

Confession and words of assurance
God of abundance, you give us *all* we need. We confess that, too often, we focus on what we *don't* have. We forget that it is you who truly sustains us. Forgive us, satisfy us with your steadfast love, and help us to take refuge in remembering that what you provide is good. It is enough.

(silent reflection)

God of abundant grace,

restore us.

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad.

Sing praises to the Lord!

Taste and see that the Lord *is* good.

Prayer Song Taste and see Grey Sgbk 17

Verse: Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us all praise God's name!

I called the Lord who answered me;

from all my troubles I was set free!

Offering/Blessing Shirley Baltzer

LISTENING

Scripture Matthew 4:1-11 Deryll Amstutz

Meditation Pastor Susan

Communion

Communion Words

Receiving Communion

Closing Prayer Pastor Susan

In the midst of distractions,

restore us, O God!

In the temptation to live in fear,

restore us, O God!

In the challenges of daily living,

You will feed our deepest hungers

and sustain us with Your love.

ALL: Thanks be to you, O God,

for your gift of life for body and soul!

SENDING

*Hymn I am the Bread of life No. 472

*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.

COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED TODAY, the first Sunday of Lent. Lent refers to the 40 weekdays between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. Remembering Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, we also pull away from the hurry of life for these 40 days. We empty our schedules for a time and wait to be restored in the presence of God.

TODAY – MCC Fellowship meal after worship:

Bring yourself, your family and friends. Your MCC sale liaisons (Nancy, Jan, Douglas, Deryll) and a couple of other volunteers will provide the meatloaf, potatoes, bread, and a bean dish. Yes, we will receive donations which will go to help defray the expenses of the MCC Sale (April 7&8). By covering the expenses ahead of time, all receipts at the sale can go directly to the work of MCC.

AS PART OF OUR SEASONAL REFLECTION here at First Mennonite, each week we will offer an artist's rendering of our Lenten theme, *Restore us, O God*. Created by artists from our FMC community, each Sunday another piece will be displayed in Fellowship Hall, with all the works on view on Good Friday, April 14.

MCC (MY COINS COUNT) continues today through April 2. February 26, we collected \$55.86 in coins!

WEDNESDAY EVENING meal and activities continue!

March 8 – 7:30 to 8 p.m. FMC Discussion opportunity

March 15 – 7:30 to 8 p.m. FMC Discussion opportunity

March 22 - SPRING BREAK: NO meal or activities

OUR LENTEN CHOIR will begin rehearsal on March 8, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to join our fun and our musical worship.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL DISCUSSION about possible ideas inside and outside our church facility will be **THIS** Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

WDC DELEGATE OPPORTUNITY – Let us know if you would like to be a delegate to Western District Conference in Arlington, Texas this August 4-6. If you have never attended, consider it!

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. Hear her speak about conscientious objectors around the world and the Anabaptist churches of Indonesia and India that she visited last year. **Sunday, March 19 at 4:00 p.m.** at **Trinity Mennonite Church** (211 S. Elm, Hillsboro). Enlarge your world view.

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**, and **recipes** as described below:

Reflective Writing – Worship

We encourage you to consider being one of 50 people who will contribute reflective writing for the celebration of 50 years of our FMC Building. This will be scanned and placed on the FMC website. We invite 50 people (or more!) to submit writing of no more than 250 words. Writers should have some connection to First Mennonite Church. Writers can be alive or deceased. Contributions can be in the form of poetry, faith memories, anecdotes, or any expression you think would be meaningful in a general or specific way to our FMC family. Contributions can be turned in as hard copy, or preferably, sent electronically to the FMC Church Office with the name of the writer included. Written pieces will be posted on the FMC Website, or possibly some other kind of printed format.

Recipes – Hospitality

Do you have a recipe that you “always” bring to carry-ins? Is there a recipe from someone in past for which a certain recipe was well known? Or, do you have a good recipe for a large group to share? Do you have ANY recipe you would like to share? ☺

Anyone from the FMC community is welcome to bring such recipes to the FMC office. It will be scanned and posted on the FMC website as part of our celebration of 50 years in our current building. If there is an FMC connection, please include that explanation with the recipe. Thank you!

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift in prayer: Loren & Lois Groening, Callie Linnens,
 Jim & Eulalia Flaming family,
 Ruth Ann Penner and family,
 Nadine Friesen, Joel Klaassen,
 Dan Schaefer, Jim Baker

CALENDAR

Mar 5 FMC/MCC Fellowship Meal – Fellowship Hall
 Mar 6-8 Comforter Blitz
 Mar 7 7 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
 Mar 8 6:15 p.m. Meal; 7 p.m. Activities
 7:30 p.m. Congregational Discussion
 Mar 15 6:15 p.m. Meal; 7 p.m. Activities
 7:30 p.m. Congregational Discussion
 Mar 19 4 p.m. – Menn. World Conf. update at Trinity
 Mar 22 SPRING BREAK – No meal or activities
 8 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
 Mar 29 6:15 p.m. Meal; 7 p.m. Activities

CARRY-IN MEAL SCHEDULE

March 5 – FMC/MCC Fellowship Meal
 April 16 – Easter Breakfast; 10 a.m. Easter Worship
 April 30 – 50th Anniversary of current church building

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Monday: Dan Schaefer, Eliot Regier, Becky Gage
Saturday: Bob Jantz

TREASURER’S REPORT 2/26/2017

FMC Ministries\$3,070.01
 AMBS Scholarships.....\$1,000.00
 Year to Date Budget Income.....\$18,776.27
 Year-to-date Budget Expenses.....\$26,726.87
 FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....-\$7,950.60

Last week’s attendance: 73

*Next week’s special offering will go to Mission Committee (MSM/Circles) unless otherwise designated.

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.

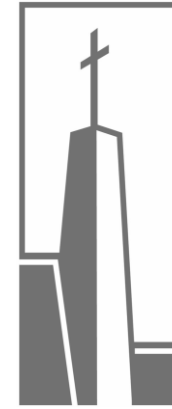
March 1 Ash Wednesday Service
March 5, Lent 1: Restore us, O God! We hunger.
 Jesus’ temptation – Matthew 4:1-11
March 12, Lent 2: Restore us, O God! We wonder.
 Nicodemus – John 3:1-17
March 19, Lent 3: Restore us, O God! We thirst.
 Samaritan woman – John 4:5-42
March 26, Lent 4: Restore us, O God! 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 5, 2017

GATHERING

Gathering Music	Shirley Baltzer
Welcome & Announcements	Kelly & Pastor Susan
Prelude to Worship	Shirley Baltzer
We light a flame in silence as we contemplate our lives before God.	

*Call to Worship Kelly Linnens
 In the midst of myriad distractions,
 we gather, lingering for you.

Restore us, O God! We hunger.
 In the midst of the temptation to live in fear,
 we gather, trusting in you.

Restore us, O God! We hunger.
 In the midst of the challenges of daily living,
 we gather, craving your presence.

**Come, worship the One who feeds our deepest
 hungers and sustains us with love.**

*Hymn	Come, Bring Your Burdens	Grey Sgbk 67
	... praises to God	
	... lives before God	
	... hunger to God	

*Invocation	Kelly Linnens	
Hymn	I sing the mighty power of God	No. 46

SHARING

Children’s Story	Julie Linnens
Sharing and Prayer	Pastor Susan
Sharing from Karen Sites of Main Street Ministries	
Sharing from Mark Rogers of Circles of Marion County	