

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

January 13, 2019

Gathering Music Cindy Siemens

Welcome and Announcements Debbie Nightingale

Centering Music

Call to Worship

L: Take up the cross and journey with Jesus;

P: happy are those who walk in the ways of the Lord.

L: Take up the cross and follow Christ's teachings;

P: happy are those who delight in the law of the Lord.

L: Take up the cross and become a disciple;

P: happy are those who choose righteousness.

L: Take up the cross and celebrate life;

P: happy are those whose hearts are refreshed by Christ.

***Praise Songs**

Rejoice, the Lord is King – Choir and Congregation (Insert)

Sanctuary – Projected

Who You Say I Am - Projected

Offering and Offertory Church Budget

Children's Story Debbie Nightingale

Prayer of Praise and Concern Pastor Steve

Praise Song

Sweet Hour of Prayer – HYB #11

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:4-9 (pg. 1830)

Message

Putting into Practice

Pastor Steve

Communion

***Closing Song**

He Leadeth Me – HWB #599

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Cindy Siemens

*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. 14	9:30 am	Women's Mission Society
Jan. 15	6:00 pm	Nurture & Mission Meetings
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Jan. 16	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 pm	Bell Choir
	8:00 pm	Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The rose at the front today is to celebrate the 93rd birthday of Rosetta Auernheimer on January 11. Happy Birthday Rosetta!

The Hospitality Ministry invites you to join us for a *Game Night* on Friday, January 25th at 7 pm. Bring some of your favorite games and snacks to share and enjoy some fellowship with others.

Mark your calendar! The annual meeting and a carry-in lunch will be Sunday, January 27, following worship. If you are responsible for an annual report, please submit those to Debbie by Jan. 23. 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 at 7pm as well, with supper for all at 6 pm.

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, support, meals provided and visits during the last several months of Melissa's battle with her brain tumor. We appreciate our church family and all the love and support we have felt during this time. Please continue to pray for Garris, Liara and us for strength in the future as we walk thru this loss. -Alan and Marilyn Mueller

Secretary Notes: **1.** Leon & Janet Schmidt's new phone number is 316-333-8041. Please change their number in your church directory. **2.** The cans that are passed during the offering are for the MCC Sale in April. The offerings support water projects around the world. **3.** A letter is posted on the mission bulletin board from our mission partners, Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen.

A new opportunity! Over the next few weeks, I want to share with everyone a new opportunity I am excited about. On February 3rd, in your church mailbox and in the foyer, will be a Faith Formation Questionnaire. This is a short list of questions which I hope everyone will take the opportunity to fill out. This is not a test, there is no judging your answers, and it's completely confidential. The hope is to begin conversations around faith, and give a space for people to be honest about questions they may have. Then, beginning in March, I want to meet with everyone who fills it out for a conversation. Thanks! – Pastor Steve

PASTOR: Steve Wilcox

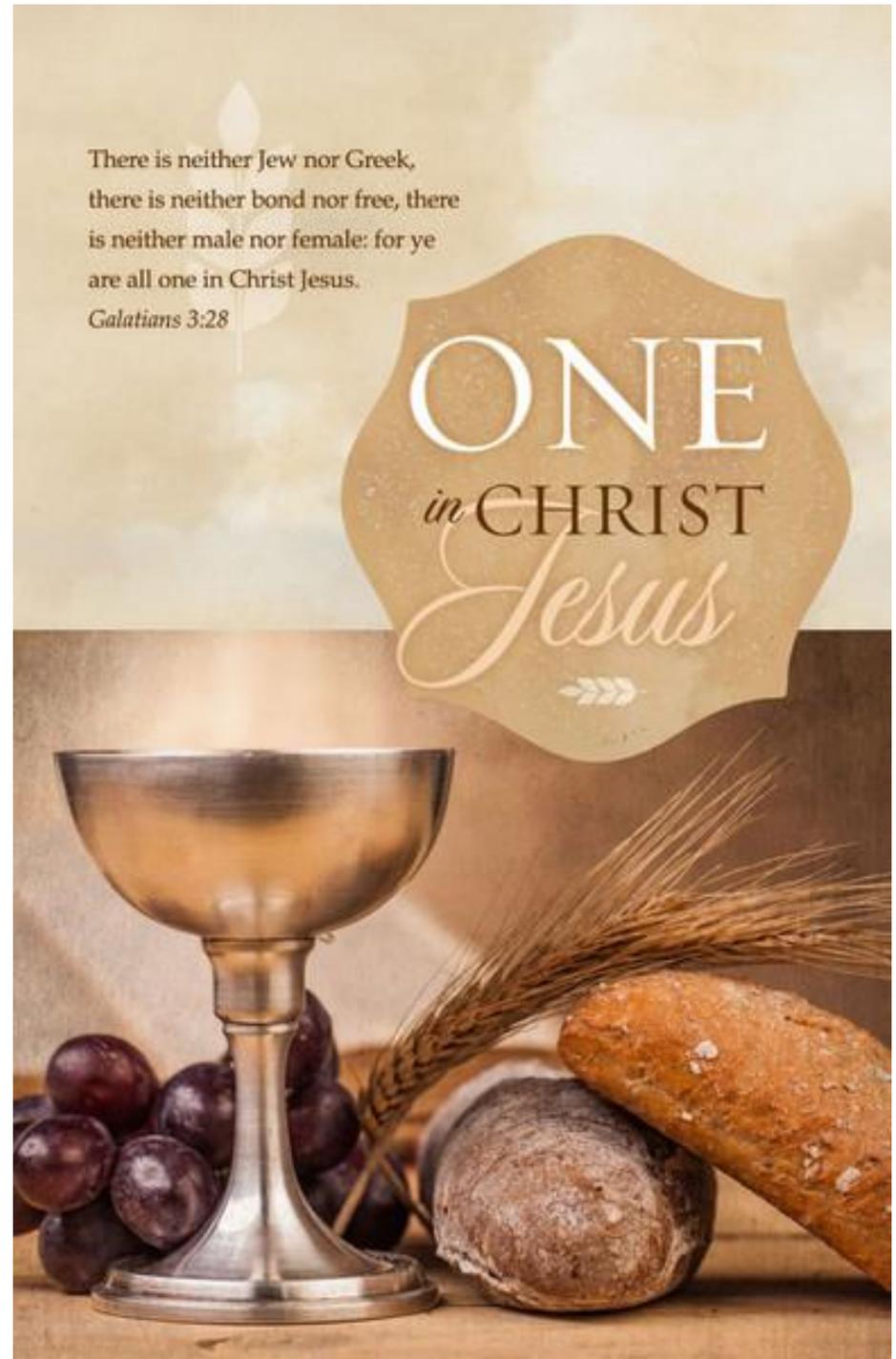
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WELCOMERS TODAY	Phil & Linda Aylward
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Cindy Siemens
NURSERY TODAY	Lynda Schroeder & Melanie Haspels
CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	115
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
MC USA (designated)	\$1,640.51
Church Budget	565.00
Elevator Fund	150.00
Verenike Supper	68.00
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	Western District Conference
WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY	Dale & Janet Ortman
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Ruth Mueller & Sandy Lewis



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual Verenike Supper will be held on Saturday, February 16 from 5-7pm. This is a change from what was listed in the newsletter.

Consider Service for 2019! As you are looking towards the coming year consider planning some time for a Service Trip or project. The Mission Ministry has funds available to help make this happen. This may be a Sunday School Class, family, group of friends or as an individual. Check out the mission ministry bulletin board for ideas. Contact anyone on the Mission Ministry if you have questions. Sandy Allen, Alan Mueller, Janet Ortman, Dwight Mueller and Lois Loflin.

Bethel College: 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. **Jan. 26 –** Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day event: 11 a.m. – program featuring middle-school history teacher Keil Hileman, *Krehbiel Auditorium*; **starting at 11:30 a.m.** – food trucks and tractor/truck/car show, *museum parking lot*; **1-4 p.m.** – special activities and programs *in and around the museum* on “Collectors, Collecting, Collections.” See the Kauffman Museum website or Facebook page for more information.

Join us for an MCC Lunch & Learn with John Sharp on Wednesday, January 30 from 12pm-1pm at MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St.). John will share his presentation, Changing the World One Life at a Time: the MJ Sharp Story. MJ and his colleague Zaida Catalán, part of a U.N. panel of experts investigating conflicts that have been ongoing in Congo since the mid-1990s, were abducted and killed in March 2017. MJ served with MCC in the Congo prior to his work with the U.N. John is passionate about telling MJ's story and he and his wife Michelle's journey with him. John will also share updates to the investigation that is ongoing in Congo. Please RSVP to this event by January 25 to patsydirksen@mcc.org. Lunch will be catered by Mojo's Coffee Bar, please list food sensitivities when you RSVP.

“Choices”, a play by Gretchen Eick will be presented at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, Wichita, KS on Saturday, January 26, 7 pm, admission is free. It is a story that came to Gretchen during her time of teaching in Bosnia this past year, along with her husband,

Rev. Mike Poage. They are active with the Peace Committee of Lorraine Avenue. In the play a young Bosnian woman with a university degree, who can't find work, meets a Bosnian-American man wishing to be connected to his birth culture. Each must make choices including what religion and country mean to them. Additionally, a Hallal meal from Omar's Kitchen will be available at 6 pm for a donation. To reserve your meal – contact office@lorraine.church or call 316-682-4555.

Newton Community for Racial Justice's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service 2019: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed in a nation of freedom and justice for all, and encouraged all citizens to live up to the purpose and potential of America by applying the principles of nonviolence. MLK Day of Service is a way to honor his life and teachings by engaging in community action that continues to solve social problems. Newton Community for Racial Justice invites you to serve however you can in your community! Sign up here for service projects in Newton at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4eabae23a1fe3-martin>

Camp Mennoscah Announcements: **1.** Summer staff applications WELCOMED! Camp Mennoscah is searching for and reaching out to those folks 18 and older to be part of our summer leadership family. We're looking for lifeguards, music leaders, crafts leaders, office and media assistants, naturalists, and grounds/maintenance. It will be a summer of fun times, meaningful relationship building, and leadership skills! Apply online at campmennoscah.org under Summer Youth Camps. This is an amazing way for young adults to serve and grow in faith! **2.** Camp Mennoscah is now accepting applicants for a quarter-time (10 hours/week) custodial-housekeeping position. The position will remain open until filled. Contact Olivia at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org for further information. Spread the word! **3.** Online registration for 2019 Camp Mennoscah Retreats will open January 12! Go to www.campmennoscah.org to register for retreats like Scrapbook and Crafts, Family Weekend, and Retirees Retreat. There's always something that goes awry in the update--please let us know if something is amiss! We can't wait to see you again!

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Please keep in prayer the extended family of Marj Matula. Her brother's wife, Carol Nitengale, passed away this Thursday and the family will be traveling for services. May God give them safety in travel and a very meaningful time together as they grieve the death of their loved one.
- Rick Allen is recovering from 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 interim and transitional pastors guiding WDC congregations during times of change, visioning, and preparation for future leadership.
- Mennonite Mission Network: This week, the Council of International Anabaptist Ministries will gather at MCC's Welcoming Place in Akron, Pennsylvania. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the leaders of North American and global mission agencies as they seek to collaborate in doing God's work in the world.