

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

Mark 8:1-8

8 In those days when there was again a great crowd without anything to eat, he called his disciples and said to them, ² “I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. ³ If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint **on the way**—and some of them have come from a great distance.” ⁴ His disciples replied, “How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?” ⁵ He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” ⁶ Then he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they distributed them to the crowd. ⁷ They had also a few small fish; and after blessing them, he ordered that these too should be distributed. ⁸ They ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:35 a.m.

February 25, 2018

GATHERING

Gathering Music	Susan Jantzen
Welcome and Announcements	Maura and Pastor Susan
Prelude to Worship	Susan Jantzen
*Call to Worship	Maura Wiebe

Come, sons and daughters of faith!

You stand here because generations before have made this journey.

Come and worship your God!

We were born through the faith of those gone before us.

Our faith will give life to future generations.

As we tire from being on the way,

we come to worship our God

so we have renewed strength, renewed hope.

Welcome, children of God.

Welcome to this house of God!

*Hymn	The love of God	Grey Sgbk 33
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*Confession		Maura Wiebe
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God of those before us, God of those who will come after,
though you are faithful to your promises,
we are not used to waiting.

Forgive our impatience.

Forgive our hesitation to believe.

We are weary. We are worn down.

Help us trust in your care and compassion, as seen in Jesus.

We long to build the future Jesus came to proclaim.

Steady our feet. Give us strength for the journey.

Hymn	My Shepherd will supply my need	No. 589
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SHARING

Children's Story		Erin Unruh
Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Susan
Prayer Song/Offering	I will come to you in the silence	Grey Sgbk 41

LISTENING

Scripture
Message

Mark 8:1-8

Glenn Wiebe
Jeff Wintermote

RESPONDING

*Hymn
*Benediction

A Wonderful Savior is Jesus

No. 598
Glenn Wiebe

WELCOME TO ALL *who are worshiping with us this morning! We hope you feel our warmth and joy to be gathered together.*

WE WELCOME JEFF WINTERMOTE to the pulpit this morning, and Pastor Susan to the piano!

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.

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 28 - Richard Kyle, retired Tabor history professor, speaking on how popular evangelical culture is affected by American culture.

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

THE LAND, by Mildred Taylor, is available for purchase in the foyer for \$5. 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 powerfully shares 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 in as we read together.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift these friends in prayer:

Joel Klaassen, Julie Anderson
Family of Ann Bartel, Family of Dayle Unruh

Doug and Holly give thanks for the arrival of Otis Brooks, born to Daniel and Hannah Miller, February 13, in Eugene, Oregon.

Thank you, First Mennonite Church Family, for welcoming us in our time of need along with the unusual circumstances it presented. The hospitality extended to our family and friends made mom's celebration of life service and the fellowship meal that followed meaningful and comforting. With grateful hearts – the family of Ann Bartel

The family of Dayle Unruh would like to thank our First Mennonite Church family and friends for all of the cards, well wishes and prayers during Dayle's hospitalization and passing. We sincerely appreciate all of the food that was prepared for our families benefit while they were here for Dayle's celebration of life service and beyond. Thanks to Pastor Susan for the excellent care she provided during this time.

We'd like to thank everyone for their prayers, the food that was brought in and the visits and blessings while Lester was recuperating from his accident. Wednesday was his last therapy. Please continue to pray for grandson Jeremiah's injuries and granddaughter Rowyn's illness. Thank you again and God bless. Lester and Donna Funk

HESSTON COLLEGE:

Hesston College Theatre will present five performances of the award-winning show, "Hands On a Hardbody," as the spring musical at 7 p.m., Feb. 28 to March 3 and 2 p.m., Mar. 4, at the AGCO Corp Auditorium in the Communication Center, 420 W. Lincoln Boulevard in Hesston. Holly Swartzendruber is musical director for this production which is about determination to win a pickup truck. Cost is \$10. Reserve early at 620 327 8104

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

<p>Monday: Casey Bartel, Harold Woelk Wednesday: Jeff Wintermote Thursday: Clarice Warkentin Friday: Andrew Sensenig</p>
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CALENDAR

- Feb. 28 8 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
- March 1 7 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
8 p.m. Care Committee Meeting
- March 4 9:30 a.m. Ushers and Greeters meeting – FH
- March 7 8 p.m. Choir Practice
- March 11 MCC Dinner in Fellowship Hall
- March 14 8 p.m. Choir Practice
- March 21 No Wednesday Evening Meal or Activities