

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Halstead, Kansas

March 17, 2019

Gathering Music Kent Dick
When, in our Music, God is Glorified – Broughton/Page

Welcome and Announcements Gregg Dick

Centering Music Gabriel's Trumpets
Let There be Peace on Earth

Call to Worship

L: Wait for the Lord. Be strong; take heart.

P: **We will see the goodness of God in the land of the living.**

L: The Lord is our light and our salvation.

P: **God protects us from harm.**

L: Sing to the Lord with songs of joy.

P: **Make melody to the Lord, our God.**

All: Come, let us worship.

*Praise Songs

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name – Gabriel's Trumpets

Good, Good Father – Projected

Blest are They – STJ #94

Offering and Offertory Bethel College
Beautiful Savior – Gabriel's Trumpets & Kent Dick

Children's Story Kyle Unruh & Braden Unruh

Prayer of Praise and Concern Ruth Mueller

Special Music Gabriel's Trumpets
Amazing Grace

Scripture Reading

Genesis 28:10-19; Matthew 5:1-12 (pgs. 43; 1501)

Message - Time and Space: My Faith Story Brad Kohlman
Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Bethel College

*Closing Song

The Lord Lift You Up – STJ #73

*Benediction

Gregg Dick

*Postlude

Kent Dick

Majestic Postlude – Williams

*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

March 17 2:30 pm KMMC Practice
March 19 7:45 am Early Birds Breakfast (at D'Angelos)
March 20 5:00 pm Kids Club
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
7:00 pm Choir
March 23 9:00 am Church Clean-up Day
March 24 2:30 pm KMCC Practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to our guests who participated in the worship service today! Gabriel's Trumpets members include: Brent Voran, Kyle Unruh, Braden Unruh, Eric Schrag, Tim Regier, Evan Koch, Patrick Flaming and Arlin Buller.

A Church Spring Cleaning Day will be held on Saturday, March 23 beginning at 9 am. The Stewardship Ministry invites everyone to participate to clean up the church building. See James Nightingale if you have questions.

A sign-up sheet has been posted for anyone interested in purchasing a First Mennonite T-shirt or sweatshirt. Please sign up by March 24. Pricing may be a little different than listed on the sheet. See Kaitlen if you have any questions.

Can you write a note of thanks? During the month of March, we would like to thank and encourage social workers at the Harvey County St. Francis office. They are the link between the churches and the needs in our communities and often go unnoticed for all they do with families in crisis. Note cards are available at the back of the sanctuary and should be returned to Kaitlen by next Sunday. We need 25 note cards.

On March 31st, the Hospitality Ministry is planning a Foster Family Night from 5-7 pm. We will serve spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert. After supper, we would like to give the parents a chance to fellowship while the children enjoy several activities downstairs. If you can help with food prep, clean up, or childcare, please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway.

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WELCOMERS TODAY

ORGANIST/PIANIST

NURSERY TODAY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Church Budget (Designated) \$6,050.00

Sound System 1,350.00

VBS 300.00

Western District Conference 50.00

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY

WELCOMERS NEXT SUNDAY

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY

Harley & Elaine Mohler

Kent Dick

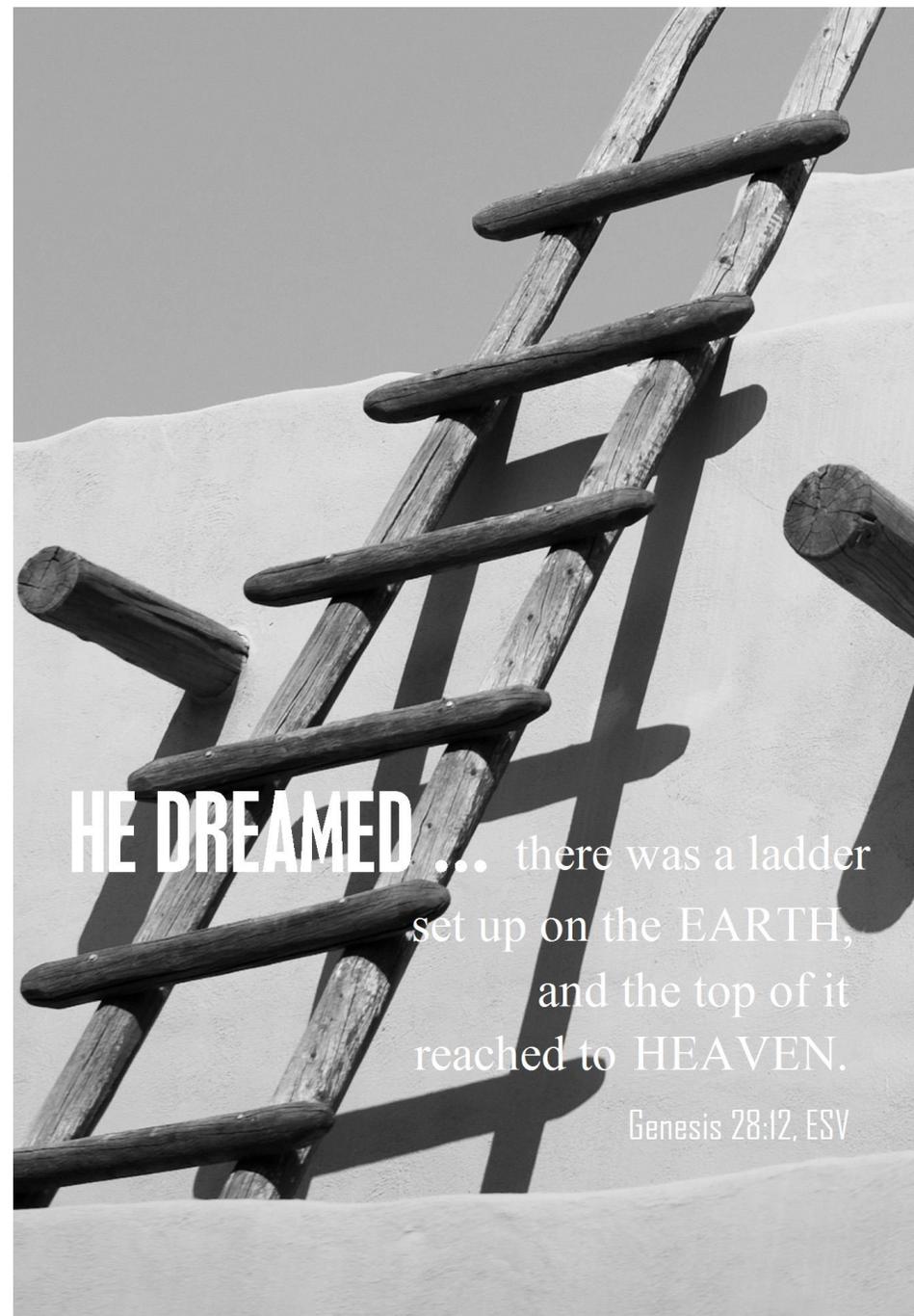
Sara Smoker & Lauren Mueller

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Neighbors Store

Joyce Franz

Jason Smoker & Brocia Mueller



HE DREAMED ... there was a ladder
set up on the EARTH,
and the top of it
reached to HEAVEN.

Genesis 28:12, ESV

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- We give praise for the successful surgeries Jeff Ewert had this week, while we continue to pray for a full recovery to health. Pray also for the family that surrounds him may they find peace and strength during this time.
- 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.
- Western District Conference: Give thanks for Western District Women in Mission (WDWM), as they resource women by promoting spiritual growth, nurture women's gifts and leadership, build relationships and support the mission of WDC.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Do you know someone aged 15-22 who might benefit from Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture programs in Benin, Indonesia, Japan or Peru? Pray for participants who want to build the global church through relationships with God's people around the world.

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We will be putting in the dam at Camp Mennoscah on March 17 at 2 pm. Gather at the maintenance shed with appropriate helping or spectating clothing! If we're not there, check by the dam. Whatever the weather, we'll be there (unless deemed unsafe).

Hesston College piano instructor Dr. Mei Li, a dynamic pianist who was born in Chengdu, China, to a musical family, will present a lecture recital, "The Key Characteristics of Franz Liszt's Late Piano Works," at 7 p.m., Monday, March 18, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. Dr. Li is a Liszt scholar who completed her doctoral research on the works of Liszt's late period under the direction of distinguished Liszt authority, Alan Walker. Her recital will be a presentation of a group of piano music of Liszt's final period and discussion of two main categories – death and despair – into which Liszt's late works often fall.

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.

The Beating Guns Tour – Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin are on a national tour and will be at Hesston Mennonite Church on Thursday, March 21 at 7 p.m. Inspired by the biblical prophets' call to "beat swords into plowshares," experience the transformation of a gun into a garden tool. This 90-minute event features music, art and stories of people impacted by gun violence. Registration is requested at hesston.edu/beating-guns and for more information visit beatingguns.com. Check out MCC's Lenten reflection on gun violence prevention (including an education resources, action steps and more) at mcc.org/lenten-reflection.

Bethel College: March 24 – Bethel College Concert Choir Home Concert, 7 p.m., *Memorial Hall*. **Currently in the Regier Gallery** in Luyken Fine Arts Center – "Dichotomies II: Images of Fantasy and Reality," photography and photo abstraction by John Ellert. Regular gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 2-4 p.m. Sundays (hours may change for Bethel College spring break, March 17-24).

Nancy Sprowell Geise, author of the biography, *Auschwitz #34207: The Joe Rubinstein Story*, will share about the Holocaust survivor's story and her relationship with him, at Hesston College on Tuesday, April 2, at 7 p.m., at Hesston Mennonite Church. A reception and chance to meet the author will follow the presentation.

MCC Lunch & Learn on April 2, at MCC in North Newton! Together with Mennonite Mission Network, we will host Willi Hugo Perez director of SEMILLA Latin American Anabaptist Seminary in Guatemala City, Guatemala. SEMILLA's a school that emerged as a beacon of peace, justice and community building in the context of systemic violence and oppression. Join us to learn more! Lunch will be provided, by donation, please RSVP by March 28 to patsydirksen@mcc.org or 316.283.2720; let Patsy know if you have food allergies.

Explore the global issue of fast fashion by watching the documentary film *True Cost* at MCC in North Newton on April 9 at 7 p.m. Directed by Andrew Morgan, the film looks at environmental, social and psychological aspects of consumerism and mass media focused on the global garment industry. Also hear briefly from MCC about how our thrift shop network is working to reduce the harms caused by fast fashion, here and around the world. Light snacks will be provided while you watch the movie. Questions? Contact sarahfleming@mcc.org.

All interested singers are invited to join the Bethel College Masterworks presentation of Faure's Requiem, Sun., May 5. Rehearsals begin Monday, April 22. For more information, contact William Eash, 316-284-5316, weash@bethelks.edu

Retirees Retreat at Camp Mennoscah, April 22-24! We can't wait to see retirees of all ages for a time of renewal with sessions on everything from trips to Central America and Ukraine to Reader's Theater and a steel drum concert. There is time to take a break or go for a walk or have coffee and conversation. Singing and Bible studies included! Email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 for a brochure. Register online at campmennoscah.org! Bring friends!

Work and Play Day at Camp Mennoscah coming soon! Our first Work & Play Day of the year is April 27. We'll start work projects at 8:30 am and end at 2:30 pm, just in time for you to spend the rest of the afternoon playing. A simple lunch will be served. Please register online at campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290 to let us know you're coming! All ages invited; those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

MennoCon19 (Mennonite Church USA convention), is coming up July 2-6, 2019! WDC congregational delegates, youth groups, and other attenders are encouraged to register by the early registration due-date of March 19, after which registration cost increases. (Regular registration rates take effect March 20, and late registration begins May 1.) Also, note that congregations may each appoint one youth representative, age 16-21, to participate in the delegate sessions through the Step Up program. For more information, see <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/step-up-2019/>. Let's plan for a great turnout from WDC at MennoCon19!

Returning Citizen Care Kits Needed: MCC Central States is seeking items for Returning Citizen Care kits. The full list of contents can be found on the Material Resources page of our website or by visiting our wish list on Amazon (although not all items for all kits are available on Amazon), making shipping items directly to our Material Resource Center easier. Returning Citizen Care kits are distributed to MCC partner organization Working Men of Christ in Wichita, Kansas where the kits help men and women feel supported and loved as they transition to life outside of prison. Items for kits should be sent to MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117. Questions? Please contact katemast@mcc.org or 316.283.270. Thank you for your generous support!