

Deuteronomy 10:16-18

Cut away, therefore, the thickening about your hearts and stiffen your necks no more. ¹⁷ For the LORD your God is God supreme and Lord supreme, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who shows no favor and takes no bribe, ¹⁸ but upholds the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and befriends the stranger, providing him with food and clothing. You too must befriend the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Ephesians 2:17-20

¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

1 Peter 2:4-5, 9

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

John 20:15-17

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

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

April 15, 2018

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

*Call to Worship

Grace unto you and peace from God,
who was and who is
and who is to come,

**and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the first born of the dead,
ruler above all rulers of the earth.**

In love Jesus Christ suffered death to free us from our sins,
**making all who confess Christ a nation of priests
set aside for God's service.**

To Jesus Christ be glory and power forever and ever!

*Hymn

Praise him, praise him!

No. 100

*Invocation

Keith Harder

Hymn

How Great Thou Art

Grey Sgbk 7

SHARING

Children's Story

Sharing and Prayer

Prayer Song

My soul is filled with joy
(verses 1, 3, and 4)

Tracy Hefley

Pastor Susan

Grey Sgbk 13

Offering

Shirley Baltzer

LISTENING

Scripture

Deuteronomy 10:16-18, Ephesians 2:17-20
1 Peter 2:4-5, 9, John 20:15-17

Keith Harder

Message

Pastor Susan

RESPONDING

*Hymn

Lead on, O cloud of Presence

No. 419

*Benediction

Pastor Susan

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

THANK YOU TO ALL for your support of the M.C.C. Relief Sale and thank you for being a part in other ways our congregation brings hope. God calls us in our congregational life to be communities of grace, joy, and peace so that healing and hope can flow through us to the world.

ELLSWORTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY inmates will be performing Neil Simon's comedy "Fools" for this year's **dinner theater** performances April 20, 21, 28 at 7 p.m. and April 29 at 1 p.m. Dawn Abrahams gives leadership to this production. Contact Sylvia Abrahams with questions.

MARION RESERVOIR 16th Annual Clean Up Day is Saturday, April 28, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Our wildlife areas are important parts of the central North American flyway for birds. Dress to get grubby. Call 620-382-2006 to RSVP. Poster on bulletin board.

WOMEN'S GATHERING: May 6, Trinity and FMC women are invited to a Sunday afternoon consideration of the racial struggle led by panelists Jessica Klanderud, Donya Anderson, and Erica Haude. A Mexican meal will be catered by Maria Nieto. A \$5 donation is requested. Come join us at 4:30 p.m. in the FMC Fellowship Hall. Signup sheet is on the whiteboard.

TRINITY MENNONITE MEN invite First Mennonite men to a fish fry at the Hillsboro Cove at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 6. Brings lawn chairs, plus food such as: pork 'n beans, salad, or dessert.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift these friends in prayer:

Lois and Loren Groening as Lois heals from hip surgery
Kenny and Bonnie Funk as Kenny continues to undergo tests
Bev Klein and Dawn Abrahams, both for upcoming surgeries

MCC:

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is proud to be a partner with KIPCOR for **Restorative Kansas: A Vision for Justice on April 19-20 at KIPCOR in North Newton, Kansas**. Register now to learn about restorative justice practices in schools, communities and workplaces. Come to learn about ways to engage in restorative justice practices and network with some of the premier restorative justice practitioners in the United States. For more information and to register go to <http://kipcor.org/event/restorative-justice-conference/>

TABOR COLLEGE:

Hugo Vera In Concert, Thurs. April 19, 7 p.m.

Shari Flaming Center for the Arts, Richert Auditorium

Internationally known tenor, Hugo Vera, performs along with Tabor faculty.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Today: Jan Amstutz

CALENDAR

April 25	Variety Show
April 26	7 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting
May 3	7 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
May 5	Cemetery Trimming
May 6	Teacher Thank You
	4:30 p.m. Women's Gathering with Trinity – FMC FH
	5:30 p.m. Men's Fish Fry with Trinity – Hillsboro Cove
July 29-Aug. 1	VBS
Aug. 3&4	Peppernut Baking
Aug. 10&11	Peppernut Baking

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income needed at this point in the fiscal year to stay on pace to fully fund our FMC ministries budget: \$45,930.77

Year-to-Date FMC Ministries Income: \$35,881.25

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary: \$291.00

Last week's attendance: 60

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The church building is open from 9 am to noon Mon. – Fri. except for holidays. For assistance outside of those times, please contact Tim Unruh at 620-947-1585. Please schedule all meetings & events at FMC through the church office.
