**First Mennonite Church of Christian**

**Organist – Bev Hasan, Worship Leader – Caryl Tieszen, Song Leader – Gin Niehage**

**March 12, 2023**

**Gathering and Praising**

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Lenten Reading – The Darkness of Idolatry Rita Stucky

Call to Worship

Leader: In this season of Lent, we make our way to the cross,
**People: We remember the steps that led Christ there: betrayal and fear, but also trust in God, and love for humanity**.
Leader: In this season of Lent, as we make our way to the cross, we strive to follow Christ’s
example: to admit betrayal and fear that are part of life,
**People: To embrace trust in God and love for humanity.**
***ALL: So we may make our journey, and let us worship God.***

Morning Prayer

*\*Hymn – “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” VT #323*

 “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song” VT #581

Scripture – John 3:1-17; Romans 8:14-17

Offering (put your offering in the plate at the back of the church)

Offertory Prayer

**Receiving God’s Word**

Sermon – Heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ”

 Pastor Pete Emery

Hymn – “I Bind My Heart This Tide” VT #556

**Sharing with One Another**

Sharing Joys and Prayer Requests

Prayer of the Church

**Going in God’s Name**

*\*Closing Hymn –“There Is a Balm in Gilead” VT #647*

*\*Benediction*

*\*Postlude*

*\*Those who are able are invited to stand*

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**Moundridge, KS**

**A welcoming Community of Christians for Peace**

**March 12, 2023**

**PRAYER PLACES/JOYOUS JOURNEYS**

**Mary Kathryn Stucky** is a patient at Newton Medical Center. She has pneumonia. Pray for her and her care givers.

**Remember** Sheryl Stucky and her care with Hospice.

**Prayers** continue for Bev and Joe Zerger.

**The war** in Ukraine continues to escalate. Pray for peace.

**Pray** for the kidnapping victims in Mexico.

**Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day.**

If you have prayer requests or items of joy, contact one of the Care Team members so we can add those requests as needed. Members are: Pat Krehbiel, Dwight Goering or Cheri Kaufman.

Opportunities

**Today:** 9:30: Sunday School

 10:30: Worship Service

**March 12:** SMCHA meeting in our church in the afternoon

**March 22:** Deacons, 1:30 pm

 Church Board, 7:30 pm

**March 25:** Church work day

**April 6:** Maundy Thursday service

**April 8:** Bohne Berrogi bake at Moundridge High School

**April 9:** EASTER & Easter Sunrise Service

**April 14 & 15:** KS MCC Sale in Hutchinson, KS

**Sunday, March 19: Pianist – Delonna Barnett, Worship Leader – Randy Stucky, Special Music – FMCC Singers**

Forgiveness is not an occasional act. It is a permanent attitude

                   - Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Announcements**

**The January 12, 1888**, blizzard will be the focus for Lois Preheim, author and educator, who will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association. Her book, “Trailing the Schoolchildren’s Blizzard” chronicles experiences of families living in ten locations along the storm’s route extending from Canada down through the United States. Dr. Preheim has degrees from Freeman Junior College, the University of Nebraska and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. She is a retired kindergarten-twelve principal having taught pre-school through college age students. Currently she resides in Newton, Kansas. The annual meeting will be held on March 12, 2023, at 2:30 at the First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge.

**Men and Boys Retreat**, March 31-April 2 - Come to Camp

Mennoscah for this long-standing, guys-only retreat! Enjoy time

fishing, canoeing, worshiping, sitting by the fire, or visiting with friends.

The official beginning to the weekend is Saturday morning, but many

arrive on Friday**. There will be a variety show Saturday evening and a worship service on Sunday morning**. Meals can be purchased for Saturday night, Sunday morning and lunch. Registration and payment will take place upon arrival. For more information contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515, or go to

https://www.campmennoscah.org/vnews/display.v/ART/5a95be51560

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**The FEWZ Youth group** has asked for our help in providing meals for their Wednesday night meetings. I need volunteers to provide a meal for about 15 for the Wednesday evenings of April. If you are willing, please let Lurline know.

**Glen Guyton, Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA,** will speak March 19, during morning worship at Eden Mennonite Church, 401 18 th Ave., Moundridge, Kan., as part of the congregation’s annual Peace Sunday. He will give the sermon during the worship service which begins at 9:30 a.m. and will share his story during the Sunday school hour following. Virtual attendance for the worship service is also an option. Please email the Eden Church Office by March 17 for the Zoom link at edenoffice@edenmennonite.org. All are welcome to join!

**Pray with Apache Stronghold on March 19th**! The[Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery](https://www.dofdmenno.org/) invites our community to join in prayer for Indigenous land justice with the [Apache Stronghold](http://apache-stronghold.com/) on March 19th. On March 21st, a federal appeals court will hear a pivotal case about Apache religious freedom that centers around a proposed copper mine, which would destroy the Western Apache sacred site of Oak Flat, *Chi'chil Biłdagoteel.*Mennonite Church USA and Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference signed onto an[amicus brief](https://www.ncronline.org/earthbeat/justice/jews-muslims-sikhs-and-christians-unite-support-apache-fight-save-oak-flat) (a letter to the court) in support of the Apache Stronghold, along with other religious groups. The Apache Stronghold are rallying all people of faith and conscience under the call of “One Drum, One Prayer, One Circle,” to seek unity in protection of Earth and in resistance to ongoing colonization. They will be dedicating March 19th to prayer before their court case and ask us to join them.

**MCC Sale**

**Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale**, April 14-15, 2023

[www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org). Go to the website or Facebook and find out where to volunteer and what different auctions and activities will be offered. Don’t forget to sign up for the 5K Run for Relief (walking okay also) beginning at 8:00 am at Rice Park in Hutchinson.

**Our Coins Count** will be starting next week, March 19. We will collect coins until April 12.

**Bohne berrogie bake day** for the MCC Sale is April 8 at Moundridge High School.  Volunteers wanting to help, can sign up on the MCC Sale website.

Bethel College announcements are on the south bulletin board.