Keith Harder

God wants truth in the most hidden places,
and teaches us wisdom in the most secret space.

God creates clean hearts for us!

God puts a new, faithful spirit deep within us!

Special Music Holly Swartzendruber

Come, Ye Disconsolate

(you may follow the words on page 497)

Message Pastor Susan

SECOND LOOK

Scripture Re-Reading Jim Jantzen & Doug Miller

Call to Commitment Pastor Susan

God turns things upside down and inside out,
writing a new way of being into our very DNA.

God, we will watch and wait

for your new thing to bear fruit within us

and among us.

*Hymn Here I am No. 395

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, March 25 is our meal and activity night. See you there.

WEDNESDAY NOON community Lenten Lunches continue at the United Methodist Church here in Hillsboro, sponsored by the ministerial alliance. We have a time of worship between noon and 12:30 pm, and then enjoy a meal together in their Fellowship Hall. Many thanks to the United Methodist Church for this community hospitality!

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 honor of someone.

CIRCLES expresses its gratitude to First Mennonite Church for its participation, financially and with volunteers to overcome poverty in Marion County.

LENTEN WORSHIP. During Lent, we have been using our denominational worship resources as a jumping off point for our readings, confessions, children's stories, and the scripture re-readings. Please feel free to share with Aleen Ratzlaff, worship ministry team leader or other worship committee members how you have experienced this format in worship. Thank you, and blessings.

PHONES IN THE KITCHEN, the church office and the pastor's office each have an emergency number listed next to them on bright green paper. This is a number with a 620 prefix that connects directly with the Marion County Sheriff's Department. This number is to be used in case of an emergency, not the three digit emergency often used. *Thank you* for being aware and prepared.

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.

NEW BIRTH - NEW LIFE - new plans - new spiritual insights - new relationship with God. If you have any Easter or Pentecost thoughts you'd like to share with your church family in the April issue of *First Threshings*, please get them to me by Friday, March 27. Thanks. Pat

THE UPDATED BINDER "First Family - Life Sketches" is back in the Library, available for anyone who would like to browse through the interviews and a few collective celebrations (our 125th anniversary service, memories of past MCC sales, Reuter pipe organ/Jantz chimes, etc.) The office has e-copies of everything, too. Enjoy! Pat

GET READY for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, April 17 & 18 in Hutch. 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.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Susie Kliewer's father, Pete Springer, passed away on March 14. His memorial service was yesterday in Illinois. Prayers, Susie and Glen, during this significant loss.

Jess Klanderud's uncle, Mark Short, died unexpectedly in his sleep this last Tuesday. This is Jess's mother's brother and was a particularly close uncle for Jess. May God's comfort be with the whole family.

Linda Bartel will move to Bethesda Home in Goessel the first week of April. She looks forward to being at that facility - her sister is also there. Linda will miss First Mennonite, and of course, her sister and brother-in-law, Lou and Harold Woelk. God's richest blessings, Linda.

This past week, Joe Knoll, Sarah Diener and Sharon Diener participated in a trip to Washington, D.C. led by Darrel Knoll.

Thank you for your thoughts, your prayers and the other kind things you have done for us. We ask for your prayers as Jan continues her cancer treatments. ~Glenn & Janice Goertz

Prayers for:

Ray Abrahams

Dawn Abrahams

Merle Funk

Nancy Klaassen

MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE meets every six years, and this summer it is in the United States. First Mennonite's Ministries Council is offering to cover registration fees for the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania assembly, July 21-26. Speak with Pastor Susan, Doug Miller, or anyone on Ministries Council if you are interested. Meanwhile, let's keep praying for those seeking visas, seeking funds to attend from around the world. Information is available outside the pastor's office.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Today: Filow Cruz

Wednesday: Ethan Koerner, Jim & Virginia Martens

Thursday: Bruce Serene

Saturday: Katherine Goering

Driver: Deryll Amstutz

Next Week: Lee Albrecht

TREASURER'S REPORT 3/11/2015

FMC Ministries \$1,781.00

Year-to-date Ministries Income..... \$27,566.92

Year-to-date Ministries Expenses..... \$28,091.65

Ministries Fund Balance -\$524.73

Create in Me

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Your presence, O Lord,
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,
and renew a right spirit within me.
(repeat first 4 lines)

CALENDAR

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

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.

Communion will be served

Child care provided

Good Friday Reflection Stations - Fellowship Hall

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.

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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 22, 2015

Lent 5

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Shirley Flaming

Welcome and Announcements

Keith & Pastor Susan

FIRST LOOK

Candle Lighting

Shirley Flaming

We light a candle
symbolizing our faithfulness
to God the Three-in-One

*Call to Worship

Keith Harder

Give thanks to God.

Give thanks to God, for God is good!

Give thanks to God, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever!

God desires truth in our inward being.

God leads us on paths of wisdom and love.

God renews a right spirit in us.

ALL: With willing and new spirits within us,

let us sing songs in praise of God's love.

*Hymn The Love of God Grey Sgbk 29

*Opening Prayer Keith Harder

Hymn How Great Thou Art Grey Sgbk 7

Children's Story Laura Paulus

(children dismissed to Children's Time)

Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan

Prayer Song (words in bulletin)

Create in me a clean heart

Offering Shirley Flaming

Scripture Reading Keith Harder & Congregation

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Mark 9:33-37 Mark 10:35-45 Mark 10:46-52