

Psalm 73:1-2, 23-26

God is truly good to Israel, to those whose heart is pure. ² As for me, my feet had almost strayed, my steps were nearly led off course,

Yet I was always with You, You held my right hand; ²⁴ You guided me by Your counsel and led me toward honor. ²⁵ Whom else have I in heaven? And having You, I want no one on earth. ²⁶ My body and mind fail; but God is the stay of my mind, my portion forever.

Psalm 78:1-7

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. ² I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, ³ things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. ⁴ We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. ⁵ He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children; ⁶ that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, ⁷ so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

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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.

April 29, 2018

GATHERING

Gathering Music
Welcome and Announcements
Prelude to Worship
*Call to Worship

Shirley Baltzer
Holly and Pastor Susan
Shirley Baltzer
Holly Swartzendruber

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

We gather as the people of God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

So, come then, let us worship and bow down.

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker,

For God is our Lord.

**We are the people of God's pasture,
and the sheep of God's hand.**

*Hymn	Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah	No. 50
*Invocation		Holly Swartzendruber
Hymn	A wonderful Savior is Jesus	No. 598

SHARING

Children's Story
Sharing and Prayer
Prayer Song
Offering

Step by Step

Jan Amstutz
Pastor Susan
Grey Sgbk 37
Shirley Baltzer

LISTENING

Scripture		Holly Swartzendruber
	Psalm 73:1-2, 23-26 and Psalm 78:1-7	
Sharing from Life's Journey		Kelly Linnens

Community Response

Pastor Susan

Gracious and Eternal God,
through Jesus you have joined us into one living body.

**Help us perceive your unseen hand
in the unfolding of our lives.**

Confront us with your constant love.

Work within us and among us.

Help us uphold one another as our days go by.

**Enable us, by your Spirit, to walk together
in unity of love and purpose.**

ALL: You are the Giver of all good.

***In each day, in all our days,
may your name be praised.***

RESPONDING

*Hymn

Will you come and follow me

Grey Sgbk 26

*Benediction

The Lord lift you up

Grey Sgbk 61

*adapted from Words for Worship 2, number 26.

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

WE WELCOME KELLY LINNENS who shares today as part of our pattern of 5th Sunday hearing how God has been known in each of our lives. Thank you, Kelly.

NEXT WEEK WE WELCOME Michael Unruh, Executive Director of Camp Mennoscah, to our pulpit. Michael will share updates from Camp Mennoscah as well as bring the message.

THIS TUESDAY, MAY 1, marks twenty years that Bonnie Funk has represented First Mennonite Church on the Hillsboro Et Cetera Board. Bonnie was already FMC Treasurer. In 1998 she was asked by Don Klassen to take the Et Cetera treasurer position as well. Between 1998 and 2011, she was treasurer of both FMC and Et Cetera. Thank you, Bonnie, for your service to the community! Thank you, Et Cetera Shop, for your multiple services to the community!

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. Sign up by **May 1**.

THE MEN FROM FIRST AND TRINITY will get together for a **Fish Fry at Hillsboro Cove at 5:30 on May 6**. Phil Oelke will speak. Bring your Bible, lawn chairs and food such as pork & beans, salad, or dessert.

THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE continues to meet regularly and much appreciates your prayers for discernment and wisdom as we review candidate applications and have initial interviews. We will be meeting again this Sunday evening and invite your prayers.
Search committee members: Glen Diener, Holly Swartzendruber, Eric Bartel, Lenna Knoll. Erin Unruh, Nadine Friesen, Deryll Amstutz

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE is July 27-28, at Tabor Mennonite Church, rural Newton, and Eden Mennonite Church in Moundridge. First Mennonite is seeking delegates. Contact Doug Miller.

CAMP MENNOSCAH: First Mennonite offers camp scholarships of one-half of the registration fee. Following a different system this year, parents must notify Amanda Abrahams (559-304-4193) that a child/youth is registered for camp by **June 3**. *One check* will be written to Camp Mennoscah from FMC for all FMC scholarships. Thank you, FMC, for supporting our families who attend Camp Mennoscah.

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 regains strength
Bev Abrahams Klein and Dawn Abrahams

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Friday: Nichole Rivera, Mirandah Pawloski

CALENDAR

May 1	12:30-1:30 Nehemiah Bible Study – Chapel
May 2	7 p.m. Care Committee Meeting
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
Aug. 10&11	Peppernut Baking

Last week’s attendance: 74