

Acts 1:3-9

³ After his suffering **he presented himself** alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the **kingdom of God**. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be **baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now." ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Ephesians 4:1-8, 11-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is **one body and one Spirit**, just as **you were called to the one hope** of your calling, ⁵ **one Lord, one faith, one baptism**, ⁶ **one God** and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

¹¹ The **gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers**, ¹² **to equip** the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into **Christ**, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every **ligament** with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

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

April 22, 2018

Gathering Music

Ethan & Laurel Koerner

Welcome & Announcements

Doug & Pastor Susan

Call to Worship

Doug Bartel

We have assembled to worship,
just as our founding mothers and fathers did years ago.

Let us rejoice in the steadfast love and grace of God.

We have inherited many gifts
through the efforts of those who have gone before us.

Let us thank God for the good foundation they laid.

We stand with believers all around the world
who look to God for guidance and strength.

Let us give praise that God's love is wider than we can imagine.

You give us spiritual gifts. You give us power through the Spirit.

Let us thank God that today we are called *and* equipped.

Come to us in this hour, O God!

ALL: We are here to worship you and to serve those you love.

In this time, and in this place,

come and build us up into your spiritual house!

Songs of Praise

Ethan & Laurel

Brethren, we have met to worship

No. 8

I know not why God's wondrous

No. 338

Prayer

Doug Bartel

Forever by Chris Tomlin

Ethan & Laurel

Children's Story

Asia Frye

Sharing and Prayer

Pastor Susan

Special Music

Breathe

Ethan & Laurel

Scripture Acts 1:3-9, Ephesians 4:1-8, 11-16

Doug Bartel

Song

Bind us together

Grey Sgbk 81

Message

Pastor Susan

Song of Response They'll know we are Christians

Ethan & Laurel

Benediction

Pastor Susan

*adapted from Words for Worship 2, 99

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

MCC SALE: Our church gave \$661.56 for My Coins Count, \$865 for the offering, and \$765 for the Fellowship meal. Our church took 48 bags of peppernuts to the sale, which were all gone Friday night. People contributed 25 pies, some bread and several dozen zweibach to the sale. At least 8 people also helped at Feeding of the Multitude and other booths. Our quilt sold for \$650 and comforters from our church sold for over \$1000. Jeanie Klassen's quilt sold for \$525. Preliminary total from the sale was \$559,038.30.

ELLSWORTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY inmates will be performing Neil Simon's comedy "Fools" for this year's **dinner theater** performances April 20, 21, 28 at 6 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. Women are encouraged to bring children and guests. 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. Please sign up by May 1.

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 as Kenny continues to undergo tests
Bev Abrahams Klein and Dawn Abrahams

Leo Goertz, brother to Glenn Goertz, died April 17 in Prairie Village, Kansas. He was a medical doctor, was 9 years older than Glenn, and was 13 days short of his 96th birthday. Prayers for you, Glenn and Jan.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Today: Cheryl Bartel
Monday: Amanda Abrahams
Thursday: Julie Kaiser
Saturday: Ron Heidebrecht

CALENDAR

April 24	12:30-1:30 Nehemiah Bible Study – Chapel
April 25	Variety Show
April 26	7 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting
April 29	5 th Sunday Story-Telling, Kelly Linnens
May 1	12:30-1:30 Nehemiah Bible Study – Chapel
May 3	7 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
May 5	Cemetery Trimming
May 6	Michael Unruh (Camp Mennoscah) preaches 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
May 8	12:30-1:30 Nehemiah Bible Study – Chapel
May 15	12:30-1:30 Nehemiah Bible Study – Chapel
July 27-28	Western District Conference at Tabor, Eden, and Alexanderwohl locations
July 29-Aug. 1	VBS here at FMC
Aug. 3&4	Peppernut Baking
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Last week’s attendance: 61

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