

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.

OUR LENTEN SEASON BEGINS with an Ash Wednesday service this Wednesday, February 14, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our Lenten theme is *Jesus Goes Before Us*. There will not be a meal or multi-age activities this day.

COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED next Sunday, the First Sunday of Lent. Review your relationships and prepare your heart for this community remembrance of Jesus with us and for us.

OUR FMC WORSHIP COMMITTEE is trying several bulletin options in the coming months. To start with, a different format and paper will be used during the Sundays of Lent.

MY COINS COUNT collection of change has begun and will continue until the MCC Sale weekend April 13-14. Money from My Coins Count goes directly into M.C.C. relief work around the world. Thank you for your generosity.

THE JANTZEN'S WILL SHARE from their Chad trip next Sunday in the sanctuary at 4 p.m. There will be verbal sharing, but also visual images and a few short videos.

HI-FY WILL BE HOSTING a semi-formal meal on February 18. To RSVP, if you have questions, or need child care email Hank at youthpastor@fmchillsboro.com. Come for a fun evening and help support the youth group.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES CONTINUE. Come enjoy food and fellowship at 6:15 p.m. Children and Youth have age-grouped activities which begin at 6:45 p.m. Adults will meet at 7 p.m. for the following adult topics:

February 14 - NO MEAL OR MULTI-AGE ACTIVITIES.
7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - FH

February 21 - Sharing and Prayer with Douglas and Nancy Graber.

February 28 - Richard Kyle, retired Tabor history professor, speaking on how popular evangelism takes on traits of American culture.

March 7 & 14 - Discussion on the book, **The Land**, by Mildred Taylor

NEXT SUNDAY, 15 copies of the book, **The Land**, by Mildred Taylor, will be available for purchase in the foyer for \$5 each. Discussions of this book will be March 7 and 14 in the chapel beginning at 7 p.m. Whether you can come to the Wednesday evening discussion or not, take time to read this story about a young man after the U.S. civil war who follows his dream to have land, even though he is a mixed-race person. The reading goes easily and immerses the reader in the personal dilemmas of unequal opportunity. The author is known for her book, **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**, winner of the 1977 Newbery Medal. Join us.

HILLSBORO'S MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE is offering a Lenten Lunch series beginning this Wednesday. Take a moment to look at the schedule posted in the foyer and on the bulletin boards.

LENTEN CHOIR REHEARSAL will begin Wednesday, February 21 at 8 p.m. All are welcome!

"**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**" includes understanding ourselves and one another. We have set out the easy 5 Love Languages quiz to help. There are separate quizzes for singles, teens, couples and children. Refresh your memory as to what language and those near to you speak.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN the board and staff of Mennonite Central Committee Central States for our annual meeting on Friday, February 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the MCC Center (121 E. 30th, North Newton, KS 67117).

WHAT CAN ONE PERSON DO to stand against "the troubles of this world?" The challenges are monumental: economic injustice, gender inequity, race relations, water and land conflicts. Hesston College's 2018 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) will explore these questions and their answers with the theme "Before the unthinkable happens: Confronting our role in injustice," Feb. 23-25 on the Hesston College campus. See more information and register at hesston.edu/avds. \$100/person, \$75/each for two or more.

CAMP MENNOSCAH Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction for "Creation, Craftiness, and Cooling Off"! Camp Mennoscah invites everyone to join us from 4-6 p.m. on **Sunday, February 25**, at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston. Funds raised will go toward the Camp Mennoscah general fund. Come and join us!

MARCH 18-19 the Mennonite churches of Beatrice, NE will host "Faith, Hope, and the Mission of Rural and Small Town Churches", a WDC Year of Evangelism event. Brad Roth, pastor at West Zion, Moundridge, KS and author of *God's Country: Faith, Hope, and the Future of the Rural Church* will be the speaker. Detailed information can be found at: <http://mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/>. Contact Pastor Susan if you would like to attend.

THE 2018 WDC ANNUAL ASSEMBLY will be held July 27-28. Resolutions must be submitted a minimum of 120 days prior to the Annual Assembly, which is March 29. Send resolutions to: WDC Executive Board, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift these friends in prayer:

Lester Funk Joel Klaassen
Julie Anderson

Sunday Concert Series: First Mennonite Church ([52 Rambler Rd Hutchinson](https://www.hutchfmc.org)) invites you to a Sunday Concert Series: Celebrate Music in Worship. All concerts are **free** and with the exception of the Sunday morning concert. More details can be found at www.hutchfmc.org or by calling the church office at [620-662-9385](tel:620-662-9385). **The concert schedule is posted on the bulletin board.**

CALENDAR

Feb. 14	No Wednesday Evening Meal or Activities 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - FH 8 p.m. Coordinating Cabinet Meeting
Feb. 15	7 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting
Feb. 18	4 p.m. Jim & Susan share about Chad 6:30 p.m. Youth Meal
Feb. 21	8 p.m. Choir Practice
Feb. 28	8 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
March 1	8 p.m. Care Committee Meeting
March 4	9:30 a.m. Ushers and Greeters meeting - FH
March 11	MCC Dinner in Fellowship Hall
March 21	No Wednesday Evening Meal or Activities
April 1	Sunrise Service Easter Breakfast 10 a.m. Easter Worship Service

Isaiah 40:3-5

³ A voice cries out:
“In the wilderness prepare the **way** of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a **highway** for our God.
⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

Isaiah 43:16, 18-19

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD,
who makes a **way** in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,

¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a **way** in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

Mark 1:1-3

1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your **way**;
³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the **way** of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

Lent is a period of 40 weekdays beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending the Saturday before Easter. Lent is a period of spiritual reflection, confession, and openness to spiritual renewal.

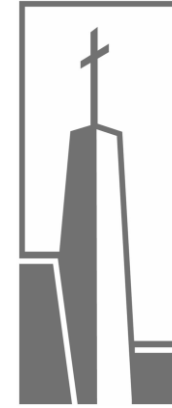
February 14 Ash Wednesday Service
February 18 Lent 1 Jesus Goes Before Us
and Binds the Opposition
February 25 Lent 2 Jesus Goes Before Us
and Provides
March 4 Lent 3 Jesus Goes Before Us
and Asks Us Who He is
March 11 Lent 4 Jesus Goes Before Us
and Reminds Us Whose We Are
March 18 Lent 5 Jesus Goes Before Us
and Gives Us a Future
March 25 PALM SUNDAY Jesus Goes Before Us
in Suffering
April 1 EASTER Jesus Goes Before Us in Victory

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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.

February 11, 2018

GATHERING

Gathering Music	Maryn Robson
Welcome & Announcements	Douglas & Pastor Susan
Prelude to Worship	Maryn Robson
*Hymn Jesus calls us here to meet him	Grey Sgbk 47
*Call to Worship	No. 714
Hymn Come, thou fount	No. 521
Invocation	Douglas Graber

SHARING

Children’s Story	Pastor Susan
Sharing and Prayer	Pastor Susan
Prayer Song God, who touches earth	No. 511
Offering	Maryn Robson
*Special offering today goes to Hi-FY unless otherwise designated.	

LISTENING

Scripture	Douglas Graber
Isaiah 40:3-5, Isaiah 43:16, 18-19, Mark 1:1-3	
Message	Pastor Susan

RESPONDING

*Hymn Lord, I am fondly, earnestly No. 514
*Benediction Pastor Susan & Congregation
The path that lies before us is not easy.
To reach new life
we wander through shadows of death.
We ready ourselves for ash-stained skin.
Yet preparing for these Lenten travels,
we remember it is not a solitary journey.
ALL: We go in the company of Jesus,
following His path,
for it is our way home.
Go in peace, for Jesus is with us! Amen.