

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

Meditation Music

Hosanna, loud hosanna (H 238)—Amanda Entz, organ

Words for the Children

Erin Graber

Reading

Wendy Funk Schrag

Scripture

Isaiah 50:4-6; verses from Psalm 118;

Matthew 21:1-11

Matthew Graber

Meditation

Grief and Praise—Jesus' Witness for God

Susan Jantzen, pastor

Lenten Response with Candle Visual

How can we grieve and praise when shadows deepen?

Lonesome Valley—Amanda Entz, organ

Prayers of the church

Anita Kehr

***Check email on Sunday morning around 10:30 AM for a You Tube link to this service. Thanks to Joey Menninga for recording and editing this service.**

OUR VISION—Together in Christ: rooted deeply, reaching widely, loving well

OUR MISSION—With Jesus as our center, we are called to be:

- **Faith-Focused**
- **Mission-Minded**
- **Community-Connected**

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Announcements

In this time when we are experiencing stress and uncertainty in our world, it is important to share the good news that is happening. The nursery is now virtually complete and ready for your viewing. The nursery and the hallway have been totally funded. In addition, the awning over the west elevator door has been replaced with a new one and is totally paid for. You will have noticed that the east and west entrances have been given a facelift. Isn't this wonderful!? Thank you to all who so generously gave of their time and financial resources to make these things happen. God shares his blessings even in difficult times. ~The Capital Fund Committee

Maudy Thursday comes this week on April 9 as we remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples and his new commandment to them to love one another. The Worship Commission is planning a service for that evening. **Watch for details to be sent out this week about how to participate.**

If you would like help with having someone do pick-ups or deliveries for you, please contact the Church Office. There are people ready and willing to help.

Offerings can be sent to the church at P. O. Box 291, 429 E. First Street, Newton, KS 67114. There is also an offering plate in the Court Area that will be checked daily if you want to drop your gifts off at church. Please mark the designation of your offering. If left unmarked, it will go to Local Mission. We are so grateful for your continuing support!

Remember that the Caring Fund is available: In this time of economic disruption, the Caring Fund is available to help you. Please don't hesitate to talk to any of the Caring Fund Committee members if you could use some financial support during this time. Committee members are: Sam Claassen, Ken Fast, Ken Frey, Bob Schmidt (chair), and Anita Kehr.

Pictorial Directory—if you didn't have your picture taken for the pictorial directory but would still like to have the book, we can order one for you. The cost of the book is \$10. If you would like one, please email the church office by April 10 to let us know and how to arrange for payment. The Lifetouch production group is not working at the moment because of the Covid-19 virus but as soon as they are up and running they will start working on our books. We are sorry about the delay.

Transition information: Chuck Neufeld, our Western District Conference consultant, has compiled the information from the pastor review and the congregational review; thanks to all who participated! Now the collected and summarized information is being shared with the Church and Staff Relations Committee, the Church Board, and Anita Kehr. While the congregational meeting will **not** be held in April when originally scheduled, there is still work being done to prepare for the time when we **are** able to talk and discern together about it all.

Trash and Recycling pickup—We now have a new trash and recycling service. We are able to recycle once again. The new trash dumpster is now located in the **east** parking lot and will be picked up each week and our recycling will be picked up once a month.

Connecting with your groups: FMC has begun a subscription with Zoom, a video-and phone-conferencing software program. If you're interested in scheduling a meeting with your Sunday School class, commission, committee, or whatever else, please contact Tracy Kerr in the Church Office during office hours (M-Th, 8:00-12:15, 1:00-4:30 and F, 8:00-12:00). She'll help you know what you need in order for an email invitation to go out to all involved. If there are persons in your meeting who can only connect by phone rather than through the internet, there is a way to do that, too. The subscription service allows us to invite more people to a meeting as well as allows for longer meetings.

College scholarship money is available—If you (or a family member) will be attending (or are considering) a Mennonite college or university for undergraduate study or a Mennonite seminary during the 2020-2021 school year, you are invited to apply for scholarship funds from FMC. **By no later than Sunday, April 12, 2020**, submit the completed application to either Jyl Ewy or Ron Dietzel. For each school year, an FMC application must be completed. Some Mennonite colleges provide matching funds so your monies would be doubled when enrolled in one of those schools. Eligibility criteria for the FMC funds are provided on the application. Call the church office if you need a form emailed to you or mailed to you.

The Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute is offering **2-hour on-line introductory sessions to the Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR) training** on Monday and Tuesday, April 6 and 7. Cost is as the participant is able to pay and no more than \$30. If you're interested in this opportunity, contact Anita Kehr for the registration link.

If you would like to work on making comforter tops for MCC and need fabric to do so, we will deliver it to your doorstep! MCC has bags of color-coordinated cotton fabrics that can be made into 60 X 80 comforter tops. A limited amount of pre-cut squares are also available. If you would like a bag (or bags) delivered safely to your house, please email katemast@mcc.org by Wednesday, April 8, to get on the delivery list. Already have fabric at home that you'd like to use? Please review the MCC Comforter Guidelines and instructional videos at mcc.org/comforters. Thank you in advance for your stitches!

Camp Mennoscah will be closed at least until April 30 with respect to your health and the statewide "Stay Home" order. Camp staff will be working from home and at a distance. You can reach us at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. Keep in touch on the Camp Mennoscah Facebook page! We send you many prayers. Stay healthy!