

**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 12:13-17**

<sup>13</sup> Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. <sup>14</sup> And they came and said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach **the way of God** in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? <sup>15</sup> Should we pay them, or should we not?” But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.” <sup>16</sup> And they brought one. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to them, “Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” And they were utterly amazed at him.

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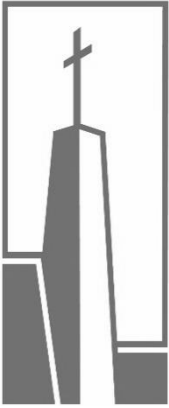
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# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships.

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

March 11, 2018

## GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

\*Call to Worship

Who comes in the name of God?

Step into the light and be known!

**We are coming, through darkness and fear.**

**We come into the light by the power of God.**

People of God, God has heard your cries  
and is opening a way for you!

**We are here, through darkness and fear.**

**We come into the light of this day by the power of God.**

You are here, and God is here.

**We worship in the light of this day.**

**Our fears are known by the power of God.**

**We stand, ready to follow in the way of Jesus.**

\*Hymn                      Open now thy gates of beauty

\*Confession\*

No. 19  
Susie Kliwer

**Lord, on the way to goodness,  
when we stumble, hold us,  
when we fall, lift us up,  
when we are hard pressed by evil, deliver us,  
when we turn from what is good, turn us back,  
when we look to our own wisdom, go before us.**

**Forgive us.**

**Show us your thoughts and your way.**

Hymn

Step by Step

Grey Sgbk 37

## SHARING

Children's Story

Sharing and Prayer

Prayer Song

You are my all in all

Erin Unruh  
Pastor Susan  
Grey Sgbk 5

Offering

Jennifer Epp

\*Special offering today goes to Mission Committee (MSM/Circles) unless otherwise designated.

### LISTENING

Scripture  
Message

Mark 12:13-17

Susie Kliever  
Pastor Susan/Doug Miller

### RESPONDING

\* Hymn

Be thou my vision

No. 545

\*Benediction

Congregation

We wander through joy and trouble.

We remember this is not a solitary journey.

**We go in the company of Jesus.**

**We follow him, for it is our way home.**

Go in peace, for Jesus goes before us! Amen.

\*adapted from Sing the Story 163

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

**TODAY IS THE** Fellowship Meal benefiting the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale! Meat, potatoes and dessert are provided. We welcome you to provide a salad. Donations will be accepted to benefit the Relief Sale.

Deryll and Jan Amstutz and Doug and Pam Bartel

**MY COINS COUNT COLLECTION OF CHANGE** will continue until the MCC Sale weekend April 13-14. Thank you!

**YOU ARE INVITED** to share LILIES to be used in the sanctuary and foyer on Easter Sunday, April 1. They may be brought to the Fellowship Hall during Holy Week. If your lily is given in honor of a special person *notify Becky in the FMC office by 9 a.m. Friday morning.* Thank you!

**HOLY WEEK EVENT:** Wednesday evening, March 28, all are invited to participate as “travelers looking for Jesus.” Guides will point the way to spaces throughout the church representing places Jesus might have been. Children (with their props and costumes) will meet travelers at 5 “show and tell” locations. Come and See!

This event begins at 6:30 p.m. as we gather in Fellowship Hall for instructions.

When summoned, begin your journey with 5 other travelers – groups leaving every 5 minutes.

Enjoy “faspas” in the Fellowship Hall.

Come prepared to find Jesus and a few of his friends quietly sharing their last supper together.

**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:

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

**March 21** - NO meal or activities due to Spring Break

**March 28** - 6:15 "Travelers looking for Jesus"

**THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE** has suggested a different style of treasurer's report be included in the bulletin. Previously, the FMC ministries cash flow balance, which compares year-to-date income to actual year-to-date expenses, was reported. This new report will compare year-to-date FMC ministries income with where our income needs to be, at the current week of the fiscal year, to meet the congregation's commitment to fully fund the FMC ministries budget approved in January.

### **AMONG OUR FRIENDS**

We lift these friends in prayer:

Verda Albrecht, Julie Anderson, Hilda Schmidt

Marvin and Elfrieda Funk are planning to make the move to their new home on March 17. Their new address is: 904 E 6<sup>th</sup>, Kinsley, KS 67547

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Today:** Bob Jantz

**Friday:** Glen & Susie Kliever

### **CALENDAR**

March 11 MCC Dinner in Fellowship Hall

March 14 8 p.m. Choir Practice

March 15 7 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

March 17 9 a.m. Peppernut Baking

March 18 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ELEMENTARY AGE KIDS

March 21 No Wednesday Evening Meal or Activities

March 25 Palm Sunday

March 28 6:15 p.m. "Travelers looking for Jesus"

April 1 7 a.m. Sunrise Service

9 a.m. Breakfast

10 a.m. Worship Service

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Income needed at this point in the fiscal year to stay on pace to

fully fund our FMC ministries budget: \$29,527.00

Year-to-Date FMC Ministries Income: \$25,735.24

**Last week's attendance: 57**