

## CALENDAR

April 5	Palm Sunday
April 9	Maundy Thursday
April 10	Good Friday
April 12	Easter

### Treasurer's Report:

2nd Sunday (3/8/2020) Special Offering

- Circles: \$2,143.00

- Main Street Ministries: \$1,143.00

Income needed at this point in the fiscal year to stay on pace to fully fund our FMC ministries budget: \$35,925.00

Year-to-Date FMC Ministries Income: \$33,273.63

## CHURCH OFFICE

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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.*

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# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships.

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

**Palm/Passion Sunday – April 5, 2020**

## GATHERING

Gathering Music, Procession of the Palms

Shirley Baltzer

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Sandy Hiebert

*O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."*

*Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.*

**This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

*I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.*

**The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

***This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.***

*This is the day that the LORD has made;*

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!*

**O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!**

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.*

**We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

*The LORD is God, and he has given us light.*

**Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.**

*You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.*

***O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.***

\*Prayer

\*Hymn

The First Lesson

Hymn

Children's Story

All glory, laud, and honor

Lord, You Are Good

No. 237

John 12:12-19

Purple Sgbk 3

Erin Unruh

## SHARING

Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Tom
Prayer of Dedication	You are all we have	Purple Sgbk 56
The Second Lesson		John 12:1-11
Message	The Gospel of John, Part 11	Pastor Tom
	An Extravagant Waste	

## RESPONDING

### Confession

*O God, we come to you as the people who greeted Jesus on the road to Jerusalem, full of joy and praise and thanksgiving. Forgive us for the times we forget to show you our gratitude. Lord, have mercy.*

### **Kyrie eleison (No. 144)**

*We come as the people who criticized Mary for her extravagant waste, when she alone honored you and prepared you for the suffering which lay ahead. Lord have mercy.*

### **Kyrie eleison (No. 144)**

*We come, wanting to be with you as you enter the time and place of your death, knowing we cannot face this week alone. Lord have mercy.*

### **Kyrie eleison (No. 144)**

*Hymn	Ride on, ride on in majesty	No. 239
Benediction	As I Rise	Purple Sgbk 23

***A WARM WELCOME TO ALL*** *who are gathered to worship, wherever you are, and whenever you are able to watch this service!*

**ALL PUBLIC CHURCH ACTIVITIES** continued to be suspended until further notice, including Sunday School, Sunday morning worship, Wednesday evening meal and activities, and Pastor Hank's "Love Wins" study group. In the meantime, let us continue to care for one another and pray for one another!

Stay tuned for further emails with suggestions for how we can continue to be church to one another and to our community during these uncertain times! "Social distancing" does NOT mean we can't keep on doing and being church!

**FROM THE TREASURER:** In this time of no corporate gatherings for Sunday morning worship service and social distancing we will have to adapt the way offerings and contributions are collected. For the immediate future it will be best for you to either drop off your contributions at the church building in Glen Diener's mail slot or send your contributions via US mail to:

First Mennonite Church  
Attn: Treasurer  
102 S Ash  
Hillsboro, KS 67063

If your checking account allows for automatic bill pay you can also setup an automatic contribution to FMC. Since FMC's account does not allow for electronic deposits your bank will send a physical check to FMC.

A complicating factor is FMC's tradition of directing second Sunday offerings to special causes such as MCC, WDC, Camp Mennoscah, etc. We plan to continue this practice, but it will be important to designate your contributions via the check memo line. Unless otherwise designated contributions will be used for local FMC ministries. Checks designated to special causes or '2nd Sunday Offering' will be directed accordingly.

Stewardship will be considering other ways to make it easier for you to make contributions, we'll keep you posted if there are any changes or additions to the above details.

**This Thursday** we will celebrate the day on the Christian calendar known as "Maundy Thursday." We will begin by sharing the Lord's Supper together. We invite all household units (even if there is just one of you!) to prepare by buying some juice (any flavor will do!) and bread (sliced or unsliced, it makes no difference). After we share the bread and cup, participants will move into the sanctuary and will lead us in a "Tenebrae Service" of scripture, song, and silence. Tenebrae means "darkening"; one by one, after each of the readings and songs, one of the Lenten candles will be extinguished. We invite you to join us via a live broadcast on YouTube--instruction will be sent out next week.

Then of course one week from today is Easter! The service, to be similarly live-streamed, will begin at 10:30. One of the ways you can prepare is by purchasing or dyeing some Easter Eggs! Stay tuned for more details.