

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

January 20, 2019

Gathering Music Kent Dick
How Firm a Foundation – Hughes/Southbridge

Welcome and Announcements Gregg Dick

Centering Music Bell Choir
How Great Thou Art

Call to Worship

L: We will exalt the one who lifts us to high places.

P: **Sing to the Lord, all you saints. Praise God's holy name.**

L: We called to you and you healed us.

P: **Sing to the Lord, all you saints. Praise God's holy name.**

L: Through Jesus, you placed our feet on higher ground.

P: **Sing to the Lord, all you saints. Praise God's holy name.**

*Praise Songs

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee – HWB #71

O Worship the King – HWB #66

I've Got Joy, Joy, Joy - Projected

Offering and Offertory Western District Conference
Jesus Loves Me – Bell Choir

Children's Story

Prayer of Praise and Concern Pastor Steve

Praise Song

From the Inside Out – Projected

Scripture Reading

John 2:1-11 (pg. 1648)

Message

Joy, Provision and Glory

Pastor Steve

*Closing Song

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name – HWB #285

*Benediction

*Postlude

Postlude on "Stuttgart" - Mead

Kent Dick

*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. 22	7:45 am	Early Birds Breakfast
Jan. 23	5:00 pm	Annual Reports Due
	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 pm	Choir
Jan. 24	9:30 am	Mom's Group
Jan. 25	7:00 pm	Game Night
Jan. 27	12:00 pm	Carry-in & Annual Meeting
	2:30 pm	KMMC Practice at Hesston Mennonite

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Stewardship Ministry is recommending a replacement of the sanctuary sound system mixer panel and purchase of several choir microphones at a cost of \$8,600. This proposal will be presented for a congregational vote at the annual meeting on January 27.

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.

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.

Wednesday Nights: Kids Club will meet 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, with supper for all at 6 pm. The adults will meet for 5 weeks and have a sermon study with Pastor Steve.

Secretary Note: Darren & Jennifer Bagby's new address is 3616 N. Lincoln St., Enid, OK 73703.

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

It's time to update the directory again! If you have information to update, please let Kaitlen know by February 3rd. If you do not have a page in the directory or need a copy of the directory, please talk with Kaitlen.

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WELCOMERS TODAY

Dale & Janet Ortman

ORGANIST/PIANIST

Kent Dick

NURSERY TODAY

Ruth Mueller & Sandy Lewis

CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

115

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Church Budget (designated)	\$6,012.00
AMBS	150.00
Neighbors Store	50.00
Music Fund	250.00
My Coins Count	74.91

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY

Mennonite Biblical Seminary

WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY

Dale & Dorothy Dick

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY

Kaitlen Ortman & Lauren Mueller



JOY
comes in the
MORNING.

Psalm 30:5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Nurture Ministry invites you to join a Sunday School Class in the new year! Classes available are Little Blessings (birth through age 3), Pre-school (4-5 years), Early Elementary (K-1st grade), Elementary (2-6 grade); Adults include Pathfinders, New Covenant, Anchor and Friendship. Youth teachers are available. Sunday school offerings are designated for a quarterly project (40%) and Sunday school supplies (60%) each week. The current mission offering is for the USD 440 backpack project. Talk with Debbie Nightingale if you have questions.

The annual Verenike Supper will be held on Saturday, February 16 from 4:30-7pm. This is a date change from what was listed in the newsletter. Funds raised will be used for church service trips/service projects.

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.

Halstead Historical Society Annual Supper, Meeting and Program will be Tuesday, January 22, 6:30 p.m. at First Mennonite Church. Please bring a covered dish. The public is invited. The program will be: "Excerpts of Letters from World War One Soldiers printed in The Halstead Independent 1918-1919 with details of their war experiences."

Mennonite Church of the Servant, Wichita, KS is having an Immigration Movie Night on Friday, January 25 at 7 pm. "Separated: Children at the Border" - An In-Depth Investigation of How America's Immigration Policies Reached This Point will be shown. Discussion and recent updates will follow the presentation.

The next concert of the Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring Moors & McCumber, will be on Sunday, January 27th 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.

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. **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.

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!

The Hesston College Bel Canto Singers AND the Bethel College Concert Choir will be performing at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, KS on February 17 at 7 pm. Bringing these two choirs together for a concert is a dream come true for their directors, and it will be a very special evening indeed. Save the date!

The Mennonite, Inc., invites your original submissions for our March 2019 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on Lent: Repentance and Transcendence. More information at: <https://themennonite.org/march-2019-call-submissions-lent/>

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Please be in prayer for Jeff Ewert, Bill and Anna Lee's son. He is in ICU at St. Francis with acute pneumonia and other health problems. Jeff has been in an unresponsive state since receiving a traumatic brain injury in a motorcycle accident over six years ago.
- Despite months of physical therapy, Marilyn Auernheimer has not recovered from her injury last year. She will now have surgery to repair her gluteus medius on Feb. 19, then undergo 10 months of PT to recover. Pray for her and Ron during this time.
- Pray for Karolyn and Allen Unruh as they work with Serenity home health to assist Karolyn with physical therapy. Pray that she will respond well to the treatment and have the strength and focus to work on these exercises.
- Please keep in prayer the extended family of Marj Matula. Her brother's wife, Carol Nitengale, passed away last week. May God give them safety in travel and a very meaningful time together as they grieve the death of their loved one.
- Please continue to 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: Give thanks for the diversity of cultural contexts and languages in which WDC congregations worship each week.
- Mennonite Mission Network: SOOP participants who like to work with fabric are needed to serve in Reedley, California, at the Nearly New Thrift Store and Mennonite Quilt Center. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for volunteers willing to help at Fresno's MCC relief sale held the first weekend in April.