

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

January 6, 2019

Gathering Music Kent Dick
How Brightly Beams the Morning Star – arr. Wilson

Welcome and Announcements Arnita Haury

Centering Music Kent Dick
Three Kings - Harris

Call to Worship

L: Arise, shine, for our light has come and the glory of God has risen upon us!

P: **Nations will come to the light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

L: The love of God for all peoples and nations is revealed through his Son, Jesus Christ.

P: **We are now one world and one family, called to be children of God.**

All: Arise, shine, for our light has come!

*Praise Songs

As with Gladness Men of Old – HWB #218

Jesus Saves – Projected

In the Beauty of Holiness - Projected

Offering and Offertory MC USA
Sages from Afar - Blake

Children's Story

Prayer of Praise and Concern Pastor Steve

Praise Song

We Three Kings - Projected

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12 (pg. 1497)

Message

Pastor Steve

Epiphany (A Moment of Revelation)

*Closing Song

Helpless and Hungry with What Child is This – HWB #215

*Benediction

*Postlude

Kent Dick

March of the Three Kings - Handel

*Asterisk indicates to stand as you are able.

Visitors, please complete a Visitor Information Card from the pew pocket and place in the offering plate.

CALENDAR

Jan. 8	7:45 am	Early Birds Breakfast
Jan. 9	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 pm	Bell Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir
Jan. 10	9:30 am	Mom's Group
Jan. 13	10:45 am	Communion
Jan. 14	9:30 am	WMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion will be celebrated on January 13th during the church service. Please prepare your hearts and minds for this meal, confessing your sin and asking for forgiveness. All who have accepted Jesus as their Savior and are seeking to follow after Him in life are invited to the table.

Secretary Notes: **1.** The annual reports will be due by January 23. If you have them completed earlier, please submit them to me! **2.** Please make the following change in your church directory: Leon & Janet Schmidt, 49 Lakewood Circle, North Newton, KS 67117. **3.** It's time to tidy up! There are several Bibles and reading glasses on the shelf above the coat racks and if you have "extra" things in your church mailbox, please take them home! Thanks!

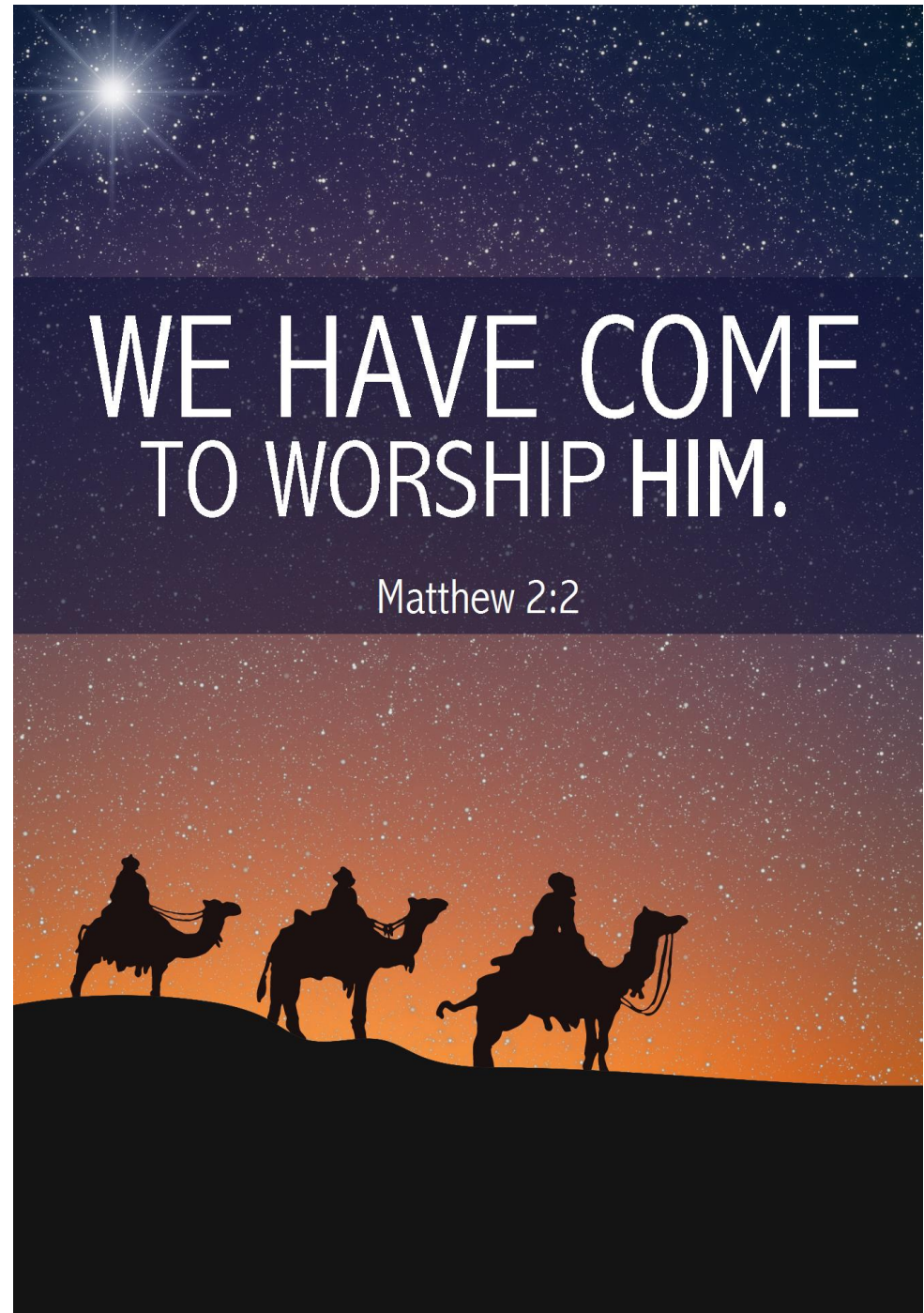
Looking Ahead for Wednesday Nights: Kids Club will meet this year from January 30-March 27 on Wednesday's at 5 pm (not meeting on March 13). The theme will be "Colossal Coaster World." The adults will begin on January 30 as well, with supper for all at 6 pm. The study topic will be announced soon.

The first concert of 2019 at the Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring *The Barefoot Movement*, will be on Sunday, January 13th at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and good food in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. Purchase tickets online or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

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WELCOMERS TODAY	Joyce Franz
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Kent Dick
NURSERY TODAY	Shaun Ortman & Debbie Nightingale
CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	95
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
Church Budget (designated)	\$2,370.00
Mutual Aid Fund	1,221.00
Church Maintenance	100.00
Elevator Fund	150.00
December Birthdays	138.00
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	Church Budget
WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY	Phil & Linda Aylward
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Lynda Schroeder & Melanie Haspels



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethel College: Centering Prayer resumes tomorrow, Jan. 7. Centering Prayer meets most Mondays from noon-1 p.m. in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com or Melanie Zuercher mzuercher@bethelks.edu. **Jan. 6 – Rachel Pannabecker**, “Remembering Ethel Ewert Abrahams: Collector and Artist,” program in connection with the special exhibit “Better Choose Me: Collecting and Creating with Tobacco Fabric Novelties, 1880-1920,” 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum. **Jan. 21 – Bethel College annual** Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, with guest speaker Sherdeill H. Breathett Sr., Wichita, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. **Jan. 24 – Reading by poet** Jean Janzen, Fresno, Calif., with an opening by Bethel College graduate Jesse Nathan, San Francisco, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Reception follows in the Regier Art Gallery, where there will be a display of artist books inspired by Janzen’s writing.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Rick Allen was admitted to the hospital for acute cellulitis. Please pray that God will bring healing to Rick and restore healthy function to his leg. Pray for strength for Sandy as she supports and helps take care of him.
- Please pray for Cleo and Faye Koop (Cleo was a former pastor here). Faye has been diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's disease. Pray for patience and guidance in decisions that need to be made in the course of this difficult journey in their lives.
- Western District Conference: Pray for WDC staff as they gather for an annual staff retreat this week.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow, Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their family are returning to Ecuador after six months in the United States. Their two-way mission with Mennonite Mission Network requires many transitions. Pray for wisdom and patience. Pray especially for daughter, Sierra, who is remaining in the United States for college.