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Second Sunday in Lent

9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL (More info below)

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Julia Bowman Welcome and Announcements Barb Draper

Call to Worship

L: Come, sisters and brothers, people born of God into abundant and eternal life.

All: We come in faith to worship our God, our Creator and our Redeemer.

L: Welcome home, people of God. Welcome to this house of God.

Opening Prayer

Congregational Singing Merri-Lee Metzger

"Come and see" WB#20

"Lord, I am fondly earnestly longing" WB#522

Prayer of Confession:

L: Our God, we are not used to waiting. If something we want takes too long we itch to move on to the next thing, even when waiting is important.

All: Forgive us, our God. Forgive our impatience and our difficulty to believe in what we cannot see. Forgive us that we so often want things our way, and not Your way. Help us to value what you value, and to trust in a future still unseen.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

Scripture Reading – Psalm 22:23-31

Children's Story-"Yertle the Turtle" by Dr. Seuss Gary Knarr

Dismissal for Junior Church

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Congregational Singing

"The love of God" STJ #44

"My Jesus, I love thee" WB#522

Scripture Reading – Mark 8:31-38 Roy Draper

Sermon: "The Upside Down and Inside Out Messiah" Gary Knarr

Hymn of Response

"There is a Redeemer" on screen

Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence

Pastoral Prayer

Words of appreciation for Gary and Christine Knarr's time with us at Floradale:

Words of appreciation from Rick Martin (on behalf of Church Council)

Words of appreciation from Mary M. Martin (on behalf of Elders)

Words of appreciation from Nancy Mann (on behalf of Church Staff)

Presentation of gifts - Steve O. Bauman

Presentation of prayer shawls and prayer of blessing - Nancy Mann Reflections from Gary Knarr

Sending Song

"Be thou my vision"

WB#545

Benediction Postlude

Children of all ages are invited to Jr. Church following the children's story. We ask that parents/guardians accompany very young children as needed. *An unstaffed nursery is available during the worship service.*

Our morning worship services are being videotaped and put on our website. If for any reason you would not like a portion of the service to be included, please contact the AV person

A warm welcome to our visitors this morning.

We hope our time of worship together has been an encouragement to you.

You are invited to drop by our Welcome Table and learn more about our church and our ministries. God bless you and we hope to see you again!

Church Greeters Today: Rick & Donna Freeman Next Week: Mark & Marilyn Weber

Congregational Prayer List

We invite prayers for <u>Ethiopia</u> where political change is underway today. So far, protests have been peaceful. For our brothers and sisters in the largest member church of Mennonite World Conference, we pray for God's peace. Pray also for the many people within MCEC who have family and friends in Ethiopia – may their loved ones be safe.

THIS WEEK AT FMC

<u>Today</u> - Farewell for Gary Knarr. Gary will conclude his time of interim ministry with us at the end of February. Gary will be receiving a call to Preston Mennonite Church in March. We would like to show our appreciation to Gary and Christine for their time with us during the Sunday service today February 25, 2018. Plan to stay after the service for a ham and scalloped potatoes lunch, followed by our Annual Meeting. Please bring your own dishes for the meal.

<u>Thursday – 7:00</u> – Hopping Thursday

YAF CIRCLE

February 26 - Young Adult Spiritual Discussion Group will meet at 7:30 pm at the church. We will continue with our video series Animate Faith! All young adults are welcome to join us.

March 11 - Supper-at-Six - We will be hosting Elmira MC young adults for Supper-at-Six. Bring food for dinner and be prepared to laugh and ponder: "Married life - what's it all about?"

LOOKING AHEAD at FMC

March 6 - 9:00 - Ladies Quilting & Knotting

March 7 - 7:00 - Lenten Service at Floradale

March 9 - 10:30 a.m. - Area Senior's Fellowship at Bethel Mennonite Church. "Gifts From the Creator" - a celebration of the miracles of our natural world through photography and storytelling with Merri-Lee Metzger. A soup lunch will follow the presentation with a free-will offering to cover expenses. Please sign sheet on bulletin board by March 4 if you plan to attend.

March 13 - 8:30 - Ladies Breakfast at Crossroads

March 14 - 7:30 - Worship Committee

March 15 - 7:00 - Ladies Bible Study

March 18 - Breakfast and Worship

Sat Mar 24 at 9am - Women's Fellowship Breakfast - Guest speaker Sharon Brubacher's Personal Story - Do you believe in Miracles? \$10/ticket - purchase from Karen Bender, Rita Shantz, Bonnie Martin or Norma Bauman by Mar 11th.

April 13, 14, 15 - Dinner Theatre

Sunday School Classes available at 9:45

Kidz Korner basement
Drawing Class Room 12
Discussion Class Room 9
Seniors Bible Study
Adult Bible Study
Room 11

ADDITIONAL FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank-you for all the cards, visits, food, and prayers over my recovery from surgery. Special thanks to the Floradale Ladies Group for the prayer shawl. Your friendship and prayers have meant a lot to me and my family. **Murray R Martin**

Interested in singing as a part of choir/vocal ensemble on Easter Sunday? We will prepare the song "I Will Rise" for special music.

Practices will run Sundays March 4, 11 and 25 at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary.

All are welcome!

Wednesday Evening Lenten Services: 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 28 - St. Teresa's - Paul Dyck speaking

Mar. 7 – Floradale Mennonite – Fanosie Legesse speaking

Mar 14 – Gale Presbyterian Church – Hans Borch speaking

Mar 21 - Trinity United - David Lewis speaking

Floradale Mennonite Church is in need of someone to take on the lawn mowing and trimming contract at the church. If you are interested, please contact Willis at 519-722-2588.

See announcement sheet for other announcements.



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