

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

February 18, 2018

Gathering Music

Kent Dick

Change my Heart O God / There is a Redeemer

Welcome and Announcements

Brocia Mueller

Call to Worship

L: The time has come; the kingdom of God draws near. Repent and believe the good news.

P: **We have come. We are here. We worship God together.**

Centering Music

Kent Dick

Ah, Holy Jesus - Bliss

Praise Music

**I Sing the Mighty Power of God – HWB #46*

All Creatures of our God and King – HWB #48

Be Thou My Vision – HWB #545

Children's Story

Chuck Mueller

Offering and Offertory

Western District Conference

O How I Love Jesus - Hughes

Prayer of Praise and Concern

Theme Song

From the Inside Out - Projected

Scripture Reading

Genesis 9:8-17; Mark 1:11-13 (pgs.13 & 1552)

Message

Pastor Steve

Redeeming All

*Response Song

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go – HWB #577

*Benediction

*Postlude

Kent Dick

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go - Powell

*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. 19	6:00 pm	Mission & Nurture
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Feb. 20	7:45 am	Early Birds Breakfast
Feb. 21	5:00 pm	Kids Club
	6:00 pm	Supper
	7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	8:00 pm	Choir Practice
Feb. 22	9:30 am	Mom's Group
Feb. 24	4:30-7 pm	Verenike Supper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary Note: Please make the following change in your church directory and your contacts list: new email for Leon & Janet Schmidt is leonjanetschmidt@gmail.com.

Verenike Supper: The supper will be held Feb. 24 from 4:30-7:00 pm. Sign-up sheets for donations and volunteers are posted on the bulletin board. Stop by and see how you can help! Invite your friends!

Child Protection/Sexual Abuse Prevention workshops will be held in the next three months at the MCC Center in North Newton. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

Bethel College: Feb. 25 – Staley Lecture with Malinda Elizabeth Berry, a professor of theology and ethics at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 7 p.m., on “Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence,” Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Berry will also speak in convocation, Mon., Feb. 26, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.

Another Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring John Fullbright, will be February 25 at 4 pm at the Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. Purchase tickets online or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats are here! Register online at campmennoscah.org 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! Call [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) with questions. We'll see you and your stunning projects soon!

Hesston College's Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) conference Feb. 23-25 will offer ordinary people a chance to effect change in their context. Hear from respected teachers and theologians, including Dr. Drew G.I. Hart of Messiah College, Wichita-area pastors Kevass Harding and Lois Harder, Hesston Bible professor Michele Hershberger and Kansas leadership Center faculty. Learn about the Doctrine of Discovery through the Ted. & Co. TheaterWorks show, "Discovery: A Comic Lament." Register by Feb. 16 at Hesston.edu/avds.

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WELCOMERS TODAY	Arnita Haury
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Kent Dick
NURSERY TODAY	Melanie Haspels & Shirley Rodenberg
CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	100
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
Church Budget (designated)	\$5,462.00
Wednesday Night Meal	136.00
<u>The Mennonite</u> Magazine Subscription	41.46
Doris Ewy Memorials	1,358.30
Doris Ewy Funeral Meal	136.70
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	MCC Relief Sale
WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY	Harley & Elaine Mohler
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Leah Kawanguzi & Sandy Lewis

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Join us at the 2018 annual Comforter Blitz in Yoder, Kansas, to help in making comforters for MCC to distribute to our brothers and sisters around the world! March 5 from 10 am - 5 pm, March 6 from 9 am – 5 pm, March 7 from 9 am – 4 pm. Location: Journey at Yoder, 3605 E. Longview Road, Yoder. Everyone is welcome! Lunch is available each day by donation. Please bring a snack to share. We hope to see you there!

The Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring a housewares sorter/receiver for 20-30 hours/week. The sorter/receiver maintains an active presence in the processing area, in both receiving and sorting donations. S/he will be primarily responsible for sorting through houseware donations, placing items in appropriate price categories, recycling and discarding, as needed. The full job description and applications are available at the store (619 N. Main in Newton) or at generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com. Applications are due Monday, March 5, 2018, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail.

Ted & Company Theaterworks will present "*Discovery: A Comic Lament*" at 7 pm, Saturday, February 24, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. Starring Ted Swartz and Michelle Milne, this newest production of Ted & Co., is a play about the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that justifies the theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples. It weaves through time and geography, offering both comic and challenging glimpses into the absurdity of white settler oppression of Indigenous Peoples and the land we live on. Tickets are \$12 for adults and can be purchased at the door or in advance at the Hesston College Bookstore, [620-327-8104](tel:620-327-8104). Youth through high school age are free. Participants in Hesston College's AVDS weekend receive a ticket through their conference registration.

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!

Get your tickets now for Hesston College's spring musical production, "Hands on a Hardbody." Based on a 1997 documentary of the same name, small-town Texans compete for a brand new "hardbody" pickup truck at a local car dealership. Whoever remains standing the longest with one hand on the truck will get to drive it home. Each of the five performances will be at the AGCO Corp. Auditorium in the Communication Center, 420 W. Lincoln Blvd., Hesston. Shows are at 7 p.m., Feb. 28 to March 3, and 2 p.m., March 4. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and children, and can be purchased in advance through the Hesston College Bookstore in person, online at books.hesston.edu, or by calling 620-327-8104. Tickets will also be available at the door 45 minutes prior to show time and are subject to availability. The show is rated PG for mild language.

Everence will host an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, March 3, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will take place at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Please continue to keep Marge Matula and Debbie in your prayers. May God continue to bind up their wounds of grief and loss and to hold them close as they begin to find their way in life without Marlon.
- Pray for Ron Colbert as he is experiencing a job change and looking for new work. May God grant peace and direction in this time of transition as Ron searches for new employment.
- Keep in prayer all those affected by the tragic school shooting in Florida. The students and teachers, parents, and all of the community. May the presence of God move powerfully, bringing comfort and peace at this time.
- Western District Conference: Pray for WDC's Stewardship Commission as they meet this week and give oversight to the financial resources and property of the conference.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Mark and Mary Hurst of Mennonite Mission Network serve as resource people and pastors with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand. Pray for them as they build relationships with people seeking God and a way of living that centers on Jesus' justice and shalom.