

# FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

March 19, 2017

**\*Gathering Songs:** “The God of Abraham praise” #162 HWB  
“Spirit, working in creation” #10 STJ

**\*Welcome and Call to Worship** based on Psalm 19

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**People: the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

L: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

**P: the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

L: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

**P: the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

L: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

**P: sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

L: Moreover by them is your servant warned;

in keeping them there is great reward.

**\*Hymn:** “Lord, I have made thy world” #317 HWB

**Children’s Gathering Song:** “Come and see” #20 HWB

**Children’s Time:** Joan Kreider

**Song:** “Far, far away from my loving father” #139 HWB

**Scripture reading:** Luke 15:1-32

**Sermon:** “Jesus welcomes and eats with sinners”

**Hymn:** “O God, to whom then shall I turn?” (insert)

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns** (*It is a joy to welcome guests; this can be a time for guest introductions.*)

**Congregational Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father/Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and forever. AMEN

**Offering and Offertory**

**Announcements**

**\*Sending song:** “I am weak and I need thy strength” #553 HWB

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sharing the sign of peace / Postlude**

Community Time

**10:40** Fellowship

**11:00** Christian Education Classes for all Ages

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**TODAY:** Lent 3: Lost Sheep, Coin, Son

**Worship leader:** Katie Cuffey

**Sermon:** Ry Siggelkow

**Song leader:** Adam Nafziger

**Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Ushers:** S. Thornley, T. Dirks

**Fellowship:** Dirks / Stucky / Christoph

**Nursery:** Hayley Brooks, Leigh Peters-Fransen

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Lent 4: Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16: 19-31)

**Worship leader:** Patricia Eliason

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader & Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Ushers:** Dan Gerber, Travis Lusk

**Fellowship:** Seitz / Kuebelbeck

**Nursery:** B. Richardson, W. Brunner

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**Mar 12:**

**Attendance: 91**

**Offering: \$1,825**

**Mar 5:**

**Offering: \$2,128**

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**Thanksgivings:**

**Concerns:**

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**HWB: Hymnal Worship Book**

**STJ: Sing the Journey**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

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*A staffed nursery for toddlers and children up to age 5 is located in the education wing. Please ask an usher if you wish to be guided to the nursery.*

**Co-Pastors: Joetta Schlabach & Ry Siggelkow**  
**Deacons: Dan Leisen, Heather Wengerd,**  
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***FMC office hours: March 20-24***

**Ry:** Tues, Thurs 9-4 **Joetta:** Wed 10-5

Joetta and Gerald are attending the Central Plains Conference Annual Leadership Retreat in Schuyler, NE Sunday through Tuesday noon.

**Office Staff: Aimee Weigle:** Mon – Fri 9:30-12:30

**Email bulletin items by Wed afternoon.** Bulletin printed Thurs. morning.

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**Prayer Request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference:** Pray for our conference pastors, chaplains, and spouses who will gather for the Annual Leaders Retreat in Schuyler, NE today through Tuesday noon. Pray that this will be a time of renewal and mutual support.

**Come pray for our church and community!** Parent Resource Room, 9:10-9:25 a.m. each Sunday. Also, if you would like to have someone pray with you or discuss a matter of concern please look for persons with the purple “deacon” ribbon or the green “prayer” ribbon on their name tag. They are glad to meet with you.

**Lost & Found and Help Yourself!** There are a number of found items on the table across from the restrooms below the sanctuary. If you’re missing something, take a look! Danika has done some spring cleaning in the nursery and has placed some culled items on the table next to the church office, help yourself!

**Everence Webinars in March - *Basics of investing*:** Tuesday, Mar. 21 (1 or 7 p.m.). In this webinar, we’ll discuss how investing can help you meet your financial goals, go over different types of investments and help you determine your appropriate level of risk.

**Narrative budgeting: *Making numbers come alive*:** Thursday, Mar. 23 (1 or 7 p.m.). In this webinar, designed for pastors and church leaders, we’ll discuss how a church budget can go beyond numbers to present an inspiring vision of the living spirit working in your church.

**Church Meetings and Events** (online calendar: [www.faithmennonite.org](http://www.faithmennonite.org))

**March 21** – NO Sunday Text Discussion this week

**Mar 22** – Bethel College Choir Concert, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

**Mar 25** – Rescue Brigade Training, 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

**Mar 28** – April Newsletter items to G. Richardson by noon

**Mar 30** – Men’s Breakfast, 7 a.m., Curran’s Restaurant

## Luke 15:1-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup>“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

<sup>11</sup>Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup>“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ (*cont. on back*)

<sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

Leader: For the word of God in Scripture,  
For the word of God within us,  
For the word of God among us,  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Announcements

**LAST CALL! Overnight hosts are still needed** as Faith Mennonite Church will host a **concert by the Bethel (KS) 50-voice choir THIS WED, Mar. 22**. The concert will be a benefit for Mennonite Central Committee. Overnight hosts will provide a sack lunch for the following day and can return the student to FMC between 7:30-9 a.m. on Thursday. **Sign-up** here: <http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0C4AA4AF2EA46-bethel>. A separate sign up for volunteers to help with meal set-up (3:30 p.m. or so) and clean-up (5:45) is in the fellowship area at church.

**From the FMC Sanctuary Church Coalition:** We invite you to participate in the upcoming "**Rescue Brigade Training**" led by the local faith-based organization, La Asamblea de Derechos Civiles (<https://asamblea-mn.org/>). The training will prepare people to effectively respond to crisis situations involving threats to our neighbors and help us to become a stronger network of support for immigrants. The training will take place on **Saturday, Mar. 25, 9 a.m.-12 noon**, in the Fellowship Hall. We have room for a maximum of 20 people from FMC. Registration details coming soon. To join the FMC Sanctuary Church Coalition, contact Ry Siggelkow ([ry.siggelkow@faithmennonite.org](mailto:ry.siggelkow@faithmennonite.org)).

MCC alum (2012-2015) **Michael Sharp and a co-worker were kidnapped in the DRC earlier this week**. Michael had been recognized by a number of institutions for the peacemaking and reconciliation work among Rwandan and Congolese militants that he was doing with MCC in the DRC. When he finished his term, he joined the United Nations to continue and expand his work. I don't know much else about the situation. Please keep him and his loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.