

First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro

Holy Week

March 25 – April 1, 2018

Palm Sunday Worship Service - 10:35 a.m.

Wednesday – Travelers looking for Jesus! – 6:15 p.m.

Good Friday – Written reflections for home use will be provided

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service – 6:45 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!

Mark 4:26-32

²⁶ He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

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

March 18, 2018

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

*Hymn

New earth, heavens new

*Call to Worship

Shirley Baltzer
Deanne and Pastor Susan
Shirley Baltzer
No. 299
Deanne Duerksen

Here we are, gathered for worship --

Some old, some young, some big, some small!

What brings us all here?

We want to follow

as Jesus goes before us.

Each one of us, and all of us together

are invited by God to this house of worship.

God is making us new

as we follow our Lord.

Open our eyes and our hearts, Lord.

We are ready to be made new in Your love.

Hymn

Now the green blade riseth

Grey Sgbk 73
Deanne Duerksen

Confession

Holy God of all life, we humble ourselves before You.

God of justice, too many people are shut out.

God of freedom, too many people are in chains.

God of abundance, too many people are skin and bones.

God of care, too many people live in fear and anger.

We cry out to you, Holy God of all life. We seek your peace!

Assurance (from Isaiah 58)

Called to live a life of faith,

we will share bread with the hungry and shelter with the homeless.

Our God promises us:

Your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up.

You shall call, and the Lord will answer;

You shall cry for help, and the Lord will say, Here I am.

Lenten Music

FMC Lent Ensemble

Be Gracious unto Me, O God! M. Shipp and M. Showalter

SHARING

Children's Story
Sharing and Prayer
Prayer Song Nothing is lost on the breath of God
Offering

Erin Unruh
Pastor Susan
Grey Sgbk 75
Shirley Baltzer

LISTENING

Scripture
Message

Mark 4:26-32

Deanne Duerksen
Pastor Susan

RESPONDING

*Hymn In the bulb there is a flower

No. 614

*Benediction

Congregation

We wander through joy and trouble.

We remember this is not a solitary journey.

We go in the company of Jesus

Who brings us the good soil of the Kingdom of God.

Go in peace! Amen.

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

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 6:15 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.

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 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 21 – NO meal or activities due to Spring Break

March 28 – 6:15 “Travelers looking for Jesus”

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

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

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

The family of Hilda Schmidt

Prayers for Pam and Doug Bartel as they travel back from North Dakota where they attended a memorial service for her brother.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Today: Erin Unruh

Tuesday: Tracy Hefley

Wednesday: Rex & DeVonne Abrahams

CALENDAR

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

Last week’s attendance: 73