

# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

January 27, 2019

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**Gathering Music** Lauren Mueller

**Welcome and Announcements** Brocia Mueller

**Centering Music** Choir

*One is the Body*

## Call to Worship

L: We gather as many individuals,

**P: yet we are one body.**

L: We come from many places,

**P: yet we come to one place.**

L: We gather as God's many children,

**P: yet we are one church.**

**All: We are one body, in this place, as God's church. Amen!**

## \*Praise Songs

*Sing the Lord a Song* – Choir

*When Charity and Love Prevail* – HWB #305

*Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord* - Projected

**Offering and Offertory** Mennonite Biblical Seminary

## Children's Story

**Prayer of Praise and Concern** Pastor Steve

## Praise Song

*Jesus, Be the Center* – Projected

## Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (pg. 1785)

## Message

Pastor Steve

*All for One and One for All*

## \*Closing Song

*Heart with Loving Heart United* – HWB #420

## \*Benediction

## \*Postlude

Cindy Siemens

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\*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. 27	12:00 pm	Carry-in & Annual Meeting
	2:30 pm	KMMC Practice at Hesston Mennonite
Jan. 30	5:00 pm	Kids Club
	6:00 pm	Supper
	7:00 pm	Adult Study
	8:00 pm	Bell Choir
Feb. 3	2:30 pm	KMMC Practice at Hesston – Sectionals

## 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 this afternoon.

**The annual meeting and a carry-in lunch** is today following worship. Please stay and fellowship together and learn about the business of the church. All are welcome!

**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 7 pm, with supper for all at 6 pm. The adults will meet for 5 weeks and have a sermon study with Pastor Steve.

**Secretary Note:** The deadline for the February newsletter is Monday, January 28. A belated Christmas note and family photo from Pastor John Gaeddert & Mary is posted on the bulletin board

**A new opportunity!** Over the next few weeks, I want to share with everyone a new opportunity I am excited about. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

**The Verenike Supper** will be held February 16 from 4:30 – 7:00. Help is needed for the night of the supper! Signup sheets for Food Items and for Workers are on the hallway bulletin board.

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**WELCOMERS TODAY**

**ORGANIST/PIANIST**

**NURSERY TODAY**

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY**

**OFFERING LAST SUNDAY**

Western District Conference (designated)

Church Budget

Sound System

Maintenance

My Coins Count

**OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY**

**WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY**

**NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY**

Dale & Dorothy Dick

Lauren Mueller/Cindy Siemens

Kaitlen Ortman & Lauren Mueller

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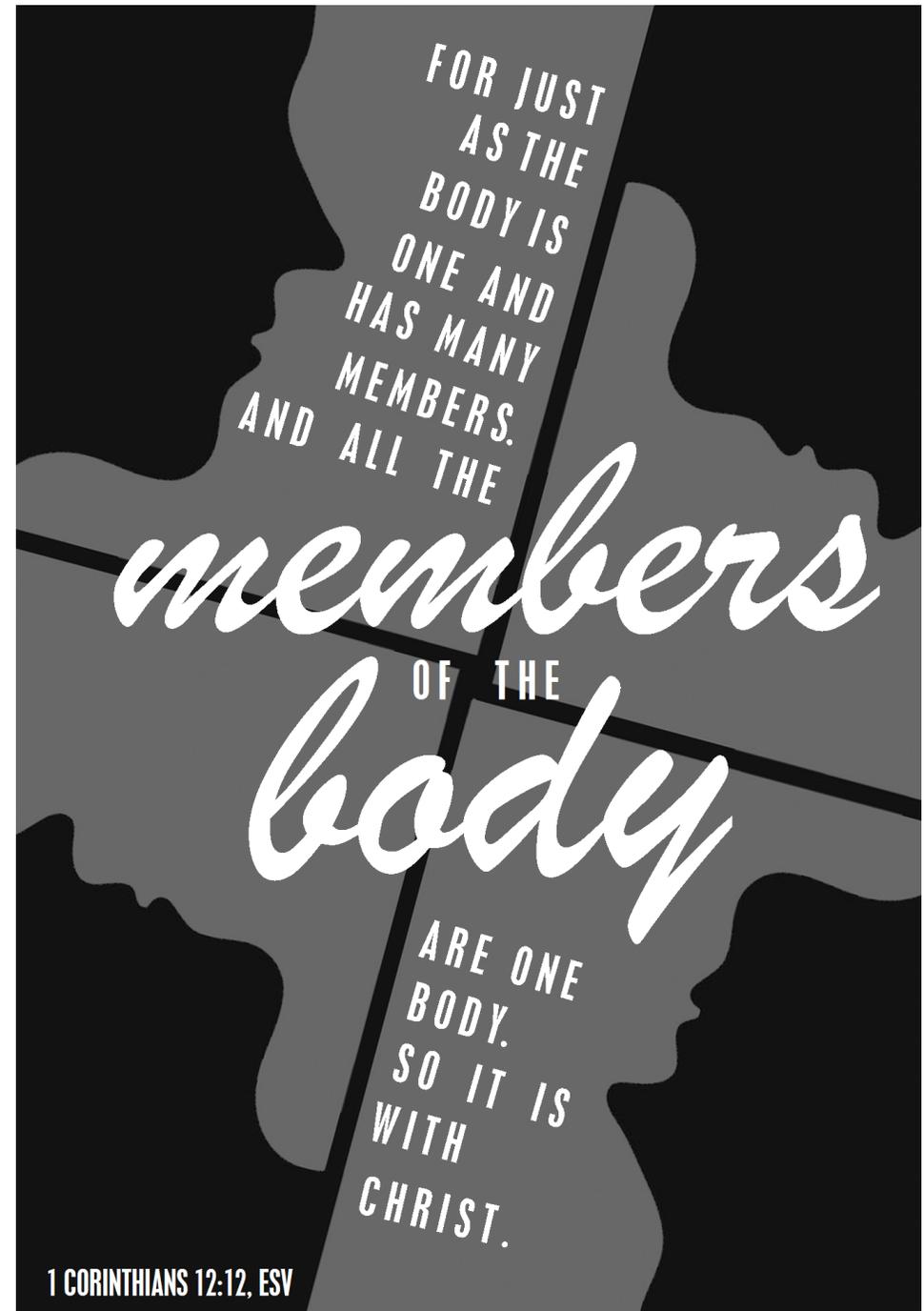
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MC USA

Bill & Anna Lee Ewert

Sara Smoker & Marilyn Mueller



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Halstead Community Blood Drive** will be Monday, February 11 from 12:30-6:30 pm at the Catholic Parish Hall, 414 Locust. To schedule an appointment visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: Halstead or call 1-800-Red-Cross.

**The new Mission Mosaics** are in mailboxes along with the February prayer vine. We invite you to take the mosaic home and utilize it as a prayer resource, looking up people listed in the daily prayer requests listed in prayer vine. The Mosaic includes not only mission workers and partners from around the world, it also highlights Service opportunities available for all ages. There are extra copies on the table by the library if you did not receive one or would like another copy to use or give to someone.

**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.

**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.

**The MCC Comforter Blitz Committee** is urgently seeking a kitchen coordinator and volunteers to prepare and serve lunch during the Blitz (March 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019). If you are interested or willing, please contact Shirley Jost at (785) 250-7437 or [jostshi@cox.net](mailto:jostshi@cox.net). No sewing skills required!

**Bethel College: Feb. 2** – Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk. Meet at 8 a.m. in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton. **Feb. 2** – 2019 High School Honor Band and Honor Orchestra joint concert, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall. **Feb. 3** – The Bethel College interterm class Prison Theater Project presents *Inside Story*, the on-campus version of the collaboration with inmates at Hutchinson Correctional Facility; 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium. **Feb. 7** -- KIPCOR, the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, offers “Building a Trauma-Informed Culture at Work and Beyond,”

6:30-8:30 p.m., *KIPCOR office (2515 College Ave., North Newton)*, with Joyce McEwen Crane, Ph.D., of Friends University. Cost: \$25; come at 6 for snacks and networking. Register at [kipcor.org](http://kipcor.org) (click the workshop link) or by calling 316-284-5217.

**Join us for an MCC Lunch & Learn** with John Sharp on Wednesday, January 30 from 12pm-1pm at MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@lorraine.church) or call 316-682-4555.

**Camp Mennoscah Announcements:** Online registration for 2019 Camp Mennoscah Retreats will open January 12! Go to [www.campmennoscah.org](http://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!

**MCC welcomes alumni to host reunions** at the Welcoming Place in Akron, Pennsylvania, in 2020 as we celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

To see if a reunion is already scheduled for the country where you served or to organize a reunion, contact [alumni@mcc.org](mailto:alumni@mcc.org).

**The Mennonite Central Committee Central States** board of directors invites you to their Annual Meeting on February 23 at 10 a.m. at MCC in North Newton, Kansas (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup>).

**On Tuesday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m. in Hesston**, the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains will begin its 2019 Winter Lecture Series with Dr. Don Blakeslee speaking about "Finding the 'Lost City' of Etzanoa". The lecture will take place in the Prairie Pavilion. The cost of the lecture is \$5 per person - cash or credit card payment will be received at the door. No reservation necessary.

## **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- We give thanks to God for a successful surgery to repair Chuck Mueller's broken arm. We pray that he would have a full recovery as he heals.
- Keep Jeff Ewert in your prayers as he continues to recover from various health issues.
- 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 continue to pray for Cleo and Faye Koop (Cleo was a former pastor). 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's Resource Commission meeting this week, as they promote faith formation resources for people of all ages and help congregations connect to God's mission in the world.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Naomi Tice of Mennonite Mission Network serves with Urban Light in the United Kingdom. Pray for wisdom and patience in this ministry of engaging with young adult volunteers who help lead youth and children's clubs.

