**First Mennonite Church of Christian**

**Organist – Roberta Gingerich, Worship Leader – James Allen, Song Leader – Gin Niehage**

**March 26, 2023**

**Gathering and Praising**

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Lenten Reading – The Darkness of Gethsemane Rita Stucky

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us ever walk with Jesus.

**People: To see the depths of his love.**

Leader: To behold the gift of his forgiveness.

**People: To gaze upon the heights of his grace.**

Leader: To marvel at the magnitude of his mercy.

**People: We walk with Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane.**

Leader: Where he is betrayed by Judas.

**People: And arrested by the Jews.**

Leader: So that the Scriptures might be fulfilled.

***All: Faithful Lord, with me abide. I shall follow where you guide!***

Morning Prayer

*\*Hymn – “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” VT #325*

Scripture – John 11:1-45

Special Music – video – “It’s about the Cross” The Ball Brothers

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

Offertory Prayer

**Receiving God’s Word**

Sermon – “If you believed” Pastor Pete Emery

Hymn – “Praise Him, Praise Him” VT #100

**Sharing with One Another**

Sharing Joys and Prayer Requests

Prayer of the Church

**Going in God’s Name**

*\*Closing Hymn -“Gentle Shepherd, come and Lead Us” VT #718*

*\*Benediction*

*\*Postlude*

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

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**Moundridge, KS**

**A welcoming Community of Christians for Peace**

**March 26, 2023**

**PRAYER PLACES/JOYOUS JOURNEYS**

**Bev Zerger** died last week. Continue to pray for her family.

**Pray for Mary Kathryn** **Stucky** as she continues to battle with health issues.

**Marvella Ratzlaff** has moved to room 512 at Pine Village. Pray for her as she adjusts.

**Continue to pray** for Sheryl and Russ Stucky

**Pray for Elizabeth Evans.** She is in need of wrist surgery.

**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 25:** Church work day

**April 1:** Verenika making day

**April 6:** Maundy Thursday service & meal, 6:00 pm

**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, April 2: Organist – Bev Hasan, Worship Leader – Gin Niehage, Special Music – New Hymn**

In dangerous valleys and hazardous pathways, the true neighbor will lift some bruised and beaten brother to a higher and more noble life.

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**Announcements**

**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 inclement weather, work day will then be the makeup date, April 22.

**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.

**This year for Holy Week**, the pastors of the Associated Churches have created a website with devotion entries for each day of that week, April 3-8. Each day you will find a devotional written by one of the pastors and a link to the Lectionary scripture passages. We will also provide a list of the in-person gatherings hosted by each church throughout the week. This is the site address: <https://sites.google.com/edenmennonite.org/holyweek2023>

**Thursday, April 6,** we will have a Maundy Thursday meal and service. The meal will begin at 6:00 with the service to follow after.

**The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association** (SMCHA) is again offering education financial assistance grants to individuals preparing for full-time Christian service, Mennonite ministry, Mennonite voluntary service, or other related careers.  The maximum grant available is $1,000 for full-time ministerial students with lesser amounts for part-time students and Mennonite voluntary service participants.  The grants are for the 2023-2024 school year.  The application deadline is May 30, 2023. If you are interested and need more specifics, please contact Lurline and she will send them to you.

**You're invited to STEPMC's** Getting Ahead Graduation on April

17, at 6:00 PM at our church. Come hear some powerful stories and surround our graduates with support as they continue their journeys out of

poverty. It's such a powerful night to be a part of! Supper and

refreshments to follow. Hope to see you all there!

**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 continue through April 9. You can put your coins in the jar in the foyer.

**Pie Pans** are in the back. Please pick up one or two and help bake pies for the Sale. They suggest pies other 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.