**First Mennonite Church of Christian**

**Organist – Hazel Voth, Pianist – Roberta Gingerich, Worship Leader – Lurline Wiens , Song Leader – Gin Niehage**

**April 9, 2023**

**Gathering and Praising**

Prelude

 “See, What a Morning”

 “Alleluia”

 “Amazing Grace”

 “Easter Fantasy”

Introit – “The Old Rugged Cross” FMCC Singers

Welcome

Announcements

Easter Reading – Darkness Becomes Day Rita Stucky

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen, indeed!**

Leader: Together we seek the way of God;

**People: the generous, compassionate, grace-filled, inclusive, abundant, powerful, and unsettling way of God.**

Leader: On this day that God has made,

**People: may our hearts be open to the good news:**

Leader: Christ is not here, for he is risen

**People: Christ is risen, indeed!**

Morning Prayer

*\*Hymn – “Low in the Grave He Lay” VT #333*

 “In Christ Alone” VT 332

Scripture – John 20:1-18

Special Music – “In the Garden” FMCC Singers

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

Offertory Meditation – “More About Jesus” Hazel & Roberta

 More about Jesus would I know

 More of His grace to others show

 More of His saving fullness see

 More of His love who died for me.

**Receiving God’s Word**

Sermon – “The stone had been removed from the tomb”

 Pastor Pete Emery

Hymn –“Lift Your Glad Voices” VT #340

**Sharing with One Another**

Sharing Joys and Prayer Requests

Prayer of the Church

**Going in God’s Name**

Closing Hymn – “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” FMCC Singers

*\*Benediction*

*\*Postlude – “Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

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

Pastor Pete Emery

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**Moundridge, KS**

**A welcoming Community of Christians for Peace**

**April 9, 2023**

**PRAYER PLACES/JOYOUS JOURNEYS**

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

**Pray for Elizabeth Evans.** Her wrist surgery was successful and she has started chemo.

**Pat Krehbiel** had gall bladder surgery. Pray for healing for her.

**Jerry and Delores Voth** have moved into Assisted Living at Pine Village.

**Pray** for the many victims of the recent weather.

**He IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

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

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

**April 16:** TJ Helling speaker

**April 17:** STEPSMC Graduation

**April 23:** Education Sunday with West Zion and pot luck dinner at FMCC

**April 30:** Communion during the church service

**Sunday, April 16: Pianist – Lu Goering, Worship Leader – Lurline Wiens, Special Music – Dale & Connie Germeroth, Speaker – TJ Helling**

When we no longer know which way to go, we have begun our real journey,
                                                - Wendell Berry

**Announcements**

**Our Coins Count –** this is the last Sunday to bring your coins. The total as of Sunday, April 2 is $93.86.

**Education Sunday** will be held on Sunday, April 23 at our church with West Zion joining us. The Bell Cantro Singers from Hesston College will bring special music and Bethel College will provide the speaker. A pot luck meal will follow. We will have college kids to feed. Bring extra food.

**Volunteers Needed!** Lucas and Michelle Hiebert, Rene and Kristin Kaufman, and Renae Stucky are managing the Verenike/Sausage Booth in the Domestic Arts building at the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson on April 14-15 and need your help. No prior experience is needed as we will teach you what to do. Several different types of jobs are available on the sign-up. Please consider signing up to work a shift or two! Visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44a4ab2ca5fece9-copy2#/> or call/text Michelle at 620-747-2480 to get signed up. Thank 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!

**Items for KMRS –** if you have any items you want to donate to the sale but don’t want to take them to the sale yourself, let Ferd know and he can pick it up or have it at the church by 12:00 pm on Friday, April 14, and he will take it to the sale. Pies also need to be marked as to what kind they are and at the church by 12:00 pm and he will take them to the sale too. If you have any question, ask Ferd and hopefully he can help you.

Come and hear the Kansas City Chiefs mascot the KC Wolf; meet the man behind the mask and hear his story while supporting Pine Village by attending this year’s Anchor’s Banquet to benefit the Memorial

Home Endowment Foundation.  The event will be on Wednesday, May 3 in the Pine Village Wellness Center.  Dinner will begin at 6 pm and will be catered by the Carriage Crossing Restaurant and Bakery.

We are grateful for your support and excited to be able to enjoy the banquet in person again!  Tickets

are $100 and all the proceeds will go to the endowment fund.  Make your reservations by calling Pine Village at 620-345-2901. Reservations need to be made by April 24.  Your continued support is greatly appreciated!  For more information visit our

website at www.pinevillageks.org

**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.

**Pie Pans** for the MCC Sale 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. Please mark what kind of pie it is.

**Peppernuts,** if any of you enjoy making peppernuts, the sale can always use bags of peppernuts. Put 4 cups in a quart bag, please. They sell out really quickly.

**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.

**Everence®** will hold an informative Social Security and retirement incomeworkshop on Thursday, April 20, starting at 6:30 p.m. Specifics will include, Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be plenty of time for questions. The in-person workshop will take place at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton.  Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas.

To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Bethel College announcements are on the south bulletin board.