

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

February 24, 2019

Gathering Music Kent Dick
Meditation on "Penitence" - Paxton

Welcome and Announcements David Mueller

Centering Music Kent Dick
Open My Eyes, That I May See - Johnson

Call to Worship

L: Come and learn the ways of life.

P: **We have come to follow Jesus.**

L: Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

P: **We have come to follow Jesus.**

L: Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

P: **We have come to follow Jesus.**

L: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

P: **We have come to follow Jesus.**

*Praise Songs

Brethren, we have met to Worship – HWB #8

Help us to Help Each Other – HWB #362

Oh Lord, You're Beautiful - Projected

Offering and Offertory MCC Relief Sale
Here, O My Lord - Paxton

Special Music Ethan Wilcox & Claire Clifford

Children's Story

Praise Song

Wonderful, Merciful Savior – Projected

Prayer of Praise and Concern

Pastor Steve

Scripture Reading

Luke 6:27-36 (pg. 1601)

Message

Kingdom Living

Pastor Steve

*Closing Song

Build Your Kingdom Here – Projected

*Benediction

*Postlude

Rigaudon - Purcell

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. 27 5:00 pm Kids Club

6:00 pm Supper

7:00 pm Adult Study

8:00 pm Bell Choir

March 1 5:30 pm Pizza and Bunco Fellowship Night

March 3 2:30 pm KMMC at Hesston Mennonite

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary Note: The deadline for the March newsletter is Monday, February 25. Thank you!

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 (last session of the adult study). Childcare is available for the adult session. Please join us!

At the annual meeting in January the church approved a \$9,000 improvement to the sound system. Currently \$4,500 has been raised towards this goal. Please consider how you can participate in this project and place your contribution in the offering plate marked for *Sound System*. Thank you!

The Hospitality Ministry invites you to a *Make-Your-Own-Pizza and Bunco Night* on Friday, March 1st. The dough and toppings for the pizza will be provided by the Hospitality Ministry. Come and make your own tasty creation! Pizza making will start at 5:30. Bunco will begin at 7. Invite a friend!

Mark your calendars for the Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, March 6 beginning at 7 pm. Supper for all will be available at 6 pm.

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!

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WELCOMERS TODAY	Dick & Marj VanWye
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Kent Dick
NURSERY TODAY	Shaun Ortman & Debbie Nightingale
ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	117
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	
Western District Conference (designated)	\$1,153.50
Sound System	125.00
Church Budget	725.00
Neighbors	50.00
Verenike Supper	50.00
MCC	150.00
My Coins Count	100.80
Wednesday Supper	109.00
OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY	MC USA
WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY	Jim & Lois Loflin
NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY	Ruth Mueller & Melanie Haspels



*Be merciful,
just as your
Father is
merciful.*

Luke 6.36

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The third season of the Andover Organ Series at Hesston College starts Sunday, Feb. 24 with a recital by Dutch organist, Marco bij de Vaate at 4 p.m., at Hesston Mennonite Church. Bij de Vaate is the organist at the Doopsgezinde Kerk (Mennonite Church) of Haarlem, the Netherlands. The concert is free and open to the public.

On Tuesday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Hesston, the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains will continue its 2019 Winter Lecture Series with "*Conserving the Gems of Kansas*" presented by Rob Manes, director of The Nature Conservancy in Kansas. 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.

Bethel College: Feb. 28 – Closing reception for Anne Labovitz, "Exhibition in a Suitcase," 6-8 p.m., *Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center*. **March 2** – Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk. Meet at 7:30 a.m. in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton. **March 3** – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program: "Manipulating the Masses: Chinese Propaganda Posters," Kris Ercums, Ph.D., Spencer Museum of Art at the University of Kansas, 3 p.m., *Kauffman Museum* (in connection with the special exhibit "Campaign for a New China").

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.

Our Best Registration Discount ends March 1! Register online now for Summer Youth Camps at Camp Mennoscah at campmennoscah.org! This discount is \$20 off camp fees when you register and pay in full by March 1. Call us at 620-297-3290 with questions.

Everence® will host an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, March 2, 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 Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800, (877) 467-7294 or ormichelle.ramer@everence.com.

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.

The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA) annual meeting will be March 10 at 2:30 pm at First Mennonite Church in McPherson. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

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!

All women are invited to the Western District Women in Mission (WDWM) Spring Supper on Thursday, March 21 at First Mennonite Church in McPherson. Speaker: Sheryl Wilson, Executive Director of KIPCOR. See flyer on the bulletin board for more information including how to RSVP.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Budget balance at 01/01/19	12,413.10
January Receipts	7,966.70
January Expenses	(10,386.01)
Budget balance at 01/31/19	9,993.79

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- We give thanks for Marilyn Auernheimer's successful surgery and pray that her recovery and rehabilitation time will go smoothly.
- Keep Jeff Ewert in your prayers as he continues to recover from various health issues.
- 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 Give thanks for WDC congregations offering support to immigrants and refugees who seek shelter and hope.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Today ends the three-day Festival Tournament in Ulaanbaatar. JCS, Mennonite Mission Network's partner agency in Mongolia, requests prayer for their Eagle Wings hockey team. Pray that the 15 boys and their coach will demonstrate God's love throughout the competition.