

RESPONDING

Confession and words of assurance

O God, you open our eyes to see what is true. We confess that sometimes it is easier for us to stay blind than to embrace all of your truth.

We admit that it is scary and unsettling to fully accept what you want us to see.

Your truth exposes our hidden secrets, upsets our expectations. You establish a new order where we are no longer leading the way. Forgive us, O God, when we would rather stay in the darkness instead of receiving your miracle of light and new life.

Remove the cataracts from our eyes, that we may see your goodness around us. Quicken our minds, and soften our hearts, that we may recognize that you *are* at work.
(silent reflection)

You bring all things into the light.

Restore us, O God! We see.

The Lord shepherds us, we shall not be in want. Though we cannot see through the valley, God is with us. Goodness and mercy pursue us, and we are home with the Lord forever. Amen.

*Hymn Be thou my vision No. 545
*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 Kliever will lead the signing of our theme, Restore us, O God.

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN ARE AVAILABLE at the back table, along with word puzzles and dot-to-dot puzzles. There will be nursery available, but all other children are invited to remain in the sanctuary during worship.

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

THIS PAST JANUARY/FEBRUARY the Gospel of Matthew spoke to us about the importance of understanding "the other." This coming Saturday, April 1, those interested are invited to gather at 4:30 p.m. at the east entrance of FMC to caravan/carpool down to an evening service at Saint Marks United Methodist Church in Wichita, 1525 N. Lorraine. This city-wide event is sponsored by the Wichita African American Museum, and the theme of the evening is "What about the children?" There will be a vocalist. Three community leaders will be honored, concerns about community life will also be shared. Program goes from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

VERENIKE-MAKING HAPPENS in Hillsboro at the fairgrounds on Tuesday April 4. We need willing workers, including 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!

ONE MONTH FROM NOW it will be time for our **50th Build-A-Versary**. Letters have been sent to former pastors. Thank you for spreading the word to others who have connections to FMC in these last 50 years. For some of you that will be your children's friends. We are requesting an RSVP from those coming from away. Each of you, please take time to ponder the sanctuary and the church building, then find a quiet spring moment to write at 250 word reflection and send it to the church office. It is a blessing to read what has already come our way. Thank you also for the recipes that have been given. What a treasure.

TRINITY WANTS TO INVITE First Mennonite women to a Spring Salad Brunch at **10 a.m. on April 22** at the Trinity Fellowship Hall. The speaker will be Phoebe Janzen who is a photographer that created the recent book entitled *Women of Marion County*. "Meandering with Phoebe" will allow her to share her photos and scriptures with us. Bring your mothers and daughters along with you to this special time to celebrate Spring.

MCC (MY COINS COUNT) continues through April 2. March 19 total was \$27.23.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Paul Jantzen's family is having a card shower for Paul's 90th birthday on April 1. (Paul is not aware of these plans!) Cards may be sent to Paul Jantzen, Park Avenue 1, No. 216, Hillsboro, Kansas 67063.

Velda Hiebert will be moving Saturday, April 1, from her home at 218 S. Adams to the Parkside Congregate, Apt 209. Able bodies are needed to help with the move. Please mark your calendar. Report in to her old residence at 9 a.m. that morning. Thank you!

We lift in prayer: Harold Woelk
The Groening family
Callie Linnens
Nadine Friesen

BETHEL COLLEGE:

TODAY (Sun., March 26) – Bethel College Concert Choir home concert, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall. The choir has been touring in Minnesota, South Dakota, Manitoba, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri during spring break, raising money for MCC with its offerings. The Home Concert offering will go to defray tour expenses.

Fri., March 31 –Mid-Kansas Jazz Workshop Concert with special guest Wycliffe Gordon, trombone, with the Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble, featuring Bethel College Jazz Ensemble I, **7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center**

Sat., April 1 – Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk. Join experienced birders Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel at **8 a.m.** in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep. (For help locating Kauffman Museum, see www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/)

CALENDAR

- Mar 29 6:15 p.m. Weds. Meal; 7 p.m. Activities
- Apr 1 6 p.m. Evening service at Saint Mark United Methodist Church, Wichita
- Apr 4 7 p.m. Care Committee Meeting
- Apr 5 6:15 p.m. Weds. Meal
7 p.m. Activities & Lenten Choir
(Last Night until Fall)
- Apr 6 7 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
- Apr 7-8 MCC Relief Sale
- Apr 13 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
- Apr 14 Good Friday; Reflection Stations – FH
12 – 1 p.m. & 5 – 7 p.m.
- Apr 16 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
9 a.m. Easter Breakfast
10 a.m. Easter Worship
- Apr 20 7 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting
- Apr 21-22 Ellsworth Correctional Facility
Dinner Theater
- Apr 29 Ellsworth Correctional Facility
Dinner Theater
- Apr 30 50th Build-A-Versary!

CARRY-IN MEAL SCHEDULE

- April 16 – 9 a.m. Easter Breakfast
- April 30 – 50th Anniversary of current church building

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- Tuesday:** Katherine Hamm
- Wednesday:** Marvin & Elfrieda Funk
- Thursday:** Robin Ottoson
- Friday:** Maura Wiebe, Maci Welker, Jackie Gage
- Saturday:** Paul Jantzen

TREASURER’S REPORT 3/19/2017

FMC Ministries	\$654.01
Year to Date Budget Income.....	\$22,304.29
Year-to-date Budget Expenses.....	\$30,435.03
FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....	-\$8,130.74

Last week’s attendance: 70

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 26, 2017

GATHERING

Gathering Music	Shirley Flaming
Welcome & Announcements	Carson & Pastor Susan
Prelude to Worship	Holly Swartzendruber
*Call to Worship	Carson Linnens

Here in this place we gather to worship.

Restore us, O God! We see.

Here in this place we gather to see you.

Restore us, O God! We see.

Here in this place we gather to perceive you in all your glory and beauty.

Restore us, O God! We see.

ALL: Remove our blindness

so that we might see ourselves honestly, and humbly worship you.

*Hymn	Marvelous grace of our loving Lord	No. 151
*Invocation		Carson Linnens
Hymn	I heard the voice of Jesus say	No. 493

SHARING

Children’s Story		Kelly Linnens
Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Susan
Prayer Song	Longing for light	Grey Sgbk 1
Offering		Shirley Flaming

LISTENING

Scripture	John 9:1-41	Deryll Amstutz
Message		Keith Harder