

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

February 17, 2019

Gathering Music Cindy Siemens

Welcome and Announcements Denice Klassen

Centering Music

Call to Worship

L: Blessed are those who trust God, whose trust is the Lord.

P: They are like trees planted by water, sending out roots by the stream.

L: They have no fear of summer's heat, nor do they wither in the sun.

P: In the year of drought they are not anxious, for their lives bear the fruit of righteousness.

L: Come to the waters of life all you who trust in the Lord.

All: We have come to worship and to send forth our roots into streams of God's living water!

***Praise Songs**

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above – HWB #54

I Shall Not be Moved – Choir

Tree Song - Projected

Offering and Offertory Western District Conference

Children's Story

Praise Song

My God – Projected

Prayer of Praise and Concern Pastor Steve

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 6:17-26 (pg. 1201; 1600)

Message

Pastor Steve

A Message of Hope

***Closing Song**

When we Walk with the Lord – HWB #544

***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

Feb. 17 2:30 pm KMMC at Hesston Mennonite

Feb. 18 6:30 pm Nurture Meeting

Feb. 19 7:45 am Early Birds Breakfast

Feb. 20 5:00 pm Kids Club

6:00 pm Supper

7:00 pm Adult Study

8:00 pm Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Church Council decided to use the \$950 collected through the 2018 birthday offerings in the following ways: \$475 to be paid to Zone 33 to help fund the local Halstead youth ministry and \$475 to be paid to Newton Et Cetera Shop to be used for the bicycle project to repair donated bicycles given to homeless or low income families. Thank you for your generosity through the year!

Secretary Note: A letter was received from Phanu & Pranee Doppooha in Thailand. It is posted on the mission bulletin board.

You don't want to miss Wednesday nights! Kids Club begins at 5 pm for kids ages 3 through 5th grade. Supper for all is at 6 pm and Pastor Steve is leading the adults through a sermon study at 7 pm. Childcare is available for the adult session. Please join us!

A Faith Formation Questionnaire was placed in your church mailbox recently. Please return to Pastor Steve at your earliest convenience.

The Neighbors Chili and Soup Supper will be held Saturday, Feb. 23 from 5-7 pm at the Garden View Christian School, 11625 NW 36th. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.

The Hesston College Bel Canto Singers AND the Bethel College Concert Choir will be performing at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, TONIGHT 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.

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. 30th).

PASTOR: Steve Wilcox

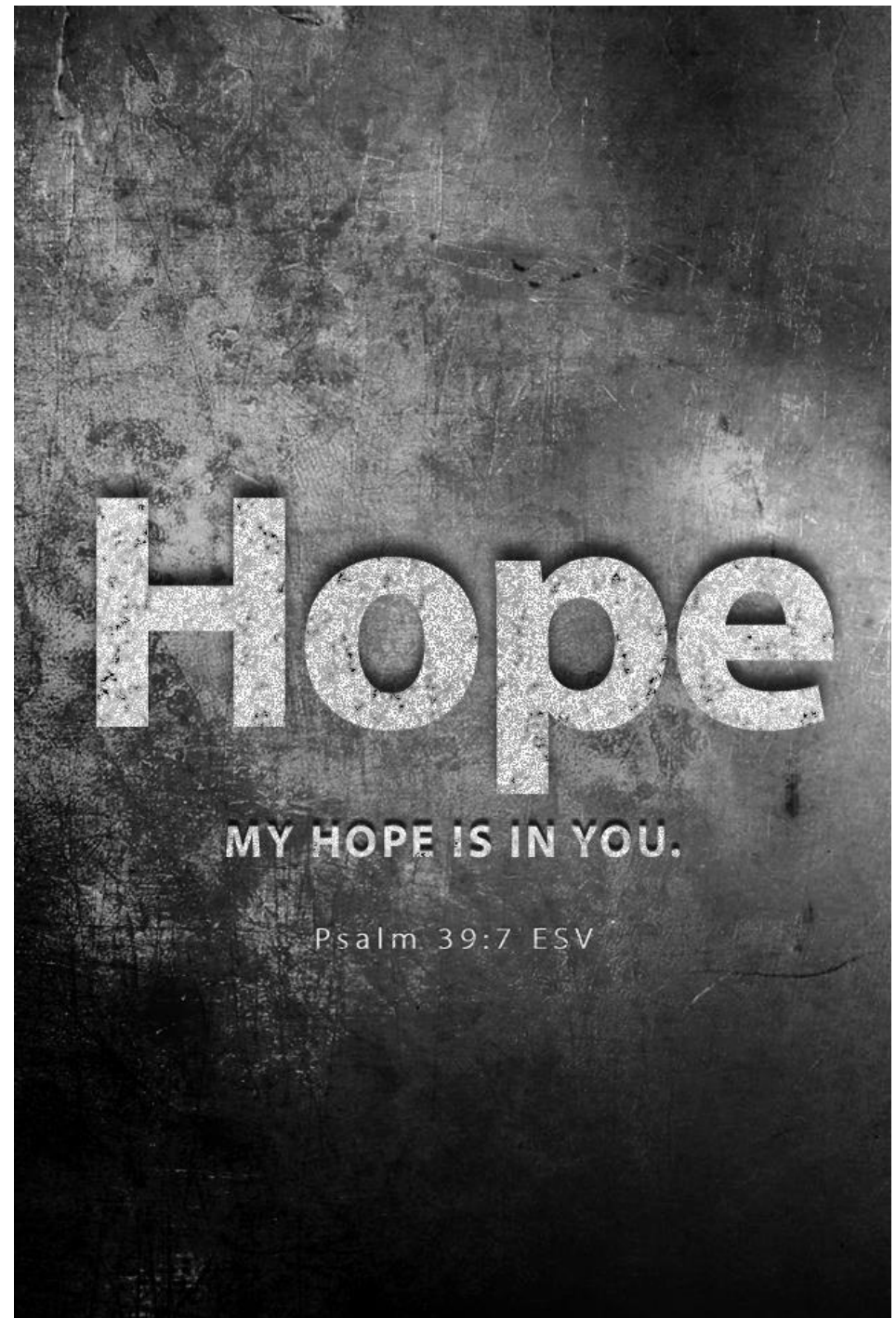
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WELCOMERS TODAY	Marilyn Schrag
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Cindy Siemens
NURSERY TODAY	Leah Kawanguzi & Lynda Schroeder
ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	116
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
Church Budget (designated)	\$5,998.00
Sound System	200.00
MC USA	100.00
MCC Relief Sale	150.00
Wednesday Night Meal	232.00
My Coins Count 2/3/19	63.42
My Coins Count 2/10/19	61.18
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	MCC Relief Sale
WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY	Dick & Marj VanWye
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Shaun Ortman & Debbie Nightingale



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethel College: Feb. 17 – KIPCOR Film Series presents *More Than a Word*, which examines the controversy over Native American-themed sports mascots and nicknames, **3 p.m.**, *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*. Talk-back follows with Edward Valandra, Ph.D., Sicangu Titunwan (Lakota), and Sherman Padgett, former principal of Wichita North High School (the “Redskins”). **Feb. 19** – Bethel College Steel Drum Band KMEA preview concert, with special guests Steel Paradise, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall.

Recounting the tender, dynamic and familiar story of the parent-child relationship, Hesston College Theatre will present five performances of the musical *Big Fish*, Feb. 27 to March 3, in the Keim Center Black Box Theatre. Showtimes are at 7 p.m., Feb. 27 to March 2, and 2 p.m., on Sunday, March 3. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Purchasing tickets in advance is recommended as seating is limited. Tickets can be purchased online at hesston.edu/big-fish-tix or at the Hesston College Bookstore in Erb Hall during regular business hours or by calling 620-327-8105. *Big Fish* is a family-friendly musical for all ages.

Still a few spaces in the March 15-17 Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat at Camp Mennoscah! It will be a great weekend to dive into your favorite craft or scrapbook project. The weekend is overflowing with time for you. You can relax, walk around camp grounds, talk to other creative folks, join in devotions, or go nose-first into your current project. Go to www.campmennoscah.org to register or call us at 620-297-3290!

It's time for DESSERT! Camp Mennoscah will be holding the annual Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction at Bethel College Mennonite Church on February 24 from 4-6pm. We'll be celebrating and raising funds for our summer staff who provide mentoring relationships and faith formation, which is what camp is all about. One set of hymns will be "bluegrass" and led by (former) summer staff!

Online registration for Summer Youth Camps at Camp Mennoscah is open! In fact, registration is open for all upcoming camps and retreats, so power up your computer and register for all sorts of relaxation and fun! Call us at 620-297-3290 with questions.

The Mennonite, Inc., invites your original submissions for our April 2019 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on Just relationships. (See: <https://themennonite.org/april-2019-call-submissions-just-relationships/>.) Submissions are due to Editor@TheMennonite.org no later than March 1.

All are welcome to join the fun at the 12th annual Mennonite Central Committee Comforter Blitz on March 4, 5 and 6 at the Journey Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, Kansas. Times are Monday, 9:00am to 5:00pm Tuesday, 9:00am to 5:00pm and Wednesday, 9:00am to 4:00pm. Come and have a good time while helping others. No sewing skills are required. Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own sack lunch. Bring snacks to share during the work day. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC.

Save the Date! All women are invited to the Western District Women in Mission spring supper Thursday, March 21 at First Mennonite Church, McPherson at 6:00 pm. Michelle Armster, Executive Director of MCC, speaker. Music by Michelle Unruh and Laura Unrau.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Keep Jeff Ewert in your prayers as he continues to recover from various health issues.
- Pray for Marilyn Auernheimer as she prepares for surgery on Feb. 19 and for the 10 months of physical therapy after that.
- Continue praying for Allen and Karolyn Unruh as they adjust to Karolyn's declining health due to cancer. Pray that God will be near them giving peace and strength and that they will be surrounded by those who love and care for them.
- 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 the WDC Church Planting Commission as they meet this week to work on guidelines for church planting, and for Byron Pellecer, WDC Associate Conference Minister who provides coaching and mentoring for church planters.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Diana Cruz and Felipe Preciado of Mennonite Mission Network are serving at La Casa Grande children's home in Benin. Pray for good health and open hearts as Diana and Felipe teach English, assist with gardening, and share God's love with each child.