

Prayer Song Gracious Spirit, dwell with me No. 507
(all verses, but women vs. 2, men vs 3)

Offering Shirley Flaming
Special offering today is for MSM and Circles
unless otherwise designated.

Scripture Reading Darrel Knoll
Exodus 20:1-17 Mark 8:27-33

Confessing our Humanness Darrel Knoll

We have some doubts about your ways, God.
The way you do things seems like nonsense.

**You make laws that are hard to follow –
and even if we keep them perfectly
we may still miss the boat.**

Like the people of Israel, we wonder:
how are we to get this right?

We want a clean way, not confusion and complexity.

Silence

Train us in your weakness that is stronger than our
strength,

**Help us trust your foolishness
that is wiser than our wisdom.**

UPSIDE DOWN AND INSIDE OUT

Call to Grace Darrel Knoll

Return to me, says the Lord.

Return to me with all your heart.

Together, you will find a community of trust, abundance
and hope.

Message Pastor Susan

SECOND LOOK

Scripture Re-Reading Jason Klanderud & Jeff Wintermote

Call to Commitment Pastor Susan

God turns things upside down and inside out,
growing us to maturity through the message of the cross.

**We will rely on your foolishness
and depend on your weakness.**

You are our refuge and strength.

For you we wait all the day long.

*Hymn Precious Lord No. 575

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.

TODAY IS A SPECIAL OFFERING, this month for Mission.
Offering will be divided between Main Street Ministries
(MSM) and Circles of Marion County. Designations will be
honored. MSM and Circles both give attention to longer
term issues and solutions. Pray for all those walking along
side people in need. Pray for our community that we might
open doors and celebrate renewal.

WEDNESDAY EVENING activities continue this coming
Wednesday, March 11, then we take a break for the week
of USD 410's spring break. See you Wednesday evening,
March 25 for our next activity night!

WOULD YOU BE WILLING to coordinate/cook the meal
for Wednesday, March 11? Please sign up on the
whiteboard, or speak to Eydie Graber or Pastor Susan.
Thank you!

TWELVE PEOPLE graduated from the Circle Leaders 16
week-training program this past Thursday in a ceremony at
the Marion Presbyterian church. A large crowd of family
and well-wishers participated in this important and festive
event.

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. Contact – FMC MCC liaison team
Jan & Deryll Amstutz, Nancy & Douglas Graber

ROBIN OTTOSON presented this past Thursday at the
Friends of the Mennonite Library and Archives on the
Bethel College Campus. Robin spoke from her doctoral
research which focuses on Hillsboro Mennonites during the
Vietnam War era. Along with Jim Juhnke, Robin presented
to a full crowd. Congratulations, Robin, on your informative
research and presentation.

DOUGLAS AND NANCY GRABER and Jan Amtutuz are
attending Hoffnungsau Mennonite near Inman, Kansas,
today. This is part of the MCC Fellowship meal exchange.

YOU ARE INVITED to share lilies to be used in the
sanctuary and foyer during Easter. They may be brought to
the church. Please leave a note if they are shared in
memory of someone.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Jeanette Schaefer broke her ankle this past Wednesday.
Prayers, Jeanette, as you heal!

Paul Ediger and Paul Jantzen both received medical
attention this past week. Prayers for Edigers and Jantzens.

Phil Duerksen, husband of Pastor Norma Duerksen of
TrinityMennonite, lost his mother, Mary, in Kansas City this
past Wednesday. Phil's parents served in India for many
years, so Jim Jantzen knew his family well. Blessings, Phil
and Norma, in Mary's passing.

Nancy Graber has agreed to be an Ally for Circles of Marion
Country. This means she is one of several people who will
gather supportively around a person who wishes to get out of
poverty (referred to in Circles as a Circle Leader). Let us pray
for Nancy and let us give thanks to God for all those who give
time and effort to circles.

Prayers for:

Merle Funk

Nancy Klaassen

Amelia Brandt

Shirley Baltzer

Glenn and Jan Goertz

HILLSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH is hosting
their Third Annual Skeeter Run on Saturday, April 18 at 9
a.m. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board
outside of the office.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE Central States is
hiring for a regional Human Resources Coordinator. This
position is available starting on April 1st. Location can be
flexible and some travel is expected. Check out the job
description at [http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/
human-resources-coordinator-central-states](http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/human-resources-coordinator-central-states) or contact
MelissaWaltner@mcc.org for more information.

MCC ALUMNI are the best and we want to stay in touch
with you! Make sure we have your current email and
mailing address by visiting mcc.org/alumni.

TABOR COLLEGE THEATER presents *The Secret in the
Wings*, a new play by Mary Zimmerman. March 11 and
12 at 7:30 p.m. and March 14 at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., Lab
Theater (H.W. Lohrenz Bldg.). \$6 general admission, \$4
students. Limited seating, tickets available by reservation
or at the door. Call 620-947-3121 ext.1033.

CALENDAR

March 11 6:15 p.m. meal; 7 p.m. Class and activities
 March 18 Spring Break; No evening activities or meal
 March 25 6:15 p.m. meal; 7 p.m. Class and activities
 8:15 p.m. Care Committee
 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. Meditation stations
 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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Wednesday: Ashley Bartel, Bob Jantz
Thursday: Jim Flaming
Friday: Abilene Busick
Saturday: Jason Funk

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

TREASURER'S REPORT 2/25/2015

FMC Ministries\$2,502.11
 Year-to-date Ministries Income\$24,453.86
 Year-to-date Ministries Expenses\$26,815.70
 Ministries Fund Balance-\$2,361.84

Attendance: 67

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.
 Child care provided
Good Friday Meditation Stations - Fellowship Hall
 12 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.

All are welcome!

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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 8, 2015
 Lent 3

GATHERING

Gathering Music Shirley Flaming
 Welcome and Announcements Darrel & Pastor Susan

FIRST LOOK

Candle Lighting Shirley Flaming
 We light a candle
 symbolizing our faithfulness
 to God the Three-in-One

Call to Worship (from Psalm 19) Darrel Knoll
 The heavens are telling the glory of God.
 The vast skies proclaim the work of his hands!

**Day to day pours forth speech;
 Night to night declares knowledge.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,
 reviving the soul.

L: The decrees of the Lord are sure,
 making wise the simple.

R: The precepts of the heart are right,
 rejoicing the heart.

ALL: The fear of the Lord is pure, and endures forever.

**ALL: Let the words of our mouths
 and the meditations of our hearts
 be acceptable to you, O Lord,
 Our Rock and Our Redeemer!**

*Hymn Praise, I will praise No. 76

Opening Prayer Darrel Knoll

Hymn Come Thou Fount No. 521

Children's Story Tracy Hefley
 (children dismissed to Children's Time)

Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan
 Deanne Duerkson – Main Street Ministries