

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

February 4, 2018

Gathering Music Kent Dick

Welcome and Announcements Debbie Nightingale

Call to Worship adapted from Ephesians 6

L: Put on the full armor of God.

P: Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.

L: Put on the full armor of God, so that when evil comes you may be able to stand your ground.

P: Stand firm with the belt of truth and the breastplate of righteousness in place.

L: With your feet fitted and ready with the gospel of peace.

P: Take up the shield of faith, and the helmet of salvation.

A: Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power!

Centering Music Kent Dick

Praise Music

**Wonderful Grace of Jesus – HWB #150*

How Deep the Father's Love for Us – Projected

Wonderful, Merciful Savior – Projected

Children's Story Debbie Nightingale

Offering and Offertory MC USA

Prayer of Praise and Concern

Song

In Christ Alone – Projected

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:17a & Luke 19:9-10 (pg. 1824 & 1630)

Message Pastor Steve

The Helmet of Salvation

***Response Song**

Lord, I Need You – Projected

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

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

Feb. 4	2:30 pm	Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus practice at Hesston Mennonite Church
Feb. 5	12:30 pm	Blood Drive at the Catholic Parish Hall
	6:30 pm	VBS Meeting
Feb. 6	7:45 am	Early Birds Breakfast
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Feb. 7	5:00 pm	Kids Club
	6:00 pm	Supper
	7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	8:00 pm	Bell Choir
Feb. 8	9:30 am	Mom's Group
	6:00 pm	Foster Families Care Portal Meeting
Feb. 11	12:00 pm	Safe Sanctuary Training
Feb. 14	6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Feb. 18	2:30 pm	Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus practice at Hesston Mennonite Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Activities: Join in the fun this week on Wednesday! Kids Club begins at 5 pm, supper at 6 pm and adult Bible study at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

The change collection for MCC during for the month of January was \$109.18. We filled a large pickle jar. Let's fill another pickle jar (or maybe two) during the month of February!

The 2018 Mennonite Mission Network prayer directory "Mission Mosaic" is here. There are copies spread throughout the pew backs in the sanctuary. Feel free to take them home and use them with the monthly Prayer Vine which is placed in your church mailbox each month. The Mission Ministry will replenish as needed.

The Nurture Ministry will provide Safe Sanctuary Training for all volunteers who work with children and those interested on Sunday, Feb. 11. We will provide a chili lunch at noon and the training will be from 12:30-2:30. Please RSVP to Debbie by Feb. 8.

The Hospitality Ministry invites anyone interested in learning about the Care Portal for foster families to attend a meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8th at 6 pm. A speaker will introduce the Care Portal and we will have time for questions and discussion following.

Everence will present a workshop on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 6:30 pm about social security and retirement income planning. The event will be held at the Everence office, 3179 N. Main in North Newton. Reserve your spot by calling 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294, or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

The sixth concert of the 2017-18 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring *Freddy & Francine*, will be on Sunday, February 11 at 4 pm 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](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

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WELCOMERS TODAY

Dick & Marj VanWye

ORGANIST/PIANIST

Kent Dick

NURSERY TODAY

Sara Smoker & Marilyn Mueller

CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

94

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Mennonite Biblical Seminary (designated) \$1,087.00

Church Budget 425.00

WDC 30.00

January Birthdays 150.00

Wednesday Night Meal 55.00

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY

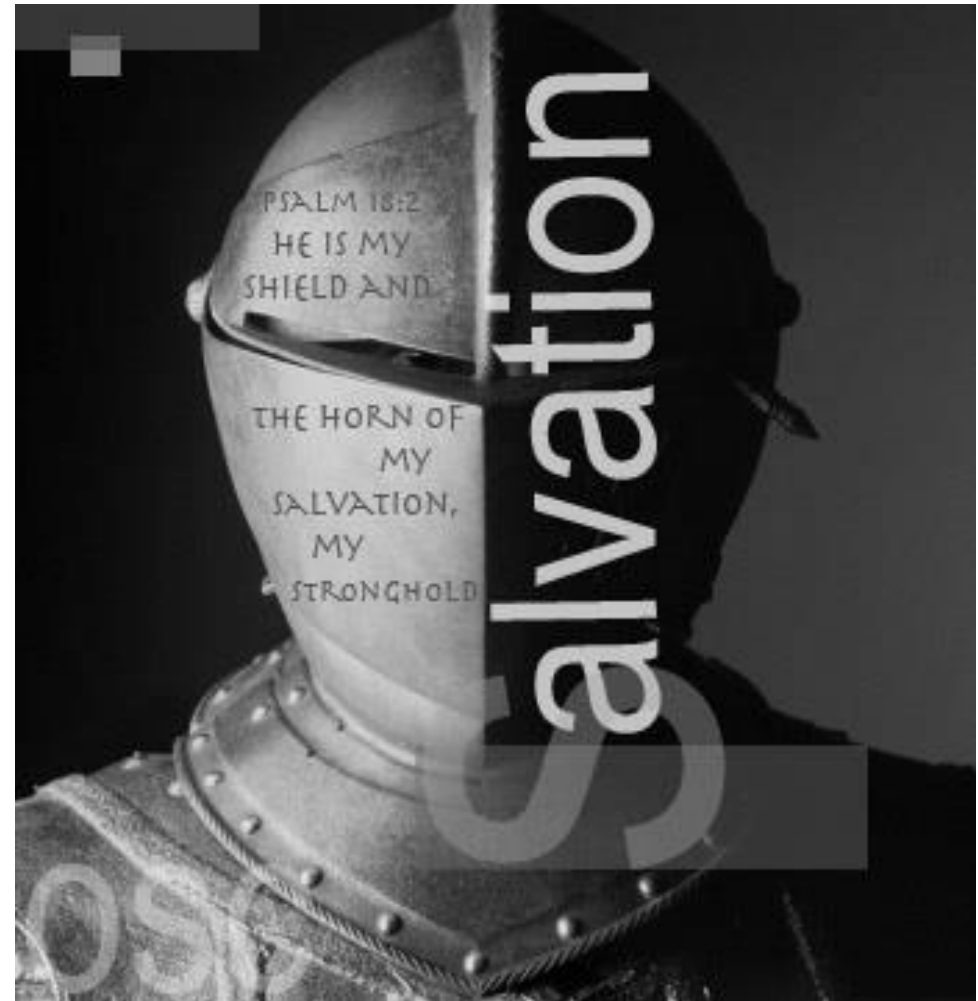
Church Budget

WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY

Jim & Lois Loflin

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY

Jason Smoker & LuAnn Laswell



Armor of God Sunday

February 4, 2018

“The Helmet of Salvation”

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Hesston College will have several opportunities to enjoy the arts this week. Lauded as one of the most talented organists of his generation, Italian organist Davide Mariano will perform as part of the Andover Organ Series at 7 p.m., Tuesday Feb. 6, at Hesston Mennonite Church. The concert is free and open to the public. Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts will feature the British a cappella ensemble, VOICES at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 9, at Hesston Mennonite Church. Tickets can be purchased at hesstonbethel.org or by calling 620-327-8105. Piano instructor Bradley Baker will perform a free faculty recital at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11, at Hesston Mennonite Church.

Bethel College: Feb. 4 – “Fine Arts Collaboration,” a multi-media presentation by Stacey Rhoades (photography), Julia Penner-Zook (writing) and Jenny Regehr (piano), 3 p.m., *Administration Building chapel*. **Feb. 7** – *Life Enrichment* begins for the spring semester. Brochures are available on the literature table. **Feb. 8-9** – The Bethel College interterm class Prison Theater Project presents *Inside Story*, the on-campus version of the collaboration with inmates at Hutchinson Correctional Facility; 7:30 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*.

Roseann Penner Kaufman, director of music ministries at Rainbow Mennonite Church, Kansas City (and organ instructor at Bethel College from 2002-12), will give a recital at Bethel Sunday, Feb. 11, at 4 pm in the Administration Building chapel. “Moved by the Spirit” will include works by Pietro Yon, Johann Praetorius, Frank Bridge, Gardner Read and J.S. Bach. Mitch Kaufman, trombone, will join her for the Read. All are invited.

Camp Mennoscah: 1. It's Beyond Belief that our summer youth camps are already looming in the future! Our summer theme is "Beyond Belief! The Universe of God" and we'll be learning how God's endless love launches amazing adventures. **2.** Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats are here! Come join us for a delightfully long weekend of project time, sharing new ideas, devotions, and fun people. Two weekends are offered, Feb. 23-25 and March 2-4. Join us for a cozy weekend of craftiness and coffee or walk the campgrounds for some time in creation! Register for either event above at campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290.

Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction for "Creation, Craftiness, and Cooling Off"! Camp Mennoscah invites everyone to join us from 4-6 p.m. on **Sunday, February 25**, at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston. We'll sing our favorite hymns, bid on delectable desserts, and hear about how, with your help, camp provides afternoon activities for campers to stay cool, be crafty, and learn about God's creation. Funds raised will go toward the Camp Mennoscah general fund. Come and join us!

The Mennonite, Inc. welcomes your original submissions and contributions for our April 2018 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on Technology. Submissions are due by February 17 to Editor@TheMennonite.org. You can read a full description of the April 2018 theme here: <https://themennonite.org/april-2018-technology/>

What can one person do to stand against "the troubles of this world?" The challenges are monumental: economic injustice, gender inequity, race relations, water and land conflicts. Hesston College's 2018 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) will explore these questions and their answers with the theme "Before the unthinkable happens: Confronting our role in injustice," Feb. 23-25 on the Hesston College campus. See more information and register at hesston.edu/avds. \$100/person, \$75/each for two or more.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Pray for the family of Doris Ewy as they say goodbye and begin to navigate life without Doris. May God grant them peace and comfort at this time.
- Pray for Joe Penner who has been in the hospital with pneumonia. May God bring healing and comfort to Joe as he recovers.
- Western District Conference: Give thanks for the energy and participation of members from congregations across WDC at the recent kick-off event for WDC's Year of Evangelism.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Juliet Kilpin of the Anabaptist Network in the United Kingdom. Pray for her as she serves among refugees in Calais, France, through advocacy, presence, and training in nonviolence.