**First Mennonite Church of Christian**

**Pianist – Delonna Barnett, Worship Leader – Randy Stucky, Song Leader – Steve Kaufman**

**March 19, 2023**

**Gathering and Praising**

Prelude

Introit – “Alas and did My Savior Bleed” FMCC Singers

Welcome

Announcements

Lenten Reading – The Darkness of Despair Rita Stucky

Call to Worship

Leader: Only the hungry search for bread. Only the thirsty look for water.

**People: This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.**

Leader: Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it. Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.

**People: This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.**

***All: So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst, our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings, and let the God of life satisfy our souls.***

Morning Prayer

*\*Hymn – “Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing” VT #555*

Scripture – John 9:1-41

Special Music – “Ah, Holy Jesus” FMCC Singers

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

Offertory Prayer

**Receiving God’s Word**

Sermon – “Rabbi, who sinned” Pastor Pete Emery

Hymn – “How Firm a foundation” VT #592

**Sharing with One Another**

Sharing Joys and Prayer Requests

Prayer of the Church

**Going in God’s Name**

*\*Closing Hymn -“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

 *FMCC Singers*

*\*Benediction*

*\*Postlude*

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

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**Moundridge, KS**

**A welcoming Community of Christians for Peace**

**March 19, 2023**

**PRAYER PLACES/JOYOUS JOURNEYS**

**Bev Zerger** died this week. Please keep Joe, Todd and his family and Neil and his family in your prayers.

**Mary Kathryn Stucky** is back at Pine Village. She is battling pneumonia.

**Sheryl Stucky** continues on Hospice. Pray for Russ and Sheryl.

**Wars continue**. Pray for victims. Pray for peace.

**Monster storms** are hitting the northeast and the west coast. Many workers, rescuers and home owners are working hard to survive.

**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 19-April 9:** Our Coins Count Collections

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

 Church Board, 7:30 pm

**March 25:** Church work day

**April 1:** Verenika making 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 26: Organist – Roberta Gingerich, Worship Leader – James Allen, Special Music – Rita and Randy Stucky**

Peace cannot be kept by force.  It can only be achieved by understanding.
                            - Albert Einstein

**Announcements**

**The Wilbur Voth** family appreciates all the kindness, food, cards, memorial gifts  and words of comfort  we have received as we  grieve Wilbur’s death and celebrate his life. Hazel, Michael, Eileen and extended family.

**Church work** day is Sat. the 25th starting at 9:00.  Come and see what we can get done such as picking up leaves.  There will be a break time.   If it is inclemet weather, work day will then be the makeup date, April 22.

**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.

**The Blessing Box** located in the carport area south church entrance has finally taken off. We are pleased to report that people are using it on a regular basis. Currently, we do not need any donations. However, if you feel the need to donate, contact Pam Frey, The Peace committee.

**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.

**Pie Pans** are in the back. Please pick up one or two and help bake pies for the Sale. They suggest other pies than apple or cherry. There are always plenty of apple and cherry pies.

**Peppernuts,** if any of you enjoy making peppernuts, the sale can always use bags of peppernuts. They sell out really quickly.

**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.

**Hygiene Kits** will be packed Friday evening, April 14, 6:00 – 8:00. Items in a kit are: adult toothbrush in package; bar of soap in package; one good quality nail clipper; 1 hand towel of bright color, medium weight, 16x26; and 1 wide toothed comb. If you would like to contribute items, please have them at the church by Friday, April 14, 12:00 pm, and we will take them to the Sale.

**Children’s Auction** will take place Saturday, April 15, 10:00 am. Consider bringing toys, games, bikes, etc for children to bid on. If you have items you want to donate and have us take to the sale, also have these at church Friday, April 14 by noon.

Bethel College announcements are on the south bulletin board.