

Offering Shirley Baltzer
Scripture Reading Kelly & Julie Linnens
from Psalm 118 Mark 11:1-11

Confessing our Humanness Kelly Linnens

Are you sure about what you're doing, God?

Why death after the hosannas of the crowd?

**Disaster seems like a bad way
to make your kingdom come.**

We wish your ways were clear and simple,
that the good were rewarded and the evil punished.

That, at least, would make sense.

**You ask us to follow Jesus,
yet he was the one rejected.**

Silence

Help us take another look.

Show us how you want us to see.

UPSIDE DOWN AND INSIDE OUT

Call to Grace Kelly Linnens

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in
labor pains until now;

and not only the creation, but we ourselves.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know
how to pray.

That very Spirit intercedes for us according to the will of
God.

Message Pastor Susan

SECOND LOOK

Scripture Re-Reading Jim Jantzen & Jeff Wintermote

Call to Commitment Pastor Susan

God turns things upside down and inside out,

God chose what we rejected

as the centerpiece of the kingdom.

**God, we will look to you as savior and guide
as we live faithfully in an uncertain world.**

Special Music FMC Lenten Ensemble

Ah, Holy Jesus C. Courtney

*Sending Prayer 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.

YOUTH PASTOR Hank Unruh has a new phone number:
316-288-1079. Please change your contact lists.

HIFY invites you to an evening of fun, food and fellowship
on Wednesday, April 22. It's our annual Variety Show! Meal
will be served at 6:15 pm and the show will begin at 7 pm.
That variety show is a fundraiser for the youth group that
will help cover costs for convention. With nine youth and
two sponsors attending, the cost for convention is
approximately \$10,000. Thus far, youth have raised \$7,000
toward our cost/goal. We look forward to seeing YOU. We
look forward to seeing what TALENTS may arise! Sign
up. Plan for a good time!

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.

THIS PAST TUESDAY, our Everence Advocate, Danielle
Bartel attended the annual Everence Banquet and Program
along with Eric, Pastor Susan and Jim. The evening is a
time to connect with other churches and learn ways that
Everence partners with congregations to meet needs.
Thank you, Danielle, for being our Everence Advocate.

Elementary and Youth Sunday School Classes

Preschool – 1st Grade: Danielle Bartel & Marci Heidebrecht
Andrew Sensenig & Erica Buller

2nd - 5th Grade: Tracy Hefley alternating with Derek Hamm

Adult Sunday School Classes

Alive! Class meets upstairs, first room on the left

Exploring C.S. Lewis

Chapel Class meets in the Chapel

Bible Study of the Gospel of John

Parkside Class meets at Parkside Congregate

Adult Quarterly

Praise God for the gift of relationships and growth during
the Sunday School hour!

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.

IF YOU ARE in your fifties and younger, plan now to
participate in focus group discussion about the present and
future of First Mennonite Church on Sunday, April 12 at
6:30. Vision Council wants and needs your input on our
congregation. More information on the format will be
available soon.

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

THE WHITE CARD in the pews adds another way that we
communicate needs with each other in the congregation. May
God's generous love be with us as we welcome people, as we
serve each other in Christ.

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.

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.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Linda Bartel was hospitalized this past week. A series of
tests revealed a compression fracture in her spine, which
has received treatment. Linda will move directly into
Bethesda Home in Goessel. We praise God for how details
have worked out.

The plant in today's service is in memory of Peter Springer,
Susie Kliever's father, who passed away on March 14. His
memorial service was March 21 in Illinois. Prayers, Susie
and Glen, at this significant loss.

Joyce Ediger, sister of Jeanette Schaefer, Ron Funk and
Lester Funk, remains in hospice care. Let's lift the family in
prayer.

Prayers for:
Ray Abrahams
Dawn Abrahams
Merle Funk
Nancy Klaassen

WOMEN, we have been invited to a Women's Salad Supper at Trinity Mennonite Church on Wednesday, April 29, at 6 p.m. More details coming soon.

DO YOU HAVE the winning ball from an important game? Did your athletic team foster international friendships? Did your sport help you overcome adversity in a significant way? Kauffman Museum is looking for Bethel College and other local school and community sports artifacts that tell great stories. If you have one you'd consider loaning for an exhibition next school year, please contact Rachel Epp Buller at rebuller@bethelks.edu or 316-284-5222 by Monday, April 20.

BETHEL COLLEGE is having the home concert of the choir tour TONIGHT at 7 p.m. at the Bethel College Memorial Hall.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Today: Marvin & Elfrieda Funk
Monday: Robin Ottoson
Tuesday: Maci Kelsey, Kensington Bartel
Wednesday: Myrta Bartel, Paul Jantzen
Thursday: Janice Goertz, Kent Funk, Martha Krause

Driver: Lee Albrecht **Next Week:** Don Penner

TREASURER'S REPORT 3/18/2015

FMC Ministries\$3,163.42
 Circles\$300.00
 Main Street Ministries.....\$300.00
 Year-to-date Ministries Income\$30,595.34
 Year-to-date Ministries Expenses\$35,266.36
 Ministries Fund Balance.....-\$4,671.02

CALENDAR

April 1 No meal or activities, choir meets 7 - 8 p.m.
 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 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 Psalm 118:1,19-29 Mark 11:1-11

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

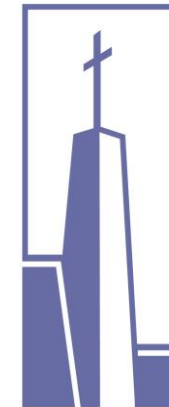
Palm Sunday Worship Service - 10:35 a.m.
Maundy Thursday Service – 7:30 p.m.
 Communion will be served
 Child care provided
Good Friday Reflection Stations - Fellowship Hall
 Noon to 7 p.m.
Easter Sunday
 Sunrise Service - 6:30 a.m.
 Mike and Carolyn Kleiber home
 Brunch in FMC Fellowship Hall - 9 a.m.
 (please bring breakfast breads and fruit)
 FMC Easter Celebration Worship Service -10 a.m.

CHURCH OFFICE

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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 29, 2015
 Palm Sunday

GATHERING

Gathering Music Shirley Baltzer
 Welcome and Announcements Kelly & Pastor Susan

FIRST LOOK

Candle Lighting Shirley Flaming

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

*Call to Worship Kelly Linnens
 Here we are, God – in song and prayer around the world,
 watching you go up to Jerusalem.

**Tune our spirits
 that every heart might sing your song of peace.**

Here we are, God – fighting with words and with weapons,
 waiting to see what the next day brings.

Transform our fears.

**Give us confidence in you
 so that your strength flows through us to the world.**

Here we are, God, on a weary planet,
 a planet overused and in need of care.

**May your cleansing salvation reach deep and wide.
 May we walk with you as you heal all things!**

ALL: Hosanna, hosanna.

Blessed be your name, O Lord!

*Hymn All hail the power of Jesus' name No. 106

*Opening Prayer Kelly Linnens

Hymn Hosanna, loud hosanna No. 238

(we will repeat the first verse during children's story)

Children's Story Tracy Hefley

(children dismissed to Children's Time)

Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan

Prayer Song Lord, listen to your children praying No. 353