

Mark 16:1-8

16 When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that **he is going ahead of you** to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Lilies given in honor of:

Norman & Ethel Abrahams from Amanda & Mark Abrahams family

Lubin & Tillie Jantzen from Susan & Jim Jantzen

Henry & Meribeth Claassen from Susan & Jim Jantzen

Herb & Pat Bartel's parents and Herb's daughter Beth

Deanne Duerksen's parents, Peter & Mary Goering

Pete Goering, Jr. from Deanne Duerksen





FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

April 1, 2018

EASTER SUNDAY

GATHERING

Gathering Music

*Call to Worship

To all who weep, and to all who smile,
whether with joy or sorrow, welcome.

Welcome home to this house of God.

Welcome in the embrace of Christ.

Hear and believe the good news, Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

Praise the Lord, our Jesus lives!

Praise the Lord. We worship our risen Savior!

*Hymn Christ the Lord is risen today

*Confession

God of life, in you death has no power.

Because of you, this life is made new in your purposes.

Yet the week has been hard.

Death seems more real than life.

We see destruction all around us, and we despair.

It seems futile to hope.

We want to believe that your rising brings life for us today.

Forgive us for doubting.

Forgive us for trying to hold back your future among us.

Assurance:

The Lord is our strength and our might; he has become our salvation.

The Lord IS risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Hymn

Low in the grave he lay

Shirley Baltzer
Deryll Amstutz

No. 280
Deryll Amstutz

No. 273

SHARING

Children's Story		Erin Unruh
Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Susan
Response of Praise	Christ has arisen	No. 267
Offering		Shirley Baltzer

LISTENING

Scripture		Deryll Amstutz
	Psalm 118:14-15, 19, 22-23	

**The Lord is my strength and my might;
He has become my salvation.
There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly;**

**Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief
cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Scripture	Psalm 107:31, 35-38b	Deryll Amstutz
Special Music	<i>The Garden Hymn</i> D. W. Music	FMC Ensemble
*Scripture	Mark 16:1-8	Deryll Amstutz
Message	Imagining What We Do Not See	Pastor Susan

RESPONDING

*Hymn	Alleluia! Sing to Jesus	Shirley Baltzer
*Benediction		Pastor Susan

WELCOME TO ALL *who are worshiping with us this morning!*

IT'S DIRECTORY TIME AGAIN! I've placed a copy of the directory on the table in the foyer. Please take a moment to make sure I have the correct information for you AND your family members. You can make corrections on the copy provided. Thank you! Becky Gage

WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES: Children and Youth have age-grouped activities which begin at 6:45 p.m. Adults will meet at 7 p.m.

April 4 – 6:15 p.m. meal and activities

April 11 – 6:15 p.m. LAST MEAL AND ACTIVITIES

“KEEP ON KEEPING ON”, a women's Bible study of Nehemiah is being offered Tuesdays at 12:30, beginning April 10. The 10-week study will meet at First Mennonite church. If interested, contact Nadine Friesen at stillfriesen@gmail.com or 947-5696.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift these friends in prayer: Elsie Phillips

Thank you for all the prayers given on my behalf during my hospitalization and recovery. Also, appreciated all the visits, cards, and food. It is great to be part of such a caring church. God bless!

Verda Albrecht

Our Wednesday evening walk from Jesus' childhood home to the scene depicting the Last Supper was inspired! It was fun to see all the children participating so well in their particular scene and it is always very meaningful to end by watching the "adornments" at the altar being removed one by one to leave the altar bare as the lights dim. The faspas was also very much enjoyed. Thanks to everyone who organized the evening and/or brought it to life.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Today: Paul Jantzen

Monday: Janice Goertz, Kent Funk, Martha Krause

Friday: Mieka Bartel

Saturday: Harold & Susan Schultz

CALENDAR

April 4	6:15 p.m. Meal and Activities 7 p.m. Peppernut Discussion 8 p.m. Care Committee Meeting
April 5	7 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
April 11	LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL & ACTIVITIES
April 13 & 14	MCC Relief Sale in Hutchinson
April 19	7 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income needed at this point in the fiscal year to stay on pace to fully fund our FMC ministries budget: \$39,369.23
Year-to-Date FMC Ministries Income: \$30,607.25

2nd Sunday offerings:

- Main Street Ministries: \$308.00
- Circles: \$2,408.00

Last week's attendance: 69

*Special offering next week goes to Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary unless otherwise designated.