

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 8:22-33

²² They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. ²³ He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Can you see anything?" ²⁴ And the man looked up and said, "I can see people, but they look like trees, walking." ²⁵ Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶ Then he sent him away to his home, saying, "Do not even go into the village."

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and **on the way** he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

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

March 4, 2018

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

*Call to Worship

Come rule makers, rule breakers,
and you who are still finding your way.

Come.

Whether you speak with wise words or wise cracks,
you are made in the image of God.

Come into God's house.

Prepare to meet your Maker and your match.

For the foolishness of God

is wiser than human wisdom,

and God's weakness is greater than human strength.

Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there."

We are here, and Jesus is here. Let's join our hearts in worship.

*Hymn

All creatures of our God and King
(vss. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7)

No. 48

*Confession

Keith Harder

God, we call you ruler of all, but we make excuses.

We avoid applying your rules to our actions and interests.

Or, we hold so tightly to rules that we break relationships.

Help us to face ourselves.

Forgive us when we fail.

Give us the courage to get up, once again.

Hymn

What a friend we have in Jesus

No. 574

SHARING

Children's Story

Sharing and Prayer

Prayer Song

Offering

Unity

Erin Unruh

Pastor Susan

Grey Sgbk 36

Shirley Baltzer

LISTENING

Scripture
Message

Mark 8:22-33

Keith Harder
Pastor Susan

RESPONDING

*Hymn Oh God, how we have wandered Grey Sgbk 15
*Benediction Congregation
Go before us, Jesus.
Lead our lives and our land with your healing love.
We will follow. In your name, Amen.

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

IN OUR MIDST ARE comforter tops and bottoms created by FMCers in the last year. The MCC Comforter Blitz begins tomorrow in Yoder Kansas, where all the tops and bottoms will receive middles! Heartfelt thanks to the creators of these comforters – what a gift of warm blessing to places of critical need.

THE FELLOWSHIP MEAL benefiting the Kansas Relief Sale will be at FMC on March 11 at noon. The committee will provide meat, potatoes, and a dessert. Please join us and bring a salad to add to the meal. Donations will be accepted to benefit the Relief Sale.

Deryll and Jan Amstutz, Doug and Pam Bartel

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

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 7 - 6:45 p.m. Farewell Words for Marvin and Elfrieda

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

March 21 - NO meal or activities due to Spring Break

March 28 - Meal and Journey to Easter Intergenerational Activity

THANK YOU, Library Committee for the display of new books in the foyer!

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift these friends in prayer:

Nancy and Douglas Graber, Verda Albrecht

Julie Anderson, Elaine Jantzen

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

Maryn Robson, who plays piano for us each month, is also a French Horn player and has been named along with three other Tabor College instrumentalists to the 2018 Kansas Intercollegiate Orchestra. Congratulations, Maryn!

TABOR COLLEGE:

Tabor Theater presents “Radium Girls” by D.W. Gregory March 8-11 in the Prieb Harder Theater in the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m., March 8-10 and 3 p.m., March 11. The play is a look into the 1920s, when radium was considered a miracle cure for a range of ailments and was marketed to the public as a general health booster. Laurel Koerner is Director of the play. To reserve tickets, contact the Student Life Office at 620-947-3121 x1033

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Today: Don Penner
Tuesday: Dan Schaefer, Becky Gage, Emmett Pawloski, Eliot Regier

CALENDAR

- 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
- March 28 Intergenerational Journey to Easter

TREASURER’S REPORT 2/18/18

FMC Ministries	\$1,720.00
MCC Relief Sale	\$50.00
Year to Date Budget Income	\$14,742.24
Year-to-date Budget Expenses	\$12,428.39
FMC Ministries Fund Balance	\$2,313.85

TREASURER’S REPORT 2/25/18

FMC Ministries	\$2,516.00
Hi-FY	\$705.51
Year to Date Budget Income	\$17,258.24
Year-to-date Budget Expenses	\$22,713.54
FMC Ministries Fund Balance	-\$5,455.30

Last week’s attendance: 67

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